



**“WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY,  
AND JESUS IS LORD”**

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## ***Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church***

### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER**

**+ *Please stand if able***

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **INTROIT**

**The Chancel Choir**

#### **+ INVOCATION**

#### **+ CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 66)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing to the glory of God's name. All of creation worships, singing praise to God. Sing to the glory of God's name. Let us give glory to God.

#### **+ OPENING HYMN - #442 (Hymnal) "The Church's One Foundation"**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION** (based on 2 Timothy)

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Assured of God's grace, let us confess our sin together:

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (based on Luke 17)

Holy God, when we are in need, we cry out for your mercy and healing. Yet, we confess that too often, we are confident in our own strength. We take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way, rather than returning to you in worship and praise. Jesus, have mercy on us! It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we so often experience, while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and excluded. It is tempting to take pride in our health and strength rather than confronting ableism in all its forms. Jesus, have mercy on us! Help us to grow in compassion for all people. Redirect our

paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now and always. Amen.

## **SILENT PRAYER**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (based on 2 Timothy)

ONE The saying is sure: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with him, if we endure, we will also reign with him. We are clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

**ALL Our sin is forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS**

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

***(Unmuted devices and turn on cameras to greet one another in love)***

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!  
Many: And also, with you! **Peace be with you!**

## **ANTHEM SELECTION**

**The Chancel Choir**

## **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

## **THE OFFERING**

Use your bank's online bill-paying options  
Mail your check to the church  
2112 Varnum St., NE  
Washington, DC 20018 or  
Go to [nepc-dc.org](http://nepc-dc.org)  
Click on Donate or Cash App at the bottom of the page

## **+ THE DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

Holy and generous God, use the gifts we bring for healing and reconciliation in the world, to the glory of your name. Amen.

## **WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**

### **THE EPISTLE READING**

### **EPHESIANS 2:14-22**

<sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, <sup>15</sup> abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both to God in one body<sup>[f]</sup> through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.<sup>[g]</sup> <sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone;<sup>[h]</sup> <sup>21</sup> in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually<sup>[i]</sup> into a dwelling place for God.

### **SERMONIC SELECTION**

### **The Chancel Choir**

### **THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **THE GOSPEL READING**

### **John 17:11-19**

<sup>1</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I

protected them in your name that<sup>[a]</sup> you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,<sup>[b]</sup> so that the scripture might be fulfilled. **13** But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.<sup>[c]</sup> **14** I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. **15** I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.<sup>[d]</sup> **16** They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. **17** Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. **18** As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God

**SERMON**                      **Elders Herbert Dixon, Shawn Thomas and  
Deacon Glen Grier**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?**

**+ CLOSING HYMN #215(SOZ)                      "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

## **WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR**

### **+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Get up and be on your way! Go from this place to be builders of God's beloved community. See the face of Christ in each person you meet. Follow the Spirit, wherever he may lead. Now go in peace, Amen.

## **POSTLUDE**

## **FELLOWSHIP**

**Lectionary:** Semicontinuous: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12;  
Complementary: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111, 2 Timothy  
2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19  
**Liturgist:** **Elder Angela Hemphill**  
**Greeter:** **Ms. Patricia Young**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** – The Northeastern Church Adult Sunday School Class convenes Sundays at 9:00 a.m. via conference call. The focus for Fall 2025 Lessons is “Judah, from Isaiah to Exile.” You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> discussion on “The Story of the Rechabites,” Jeremiah 35:1-19. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE** is also looking for volunteers to do the Children's Sermon. You can pick any Sunday. If you need a sermon or help, please see Jennifer, Cynthia, Glen or Pastor Mark. We want everyone to have an opportunity to participate and share with our children. Please see Jennifer if you are interested. The children will love it!!!

### **GET INVOLVED, PCUSA OFFICE OF PUBLIC WITNESS.**

Sign up here for alerts to faithfully raise our voices in key state and national actions <https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/PCUSA/home>

### **NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB** **Book selections for 2025**

Literary Club - Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm for the following book discussions.

November 2nd -- Purple Hibiscus, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

December 7th -- Happy Land, by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

January 4th, 2026 -- Truths We Hold: an American Journey, by Kamala Harris

February 1st, 2026 -- Worthy, by Jada Pinkett Smith

### **NEIGHBORHOOD BLACK OWNED FARMER'S MARKET FIELD TRIP**

- **Join Elders after worship on Sunday, October 26**

Black + Forth, 2201 Channing St NE, Washington, DC 20018

<https://www.blackandforth.org/farmersmarket>

NEPC is getting to know our neighborhood & envisioning how we can serve anew.

**NEPC SOUVENIR BOOKLET** – Summer is an appropriate time to request advertisements or patron listings from family, friends, and businesses for inclusion in the 50th anniversary booklet. Remittance sheets are available in the 50th anniversary box located in the breezeway. The submission deadline is October 15, 2025, but early submissions of paperwork and payment are accepted. Individuals with business contacts may provide their information to a committee member for outreach purposes. The aim is to compile a comprehensive and successful booklet. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Allen, Denise Hodges or Ruby Webb or send an email to [souvenirjournalteam@groups.outlook.com](mailto:souvenirjournalteam@groups.outlook.com)

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** Our church thrives when God's people step up to serve. Being an officer isn't about having a title—it's about responding to God's call to lead, care, and serve. Please consider nominating or serving. **All nomination forms should be in by October 19, 2025**

**PRAYER & PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY October 19** Please read **Acts 4:23-37** and come to worship to share "what is church"?

**PER CAPITA FOR 2025** is \$50.15.

**REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT IN:** The list printed in the bulletin will be updated each week to reflect additions and deletions. Reach out to our sick and shut in a safe way that lets them know they are in our hearts, minds, and prayers. Please contact the church office if you know the names of people who should be added to the sick-and-shut-in list or if you have updates on anyone listed.

**STATED CLERK AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOINS OTHER NATIONAL FAITH LEADERS IN PUBLIC SUPPORT OF SANCTUARY MOVEMENT**

The Rev. Jihyun Oh says PC(USA) recommits to compassion, accompaniment, safety and full dignity for migrant and immigrant siblings.

Full statement here: <https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/stated-clerk-and-executive-director-joins-other-national-faith-leaders-public-support-sanctuary>

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Please join us via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time for Tuesday Morning Bible Study. We will have



in-depth and exciting discussions as we learn more about people in the Bible called by God. Call the church office for the Zoom meeting information.

**"WHO IS JESUS?"** This month, we will have a three-part worship series "Who is Jesus?" "What is Church?" and "What is Witness?" These are key questions as we listen for God's leading into our next 50 years.

**ZOOM MEETING ID:** The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **876 1357 9552**; Passcode: **295504**

### **NORTHEASTERN'S "TOP FOUR GOALS"**

#### ***results of the 2024 Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) Survey***

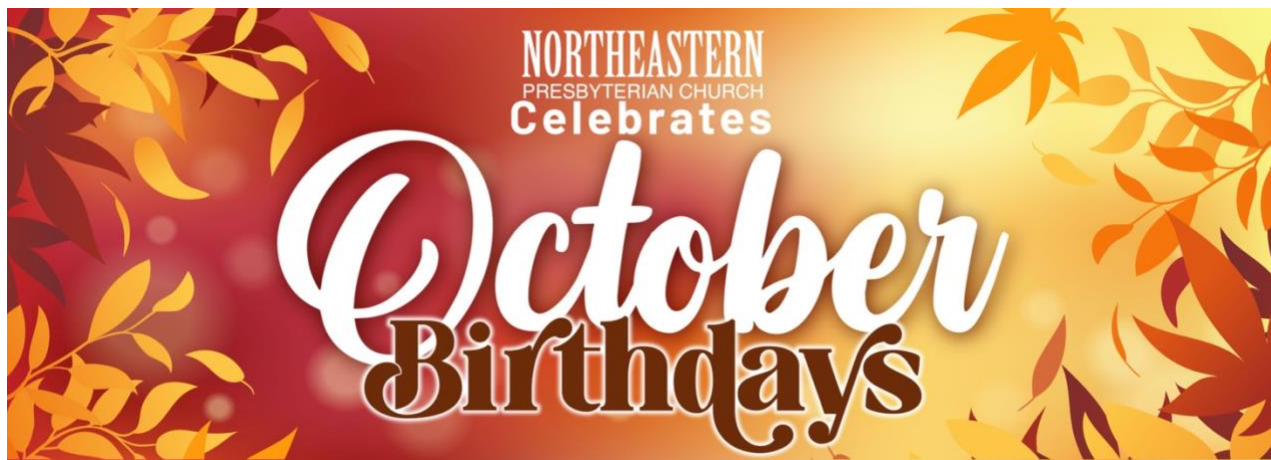
1. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.
2. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
3. Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions with partners that share this vision and commitment.
4. Develop ministries that work toward healing those broken by life circumstances.

### **NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT**

As we rely on God's guidance, the vision of Northeastern Presbyterian Church is to fulfill the command of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to promote Christian faith and practice through evangelism, outreach, compassion and fellowship to our congregation and the wider community.

#### **We commit to:**

- **Worship**
- **Witness**
- **Learn**
- **Grow**
- **Nurture**
- **Serve**



**OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:**



## REMEMBER OUR SICK & SHUT-IN

*"Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me, and I will be saved, for You are my praise."  
(Jeremiah 17:14)*

### THANK YOU

Dear Northeastern family, I am truly grateful for your prayers, phone calls, messages, and cards following my recent surgery. I am recovering well and hope to return to the sanctuary in the near future.

James Haggins

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW**

**NORTHEASTERN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**50th ANNIVERSARY**  
**Gala**  
**CELEBRATION**

**Attire: After-five**

**DJ - Pure Ivory (Tom Ivory)**

**Saturday December 27, 2025**

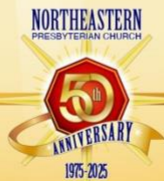
**12:00 noon · 4:00 p.m.**

**\$65 adults \$50 Kids 5-11**

**Martin's Crosswinds**

**7400 Greenway Center Dr**

**Greenbelt, MD 20770**



*For more information contact: See Kathy Cuff, Pamela Gessesse  
or call the church office at 202.526.1730*

### Nomination Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Elder ☐ Deacon ☐ Trustee ☐ Nominating Comm

If not a self nomination, has the nominee agreed to serve? \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you!*

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*Thank you!*

**Staff**

Ministers  
Pastor (Stated Supply)  
Director, Chancel Choir/Organist  
Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir  
Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir  
Administrative Assistant  
Sexton  
Assistant Sexton

All the people of the Church  
Pastor Mark Greiner  
Dr. Laddie Bell  
Mr. Joshua Jenkins  
Ms. Jennifer Allen  
Ms. Kathy Cuff  
Mr. Randall Timbers  
Mr. Kyler Spencer

**Ministries of Session**

Budget & Fiscal  
Buildings & Grounds  
Christian Education  
Interpretation & Stewardship  
Personnel  
Worship & Music  
Technology Committee  
Nominating  
Clerk of Session  
President of Corporation  
Social Concerns & Outreach  
Foundry Task Force

**Elders**

Pamela Gessesse  
Charles Barber  
Jennifer Allen  
Cherie Becton  
Charles Barber/Co-chair: James Haggins  
Angela Hemphill  
Shawn Thomas  
Angela Hemphill  
Valerie McCray  
Charles Barber  
Shawn Thomas/ Co-chair Patricia Young  
James Haggins

**DEACONS**

Glen Grier  
Valencia Hawkins  
Katrin Jones, Moderator  
Brenda Kuznof  
Bishetta Merritt, Vice Moderator  
Blossom Roach  
Amanda Sargent  
Penny Thomas  
Randall Timbers  
Charles Webb

**SENIOR USHERS**

1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof, Mary Allen, Ruby Webb  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Glynis Higgs, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse, Stephanie White

**JUNIOR USHERS**

2<sup>nd</sup>, Pamela Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse, Ava Kennedy, Cecil Nixon, Chidera Uduma  
Priya Young