



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

Ordination and Installation Sunday

January 12, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Northeastern Presbyterian Church

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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

One Who is it that you seek?

All **We seek Jesus, our brother, Jesus the Christ.**

One Do you seek Christ with all your heart?

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

One Do you seek Christ with all your soul?

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

One Do you seek Christ with all your mind?

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

One Do you seek Christ with all your strength?

All **Amen and Alleluia!**

+ OPENING HYMN 110 Standing in the Need of Prayer (SOZ)

INVITATION TO PRAYER (Isaiah 41:13)

For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

UNISON PRAYER OF THE DAY (A Celtic Prayer)

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with us,
wherever Christ may send us.

May Christ guide us through the wilderness,
and protect us through the storm.

May Christ bring us home rejoicing at the wonders
shown to us.

May Christ bring us home rejoicing once again into our doors.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ONE The Lord our God says, " So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you
and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

ALL **We will " Be strong and courageous, unafraid, for the
Lord your God goes with us, always faithful, never
leaving us nor forsaking us. Thanks be to God!**

Deuteronomy 31:6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

PASSING THE PEACE

(Unmute 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!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE OFFERING

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2112 Varnum St., NE
Washington, DC 20018

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+ 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, Dr. Martin Luther King, adapted)

Great God of justice and peace, accept these gifts of our donations, our lives, our love. Grant us the courage to protest against evil and the strength to work for change. Grant that the dark nights of injustice will give way to the dawning of brighter days and that peace and justice might flow like a mighty stream. We pray, in your name. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE PROPHETIC READING Hosea 6:6a
"I desire mercy, not sacrifice"

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE GOSPEL READING **John 9**

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

SERMON

"Creative Outreach"

Rev. Mark Greiner

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Elder Charles Barber, Elder Pamela Gessesse, Elder James Haggins,
Elder Patricia Young, Elder Cherie Young Becton

Deacon Glen Grier, Deacon Bishetta Merritt, Deacon Blossom Roach,
Deacon Randall Timbers, Deacon Amanda Sargent,
Deacon Charles Webb

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER

God grant that we will be participants
in this newness and this magnificent development.
If we will but do it,
We will bring about a new day of justice and peace.
May the peace of God be with us. Amen.

One of Dr. Martin Luther King's last public prayers

*recited at the end of a sermon at the National Cathedral in March of
1968*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)

Our Father which 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ CLOSING HYMN 280 Amazing Grace

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

And now to God who is able to
keep us from falling,
lift us from the dark valley of despair
to the bright mountain of hope,
from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy,
to God be power and authority, for ever and ever, Amen.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

PRAYER ELDER THIS WEEK

Elder Nachee Miller

Lectionary: Isaiah 43:1-7 and Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Liturgist: Glen Grier Greeter: Elder Denise Hodges

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 Winter 2024-25 Lessons is "A King Forever and Ever." You are cordially invited to join in on January 19th discussion "The Lord's Throne is Established," Psalm 103. Please dial **(267) 807-9601** **Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

FOOD PANTRY: Rev. King said **Before any other action we take, we must remember to move forward with love.** We cannot be propelled by hate, anger, or spite; a community built on those principles would crumble. Hatred takes effort and energy...Love is simple and will only lead to good outcomes.

Let's move forward with love by helping our neighbor stay warm this season. **We will be collecting adult-sized gloves and mittens to give to people who use the Food Pantry. Please bring your donations to church (mittens, gloves, or cash) by January 26.**

NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB **Book selections for 2024/2025**

January ---no Literary Club meeting

February 2nd ---*Dead Time*, by Eleanor Bland

March 2nd --*Never Saw Me Coming*, by Tanya Smith.

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>

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 persons who should be added to the sick-and-shut-in list or if you have updates on anyone listed.

SIGN-UP SHEET: Pecans: Plain- \$15.00 Light or Dark chocolate - \$20.00 are in the Narthex on the large bulletin Board.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Please join us via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time for Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Join us for in-depth and interesting discussions as we learn from the Bible. Call the church office for the Zoom meeting information.

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **857 3194 9016**; Passcode: **140816**

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:

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



Please fill out the information below and send it to

NEPC50thAnniversarySteeringCommittee@groups.outlook.com

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Glynis Pegram-Higgs or Jennifer Allen. We look forward to hearing from and working with you.

Northeastern Presbyterian Church
50th Anniversary
Volunteer Committee Card

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Select a committee to serve:

Publicity Fundraising Events

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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT: The 50th Anniversary committee is hard at work planning a wonderful year-long celebration for 2025. We have many exciting events planned for you to enjoy. To present these events, we will need a little help to defray the cost of some of the activities. To assist with this, we are setting up a loose-change jar in the Narthex. In it we will accept all donations of any loose change that you have in your pocket, in your car console or collecting dust on the dresser. You can donate to the jar once or as many times as you wish. Thank you so much Northeastern for your continued and valued support.

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 & Finance
Buildings & Grounds

Christian Education
Clerk of Session
Evangelism and Outreach
Interpretation & Stewardship
Personnel
Social Concerns & Peace-Making

Technology Committee
Nominating
Worship & Music

Elders

Clara Berryhill
Denise Hodges
Co-chair: Elder Pamela Gessesse
Jennifer Allen
Valerie McCray
Shawn Thomas
Cherie Becton
Angela Hemphill
Jennifer Allen
Co-chair: Cherie Becton
Shawn Thomas
Clara Berryhill
Angela Hemphill

DEACONS

Valencia Hawkins
Katrin Jones, Moderator
Brenda Kuznof
Bishetta Merritt, Vice Moderator
Blossom Roach
Amanda Sargent
Penny Thomas

TRUSTEES

Loretta Bowers
Nachee Miller
Theodore Powell
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Patricia Young
William Hymes, Jr.
Ernest Harris, President

SENIOR USHERS

1st, 4th Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof, Mary Allen, Ruby Webb

3rd, 5th Glynis Pegram-Higg, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse
Stephanie White

JUNIOR USHERS

2nd Pamela Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse, Cecil Nixon, Pria Young, Ava Kennedy, Childera Udoma