

"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

Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff but who delight in God's teachings and meditate on them day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water. They yield fruit in due season, And their leaves do not wither.

+ OPENING HYMN - #276 (Hymnal) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
God, though you call us to delight in
Your teachings,
We can become cynical and full of doubt.
Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us
And restore us to you.
Guard us and protect us from evil,
And sanctify us in truth.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayer

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, God has promised to forgive us and reconcile us to God and each other. With joy, let us share that peace with one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

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!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE OFFERING

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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, from the Hymn "Usa Mi Vida")

Use my life, use my life for your glory, Oh Jesus. Every day and today I will be your servant, Lord. Anything you ask of me; I will give you. I will tell the sad people that God is love. God Is Love. God wants to help those who come to Jesus Christ looking for peace and salvation. Every moment that you are faithful, others see the love in you and soon they will be drawn to Your love. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, **16** "Friends the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— **17** for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." 23 So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May the reading of your word sanctify us in the truth and bring us to perfect joy. **Amen.**

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:9-13

9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. **10** Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. **11** And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his son. **12** Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. **13** I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Elder Nachee Miller

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 - #67 (SOZ)

"I Surrender All"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lectionary: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 and Psalm 1 or Jeremiah 10:1-10a

and Psalm 108; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Liturgist: Mr. Glen Grier **Greeter**: Mr. Ian Thomas

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 Summer 2024 Lessons is "Hope in the Lord." You are cordially invited to join in on May 19th discussion "Reconciled to God" Romans 5:1-11. Please dial (267) 807-960 Passcode 828-160-800 to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

CELESTIAL CHOIR will rehearse on Thursday, May 23rd and Saturday, May 25th, 6:30 -8:00p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE: The Church secretary will be out of the office from May 13th to May 20, 2024.

<u>NEXT STEP IN OUR CAT STUDY!</u> Reaching our Neighbors Workshop (on using the Mission Insight tool) Monday, May 13, zoom 7-8 pm. Register here. https://thepresbytery.org/ncp-events/understanding-the-congregational-assessment-tool-cat-registration/

<u>PENTECOST SUNDAY:</u> For the next week leading up to Pentecost Sunday we ask that you wear something **<u>Red.</u>**

PRAYING LIKE JESUS (THE PSALMS): BIBLE STUDY: This week we will be studying Psalm 82. Join us every Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm via zoom <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89996811489?pwd="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8999681]

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Meeting ID: 899 9681 1489 Passcode: 867481

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

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday Morning Bible Study sessions will be via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time. Please join us for an interesting discussion. The Zoom meeting information is in the E-mail to the congregation, or you can call the church office or Ruby Webb for the Zoom ID and Passcode.

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **826 1188 5094**; Passcode: **728796**

<u>THANK YOU:</u> I would like to thank the friends of Northeastern for their continued prayers and for those who were able to visit me at the hospital, sent me cards and gifts. I don't think I would be so refreshed after my stay in the hospital. Thank you very much.

Elsada Peters

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.

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





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." ($\underline{\text{Jeremiah }17:14}$)

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