



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

**PALM SUNDAY**

**APRIL 13, 2025 10:00 a.m.**

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***Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church***

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

**+ *Please stand if able***

**QUOTE OF THE DAY** (Taj Mahal, American Musician)

Everybody is somebody, nobody is nobody  
I mean the pauper, I mean the wealthy,  
Everybody is somebody.

**THE CROSS IN THE SANCTUARY MARKS THE 40 DAYS OF LENT  
AS WE PREPARE FOR EASTER**

**PRELUDE**

**+ INTROIT**

**The Chancel Choir**

**+ INVOCATION**

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One** Who is praised with Palms, hailed with Hosannas,  
yet in paradox?

**All** **Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth. Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**One** Who was struck down in violence, yet who is the  
Prince of Peace?

**All** **Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth. Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**One** Who was condemned although innocent – the One  
who frees the oppressed?

**All** **Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth. Blessed is the one**

**One**            **who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
Who comes with the promise "they shall beat their  
swords into plowshare, and their spears into  
pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore"?  
**All**            **Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth. Blessed is the one**  
**who comes in the name of the Lord..**  
**Hosanna may Christ's way be victorious!**

**+ OPENING HYMN - #89 (Hymnal)    "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**  
*Please wave palms*

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION (Gregory Boyle)**

"The whole point of mistakes is to learn from them,  
not to pay for them." So we turn to Jesus and pray:

**PALM SUNDAY PRAYER OF DELIVERANCE**

One    From the desire of being approved,

**All    Deliver us, Jesus.**

One    From the fear of being humiliated,

**All    Deliver us, Jesus.**

One    From the fear of being despised,

**All    Deliver us, Jesus.**

One    From the fear of suffering rebukes,

**All    Deliver us, Jesus.**

One    From the fear of being forgotten,

**All    Deliver us, Jesus.**

One    From the fear of being ridiculed,

**All    Deliver us, Jesus.**

One    From the fear of being wronged,

**All    Deliver us, Jesus.**

One    From the fear of being suspected,

**All    Deliver us, Jesus.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

This Holy Week hold fast to the good news of deliverance.  
In Christ Jesus, we are beloved now and forever!  
We are already freed and forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS**

#### **PASSING THE PEACE (Mother Teresa)**

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

Many: And also, with you! Peace be with you!

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

### **ANTHEM SELECTION**

**The Chancel Choir**

### **TIME WITH CHILDREN "Leave Your Worries Behind, And Follow"**

by Don Bosley

Leaders: Cynthia Gervais, Glen Grier, Angela Hemphill, Blossom Roach

### **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)**

Loving God, You have blessed us; in You we are cherished and belong! We thank you that each offering thanks You for your tender mercies. Speed these gifts to the hands of those who work to shelter, feed, clothe and care for your children who face challenges with each new day. Multiply our gifts that they may do your work among neighbors we may never meet. Grant us the grace to continue to give with joy, secure in the knowledge of your steadfast love. Amen.

**WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**

**THE EPISTLE READING**

**I JOHN 3:2**

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when it comes to light, we will be like God, for we will see God as God really is.

**SERMONIC SELECTION**

**The Chancel Choir**

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Pastor Greiner**

**THE GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 19:29-44**

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole

multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.'

The Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

### ***"Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times"***

## **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. 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 - #280 (Hymnal)**

**"Amazing Grace"**

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

✦ **BENEDICTION** (adapted from Saint Francis of Assisi)

Pastor Let us go now, as instruments of peace. In a world full of hate and hurt, doubt and despair, darkness and pain, let us sow love and pardon, faith and hope, light and joy. Let us give so that we may receive, pardon that we may be pardoned, and die to self that we may be born to eternal life. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

**PRAYER ELDER**

**Elder Cynthia Gervais**

<p><b>Lectionary:</b> Palms: Luke 19:28-40 and Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49</p> <p><b>Liturgist:</b> <b>Deacon Glen Grier</b></p> <p><b>Greeter:</b> <b>Elder Patricia Young</b></p>
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## **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 Spring 2025 Lessons is “Costly Sacrifices.” You are cordially invited to join in on April 20<sup>th</sup> discussion “Christ Dies and Rises to New Life,” Matthew 27:24-28:10. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ELIZABETH FLEMING** are scheduled for April 18, 2025, Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Funeral 11:00a.m., following Interment at Fort Lincoln Cemetery

### **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>

**MAUNDAY THURSDAY** The Worship and Music committee is inviting you to provide a pot of your favorite soup for Maundy Thursday worship service on April 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Please contact the church office or Elder Angela Hemphill (240) 633-0051 that you will be furnishing soup.

**NORTHEASTERN'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. There will be egg dyeing, crafts, cupcake decorating, and an Easter Egg Hunt with prizes! Invite your family and friends.

We are asking for donations to help with purchasing eggs, candy, etc. For monetary donations, please submit them no later than April 6<sup>th</sup>. All donations of pre-filled eggs, candy, etc. need to be at the church by April 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help or manage a station, please contact Jennifer Allen at [jennjie@hotmail.com](mailto:jennjie@hotmail.com).

Looking forward to a glorious day!



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

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

May 4th --- ***Madness: Race and Insanity in a Jim Crow Asylum***, by Antonia Hylton

June 1st --- ***Good Dirt: a Novel***, by Charmaine Wilkerson

**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.

**40 DAYS OF PRAYER WITH THE DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET** started on Ash Wednesday, March 5, everyone is encouraged to join in, we will share.

**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.

**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>

**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.

#### **Holy Week Meditation**

Today's sermon is inspired by Homeboy Ministries and the book of its founder (Gregory Boyle) titled "Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times" This quote is for our meditation throughout Holy Week

- 1. God is in the loving.**
- 2. God is inclusion.**
- 3. Demonizing is always untruth.**
- 4. We belong to each other.**
- 5. Separation is an illusion.**
- 6. Tenderness is the highest form of spiritual maturity.**
- 7. Kindness is the only non-delusional response to everything.**
- 8. Love your neighbor as you love your child.**
- 9. We are all unshakably good.**
- 10. A community of cherished belonging is God's dream come true."**



**come join us!**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**&**  
**Easter Crafts**



**SATURDAY**  
**APR 19**  
**1:00-3:00 PM**

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4:00 • 7:00 p.m.



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## **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](#))

**2025 LENTEN CALENDAR  
NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Forty Days of Prayer**

(Ash Wednesday to Easter, March 5 - April 20)

**Ash Wednesday - March 5**

11 am - 1 pm Drive - by Prayers and Ashes  
(church parking lot)

**Begin 40 days of Prayer**

**"Service of Anointing and Healing - March 30**

Sunday morning worship service  
10:00 a.m.

**Palm Sunday - April 13**

**How about a brief 4-minute play?**

**4 actors, minimal props, likely just one run through.**

*In the play, two of the Lord's disciples are sent to fetch the donkey that will carry Jesus into the city. The problem is, the donkeys refuse to be untied - in this case, from their worries. Themes: Surrender, Worldliness, Faithfulness, God's Purposes, Worry, Trust, Palm Sunday*

**Maundy Thursday - April 17**

6pm - Soup Potluck in Auditorium  
7pm - In person and online Holy Communion Service

**Holy Saturday - April 19**

Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Crafts (Time TBD)

**Easter Sunday- April 20**

10am - Worship and Flowering the Cross

11:30 am Fellowship Hour

Elder Gervais Invites You to Celebrate her One Year Kidney Transplant.

**All are Welcome**

## **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

## **Elders**

Pamela Gessesse  
James Haggins/Co-chair: 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

## **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