



“WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY, AND JESUS IS LORD”

Communion Sunday & Hungering for God Summer Series
July 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

Jalāl ad-Dīn Rumi, 1207 – 1273
"Grief is the garden of the heart."

PRELUDE

INTROIT

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Revelation 21)

One Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And a voice from heaven said:

All **"See, I am making all things new."**

One And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

All **"See, I am making all things new."**

One And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them as their God; they will be God's peoples, and God will be with them

All **"See, I am making all things new."**

One God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.

All **"See, I am making all things new." Thanks be to God.**

+ OPENING HYMN -Life-Creating Pow'r of God (tune #322)

Life-creating pow'r of God, Enter me anew.
Life-creating pow'r of God, Enter me anew.
Hear me, heal me, bind me, free me,
Life-creating pow'r of God, Enter me anew.

Jesus Christ, my living Lord, Shed your grace on me.
Jesus Christ, my living Lord, Shed your grace on me.
Seek me, save me, love me, lead me,
Jesus Christ, my living Lord, Shed your grace on me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Let it count it a joy to seek God all the time, in all times and places:

BIDDING PRAYER (adapted from St. Aquinas)

Let us rejoice in nothing but what leads to You,
nor grieve for anything that leads away from You. {*...silent prayer...*}

May all that is Yours be dear to us,
and You, our God, dear above them all. {*...silent prayer...*}

Make us, O Lord, obedient yet curious
poor in spirit yet rich in soul,
holy impatient about injustice,
joyous in all good gifts,
and truthful without disguise. {*...silent prayer...*}

Bestow on me, O God, understanding to know You,
diligence to seek You, and wisdom to find You;
a life which may please You, and a hope which may embrace You.
{*...silent prayer...*}

Forgive us, for sins done on our behalf, for our benefit,
or with our tax dollars. {...*silent prayer*...}

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ is our Mercy. Christ is our Forgiveness.

Christ is our Freedom.

All: 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

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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!**

✚ 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.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:15

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

SERMONIC SELECTION

"Do you feel it too"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FA_crMjTKKY

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

One Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain,
and when Jesus sat down, his disciples came to him.

All And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

One Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of

heaven.

All Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

One Blessed are the nonviolent, for they shall inherit the earth.

**All Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice,
for they shall be satisfied.**

One Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

All Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

One Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

**All Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice's sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

One Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God

SERMON

**"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted."**

Hungering for God Summer Series

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.

COMMUNION HYMN #404 (Hymnal)

"Precious Lord"



All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Prayer of Invitation to Communion (unison, from the Iona Community)

Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and this cup to offer, which earth has given, and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all bread, in all matters. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now.

Made one in Christ, and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them, ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice, Amen.

The Thanksgiving.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Colossians 1:15-22)

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—

Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky,

We praise you.

And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet, in this mystery are close to us,

We praise you.

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Blessed is our brother Jesus, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh; who, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:

"This is my body, which is for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying:

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Made one with him, and thus one with each other, we lay before you these gifts of bread and wine, in token of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for here we offer and present to you ourselves, our bodies, minds and spirits, to be a holy and continuous sacrifice to you.

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, Brood over these bodily things, this bread and this wine.

**May they be for us
your body and blood,
Vibrant with life,
Healing, renewing
and making us whole.**

And embrace us with your life-giving power.

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, you abide in us, strengthen us, and nourish us with life-giving love. Now love the world through us, we pray, Amen.

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

+ CLOSING HYMN - #527 (Hymnal) "Near to the Heart of God"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

A CELTIC BENEDICTION

May the blessing of light be on us, light without and light within.
May the blessed sunshine on us and warm each heart
till it glows like a great fire,
so that strangers and friends may come in and warm themselves.
And may the light shine out from our eyes,
like a candle set in the windows of a house.
And may the Lord bless us and bless us kindly.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Semicontinuous Amos 7:7-14 and Psalm 82; Complementary:
Deuteronomy I 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10 Colossians 1:1-14; Luke
10:25-37

Liturgist: Elder Charles Barber

Greeter: Elder 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 Summer 2025 Lessons is "Sacred Altars and Holy Offerings." You are cordially invited to join in on July 20th discussion "Cleansing the Temple," John 2:13-25; Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48. 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>

MEN'S RETREAT For those attending the men's retreat via the carpool we will depart the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. We will stop for lunch before our arrival at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center therefore you should bring funds for lunch.

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

Literary Club - Please join us via Zoom (Zoom Meeting ID: 812 0785 3914 Passcode: 440394), at 1:30 pm for the following lively book discussions.

August - **Dream Count: a Novel**, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

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: The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will be in recess until October 2025. Thank you, Ruby Webb

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**



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)*



2025

Conference Speakers and Leaders

Worship Leader

Rev. Jimmie Hawkins

Director of the Presbyterian Church
(USA) Office of Public Witness,
Washington, DC



Worship Leader

REV. BRIAN MCCOLLUM

Pastor at Sargent Memorial
PC, Washington, DC



Silent Communion Leader

REV. MARK HINCHCLIFF

Spiritual director for
the Mid-Atlantic Synod
Men's Conference



In Concert

SARGENT WINGS

Chamber Orchestra
Washington, DC



2025 Conference Leader
REGGIE FORTUNE



Music Leader

CURT DANMUTH

Bayside PC, VA Beach, VA



Worship Leader
PASTOR SHADAROLL LEE



REGISTRATION FORM

2025 Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men's Conference July 18-20, 2025

Register on-line: www.midatlanticmen.org / PayPal Available

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Relation _____ Phone _____

Roommate Request Name _____

Special Needs / Disability _____

Church _____ Presbytery _____

Number of prior conferences attended _____

Select Conference Package

- ☐ Hubler Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$405
☐ Hubler Lodge Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$505
☐ Richardson Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$365
☐ Richardson Lodge, Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$415
☐ Conference & Meals Only, 6 meals, conference, \$235
☐ Conference Only, conference, \$135 (No meals or lodging)

**Hubler Lodge - 2 Queen Beds, Private Bath

**Richardson Lodge - 2 Single Beds, Shared Bath

Select Saturday Afternoon Activity

- ☐ Local Winery Tour
☐ Bowling

Total Cost

\$ _____ Total Conference Package

Make checks payable to "Presbyterian Men's Conference"

Mail Registration Form and Check to:

Mr. Paul Willbanks

P.O. Box 72

Port Penn, DE 19709

Questions? Call 410-829-9161 or Email pmwillbanks@gmail.com



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**Deadline for Drop-off is
AUGUST 13, 2023**

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Bunker Hill Elementary, Lasalle Elementary,
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Schools

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**Summer worship:
10 am through July & August.**

July 6 - Zoom
July 13 - In Sanctuary (Communion)
July 20 - In Sanctuary - Guest preacher
July 27 - Zoom - Guest Preacher
August 3 - In Sanctuary (Communion)
August 10 - Zoom
August 17 - In Sanctuary
August 24 - Zoom
August 31 - Zoom

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

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

JUNIOR USHERS

2nd, Pamela Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse, Ava Kennedy, Cecil Nixon, Chidera Uduma
Priya Young