



**“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 (Psalm 8, Isaiah 9:6)**

One: When I look at what Your hands have made, O Lord.

**All: Our Lord; Your name is majestic!**

One: The moon, the stars and the heavens declare, O Lord.

**All: Our Lord; Your name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God**

One: You still the voices of our enemies, O Lord.

**All: Our Lord; Your name is Prince of Peace.**

One: You are great and yet you care for us, O Lord.

**All: O Lord, our Lord, Your name, is majestic in all the earth,  
Amen!**

**+ OPENING HYMN #341 (Hymnal) "Blessed Assurance, Jesus  
is Mine"**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Psalm 51:1–12)**

One: The sacrifice pleasing to God is a humble spirit; God does  
not reject a broken heart. Create a new heart in us, O God,

**All: Put a new spirit within me.**

One: Redeem us from all evil. Remove our sin, and we will shine  
Your glory! Create a new heart in us, O God,

**All: Put a new spirit within me.**

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy.

Create a new heart in us, O God,

**All: Put a new spirit within us.**

One: You desire for us life abundant, joy-filled and loving.

Create a new heart in us, O God,

**All: Put a new spirit within us.**

One: Lift our spirits and make our footsteps firm, our Rock and  
Redeemer. Let lives our will declare your praise,  
even as we pray in silence....

## **SILENT PRAYER**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One There is more love in God than there is sin in us.

Cleansed, redeemed and beloved, cherished and renewed,  
in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven, freed and made new.

**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**

**The Chancel Choir**

## **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

## **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)**

Holy Jesus, we heed your Word: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

Humble Jesus, help us: we want to walk with you.

Loving Jesus, we bless and thank you for Mercy.

Merciful Jesus, we offer you ourselves, that your Mercy may shine through us.

Pour out these gifts and our lives for all who need your Mercy.

Gratefully we glory, gladly we share, in the Mercy we have received!

Amen.

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

### **THE PSALM READING      Psalm 147:1-3,5**

Praise the LORD!

How good it is to sing praises to our God;

for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem; God gathers the outcasts of Israel.

God heals the broken-hearted,

and binds up their wounds.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

God's understanding is beyond measure.

## **SERMONIC SELECTION**

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION      Pastor Greiner**

**THE EPISTLE READING      James 1:1-8**

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

### **"Blessed Endurance"**

*Howard Thurman and the 1st of 2 sermons on James*

## **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 #525 (Hymnal)**

**"Here I Am, Lord"**

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

**+ BENEDICTION**

*"Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human"*

May the God who made all things and holds together all things you remind you of your making.

May you rest in the immanence of your own with, knowing you have nothing to prove and everything to love.

Constant as the moon, which is tethered to us by unseen forces, which is suspended above us in the dark and the light, let your dignity remain,

And may we remember, the same dignity that holds us, so too holds together every person and piece of the cosmos at once and evermore. Go, in honor, to claim all that you are worthy of, Amen.

## **POSTLUDE**

**PRAYER ELDER**

**Elder Cynthia Gervais**

## **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 2026 Lessons is “The Testimony of Faithful Witnesses.” You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> discussion on “Jonathan and David, A Noble Friendship,” 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-7; 20:1-42; 2 Samuel 1:17-27; 21:7. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

**ATTENTION ALL MEN** - Sunday, June 21, 2026, is MEN’S DAY. Accordingly, we are asking you to donate \$100 or whatever you can give. Your offering packet of envelopes contains one envelope for this purpose. If you use an electronic method of donating, please indicate that your donation is for this purpose. Thank you for your support.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE** is seeking your help in funding two (2) major repair/replacement projects. The Sanctuary Emergency Exit Door located in the hallway opposite the chancel steps to the breezeway AND the Sanctuary Blower Unit that circulates fresh and cooled/heated air for the sanctuary pew spaces. Until funded we have limited emergency evacuation and no air-conditioning in the sanctuary. The funding needed is \$10,200 for both repair/replacements. If you can kindly designate to the Building Fund Account – Emergency Door/Blower Unit in your giving. Thanks in advance for Your Heart Led Faithful Giving.

### **HEALING SERVICE, JUNE 28 AT THE END OF WORSHIP:**

Please come for anointing with oil with personal prayers for healing.

### **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB** **Book selections for 2026**

Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm every first Sunday for the book discussion of the month.

July 5th ---- **Uncommon favor: Basketball, North Philly...**, by Dawn Staley

August 2nd --- **I Hope You Find What You're Looking For**, by Bsrat Mezghebe

September 6th --- **Let Us March On: a Novel**, by Shara Moon

**JULY – AUGUST SCHEDULE:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays Communion – in person (on all other Sundays we will be online). If you have a favorite worship music video, please share with Pastor Greiner (pastor mfg@gmail.com), today so we can worship with them this summer.

**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.

**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.

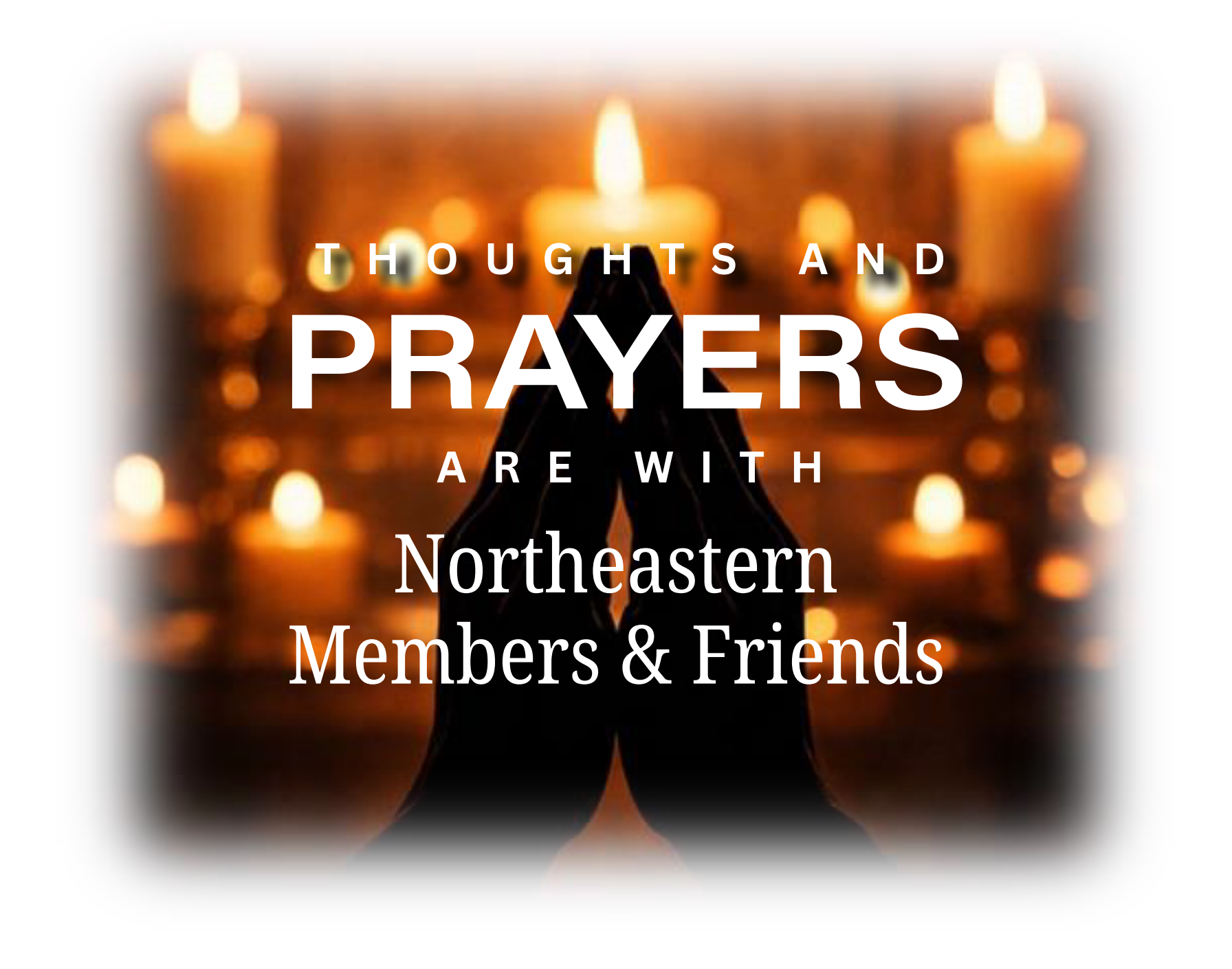
**ZOOM MEETING ID:** The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **876 1357 9552**; Passcode: **295504**

**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**



THOUGHTS AND  
**PRAYERS**  
ARE WITH  
Northeastern  
Members & Friends

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## **Staff**

Ministers  
Pastor (Stated Supply)  
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Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir  
Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir  
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All the people of the Church  
Pastor Mark Greiner  
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## **Ministries of Session**

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