



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

The Lord's Supper and Healing Service

September 14, 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*

Quote of the Day (Thomas Merton, monk and author)

"The logic of worldly success rests on a fallacy: the strange error that our perfection depends on the thoughts and opinions and applause of other [people]! A weird life it is, indeed, to be living always in somebody else's imagination, as if that were the only place in which one could at last become real."

WELCOME

+ INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (James 5)

One Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.

All Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

One You have heard of the endurance of Job,
and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is
compassionate and merciful.

All Are any among you suffering? They should pray.

One Are any cheerful?

All They should sing songs of praise.

One Are any among you sick?

**All They should call for the elders of the church and have
them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name
of the Lord.**

One The prayer of faith will save the sick,
and the Lord will raise them up;

**All The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

+ OPENING HYMN #485 (Hymnal)

"To God Be the Glory"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

For healing, for wholeness, for freedom, for restoration, let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ our subtle Physician, we open our hearts to you, sometimes courageous, sometimes trembling, sometimes laughing, sometimes weeping. And yet we confess, we often cannot see where we need healing. Be gentle with us, Jesus, and yet reveal to us the truth of ourselves.

When we are not loving, turn us to love. {...*silent prayer*...}

When we are fearful, stir us to be faithful. {...*silent prayer*...}

When we withhold our gifts, release us. {...*silent prayer*...}

To the cries of justice denied, to the voiceless hungry ones, to a life of grace and beauty, to abundant hope, awaken us...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (John 8:11)

Rejoice in Jesus' words, "I do not condemn you. Go, and sin no more."

All Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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!**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE OFFERING

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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, adapted from Father Michael D. Bassano)

Beloved Jesus, teach us to live fully each day
From the deepest center of our being
To learn from everything and everyone
Most of all, to be grateful. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 43:1-3a

Israel, the Lord who created you says,
"Do not be afraid—I will save you.
I have called you by name—you are mine.
When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you;
your troubles will not overwhelm you.
When you pass through fire, you will not be burned;
the hard trials that come will not hurt you.

For I am the Lord your God,
the holy God of Israel, who saves you.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;* do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God;* for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

God our Creator, you desire health and wholeness for all people;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Jesus, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Thundering Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Comforter, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Blessed Trinity, in you we live and move and have our being;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Christ our Healer, grant your healing grace to all who are sick or injured, disabled or distraught, that they may be made whole;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Through your Presence in us, through your Presence among us in this Holy meal, restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

**We trust in the Good news of the Crucified and Resurrected:
Christ has died.
Christ is Risen.
Christ will come again.**

You are the Lord who does wonders: You have declared your power among the peoples. With you, O Lord, is the well of life: And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life: Heal us, and make us whole.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ CLOSING HYMN #394 (Hymnal) "There is a Balm in Gilead"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ UNISON PRAYER (St. Augustine of Africa adapted)

**Lord, watch over those who sit vigil over the sick,
those who weep for others;**

send your angels to watch over those who sleep.

Care for the sick, O Lord.

Give rest to the tired.

Bless those who are dying.

Give relief to the sufferers.

Have mercy on the afflicted.

Protect the joyous.

Do this, our Lord, out of your love for your children, Amen.

HEALING PRAYER and ANOINTING WITH OIL

You are invited to come forward to pray for healing

POSTLUDE

Lectionary: Semicontinuous: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14;
Complementary: Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10, 1 Timothy
1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
Liturgist: Deacon Glen Grier
Greeter: Mrs. Loretta Bowers

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 Fall 2025 Lessons is "Judah, from Isaiah to Exile." You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, September 14th discussion on "What Hilkiah Found in the Temple," 2 Chronicles 34:1-33. Please dial **(267) 807-9601** **Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

BUDGET & FISCAL AFFAIRS: If you have not already received a letter from the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee, you will be receiving one soon. The letter highlights and brings you up to date on the financial goings-on of Northeastern for the past year.

There will be a forum following worship service on October 5 to discuss the financial information and to address any questions, concerns, and/or suggestions you may have.

A GATHERING FOR ALL: The American Five" at Ford's Theatre, Saturday, October 4th, 2 pm. NEPC fellowship, a play on Dr. King's inner circle. **Attend the play plus enjoying dinner together after.** Please buy tickets directly, on the balcony.

<https://fords.org/performance/the-american-five/>

If you are interested, please RSVP to Denise Hodges (ddesigns1984@hotmail.com), Pamela Gessesse (pamelahagans818@yahoo.com) or the church office (202-526-1730 or admin@nepc-dc.org), no later than September 21st so they can get an accurate count for the dinner reservations. Thanking you in advance.

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!!!

HOMECOMING'S COMMUNITY DAY Volunteers are needed to help with Homecoming's Community Day on Saturday, September 27 from 11 to 2. Table coordinators, Registration Table workers, food handlers, outside directions guides, and an MC are needed. If you can lend a hand, please contact Elders Shawn Thomas or Pam Gessesse, or call the church office and let Ms. Cuff know what volunteer job you will work. You will be fed lunch!

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>

NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB
Book selections for 2025

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

September 7th -- Just As I Am, by Cicely Tyson

October 5th -- By Her Own Design: a Novel of Ann Lowe..., by Piper Huguley

November 2nd -- Purple Hibiscus, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

December 7th -- Happy Land, by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

January 4th, 2026 -- Truths We Hold: an American Journey, by Kamala Harris

February 1st, 2026 -- Worthy, by Jada Pinkett Smith

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>

NEPC SOUVENIR BOOKLET – Summer is an appropriate time to request advertisements or patron listings from family, friends, and businesses for inclusion in the 50th anniversary booklet. Remittance sheets are available in the 50th anniversary box located in the breezeway. The submission deadline is October 15, 2025, but early submissions of paperwork and payment are accepted. Individuals with business contacts may provide their information to a committee member for outreach purposes. The aim is to compile a comprehensive and successful booklet. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Allen, Denise Hodges or Ruby Webb or send an email to souvenirjournalteam@groups.outlook.com

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: **876 1357 9552**; Passcode: **295504**

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

Social Concerns & Outreach Committee

COMMUNITY DAY

(Health Fair & Food Giveaway)

Saturday, September 27, 2025

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Games
- Jazzercise
- Mental Health
- Cooking Demonstration
- Dementia, and Alzheimer's information
- CPR
- ...and More



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National Capital
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BPU EVENTS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4 & 5

**MOVING FORWARD AND
BEYOND: HOW BPU CHURCHES
RADICALLY VISION**

Speakers:

Rev. Christopher Holland II
Executive Pastor, Salt & Light
Convening Pastor, The
Common Place

Rev. Brian K. McCollum
Sargent Memorial
Presbyterian

Rev. John Molina Moore
General Presbyter
National Capital Presbytery

**Light morning snacks and
lunch provided**

More Information

info@shanimcilwain.com



9AM-3 PM

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OCTOBER

SARGENT MEMORIAL

5109 NANNIE HELEN
BURROUGHS AVENUE NE,
WASHINGTON, DC 20019

National Capital
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BPU EVENTS

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
CELEBRATION OF UNITY,
CULTURE AND
FELLOWSHIP
TOGETHER

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GUEST PREACHER
REV.
CHRISTOPHER
HOLLAND II



3PM

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OCTOBER

FAITH PRES

4161 SOUTH CAPITOL ST SW
WASHINGTON, DC 20032

Nomination Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Nominee _____ Phone _____

☐ Elder

☐ Deacon

☐ Trustee

☐ Nominating Comm

If not a self nomination, has the nominee agreed to serve? _____

Thank you!

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Thank you!

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:



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)*



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