



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

April 14, 2024 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*

PRELUDE

INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Remember the promise of the Lord:

Many: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.

One: The Spirit helps us in our weakness,

Many: Interceding with sighs too deep for words.

One: The Spirit of God renews the earth.

All: Bless the name of the Lord!

+ OPENING HYMN #467 (Hymnal)

"How Great Thou Art"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. (Hebrews 10:22)

All: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living

like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our God fulfills his promises and is true to his word.

We have confessed our sins.

God has forgiven us, because Christ died for us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

PASSING THE PEACE

(Unmuted devices and turn on cameras to greet one another)

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

Many: **And also, with you!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

All things have their origin with you, Lord, and from these riches we freely give, that your church might grow in this place and throughout the world. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 22:1-8, 16

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

² The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

³ The clever see danger and hide,
but the simple go on and suffer for it.

⁴ The reward for humility and fear of the LORD
is riches and honor and life.

⁵ Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse;
the cautious will keep far from them.

⁶ Train children in the right way,
and when old, they will not stray.

⁷ The rich rule over the poor,
and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

⁸ Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

¹⁶ Oppressing the poor in order to enrich oneself,
and giving to the rich, will lead only to loss.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:1-10

Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar

3 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. **2** And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. **4** Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." **5** And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. **6** Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,^[a] stand up and walk." **7** And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. **8** Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. **9** All the people saw him walking and praising God, **10** and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and astonishment at what had happened to him.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON: "I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS" Rev. Jimmie R. Hawkins

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.

+ CLOSING HYMN #392 (AAHM Hymnal) *"I Rather Have Jesus"*

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Acts 3:12-19 and Psalm 4 or Isaiah 6:1-9a and Psalm 40:1-5; 1 John 3:1-7;

Luke 24: 36b-48

Liturgist: Elder Shawn Thomas, Sr.

Greeter: Elder Denise Hodges

Welcoming To the Pulpit



The Rev. Jimmie Ray Hawkins serves as the Presbyterian Church (USA) Advocacy Director of the Washington Office of Public Witness and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations (NYC).

He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies from North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC); a Master of Arts in Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (Richmond, VA); and a Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center/Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (Atlanta, GA).

He served as the pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Durham, NC, (1996 – 2016). Between 1992 - 1996, he served as the senior pastor of Grace Presbyterian, Holmes Memorial and Trinity Presbyterian Churches in Virginia (Peaks Presbytery).

He served on the national boards of Church World Service, the National Council of Churches, National Religious Campaign Against Torture, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, and Union Presbyterian Seminary. He served as a tri-chair of the Washington Interreligious Staff Committee (WISC) and the Heads of Washington Office (HOWO). He chaired several interfaith /ecumenical and non-profit boards: NC NAACP Executive Committee, Durham Congregations in Action, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Religious Coalition for a Non-Violent Durham, Housing for New Hope (homeless advocacy), End Poverty Now, and others.

His community ministry includes being a leader for the Moral Monday Movement in North Carolina and the Poor People's Campaign. He engaged in four actions of civil disobedience and has been active in justice advocacy throughout his ministry.

His book, *Unbroken and Unbowed*, was released by Westminster John Knox Press, in February 2022.

He is the son of Elsie L. and the late James P. Hawkins. He is married to Sheinita Hampton Hawkins and they have two children: Kaela Renee and James Hampton.

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 April 21st discussion "Faith of A Woman Who Loved Jesus" Luke 7: 36-50. Please dial **(267) 807-960** **Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

LITERARY BOOK CLUB - Please join us for the following discussions. We meet at 1:30 pm via Zoom. To join us please contact Dr. Shirley Logan at 301-935-5173 for the Zoom link.

May 5th --Belonging: a Daughter's Search for Identity through Loss and Love, by Michelle Miller.

PER CAPITA FOR 2024 is \$48.56.

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These funds provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. An offering envelope has been included in your bulletin. Thank you for sharing God's love with our neighbors.

PRAYING LIKE JESUS (THE PSALMS): BIBLE STUDY: This week we will be studying Psalm 31. Join us every Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm via zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89996811489?pwd=xksxVa0O8PayAL61GACkx1rXN6hOgf.1> Phone in: 301 715 8592
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**

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](#))

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Calling all Northeastern Performers!
Casting for a hilarious one-act play
for **Pentecost Sunday, May 19**
during Worship

FIRED UP!
or
**What Happens When the Holy Spirit
Attends a Session Meeting**

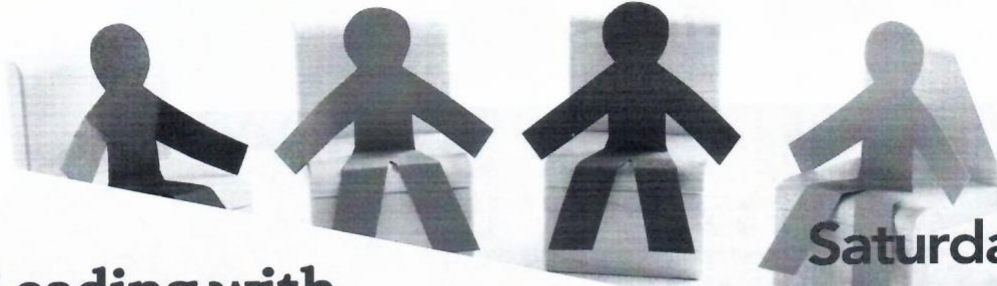


Contact Cynthia Gervais
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by 4/17

sign up early to get a starring role!



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INTELLIGENCE,
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and LOVE

Saturday,
April 27, 2024

9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

(doors open at 8:00 AM; lunch included)

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
1313 New York Avenue NW

parking available next to church
at 1345 New York Ave NW



Worship Leader
Le Quan Turner
CRE, Southminster Presbyterian Church



Music
John Nothhaft
Director of Music Ministries,
Lewinsville Presbyterian Church



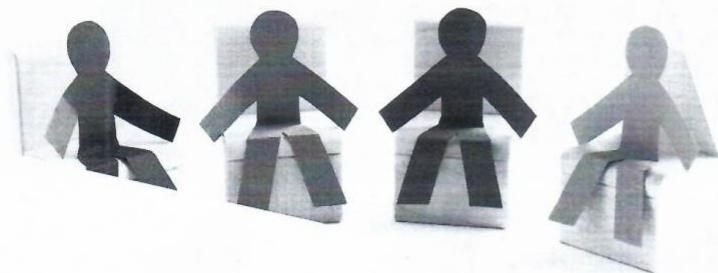
Plenary Speaker
Rev. John Molina-Moore
General Presbyter, NCP

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NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Schedule

8:00 - 9:00	Welcome and Light Breakfast / Coffee
9:00 - 9:30	Plenary - Rev. John Molina-Moore
9:45 - 11:00	Workshop 1
11:15 - 12:30	Workshop 2
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch (Open Facilitated Conversations grouped by Trustees, Deacons and Elders)
1:45 - 2:30	Closing Worship w/ Communion, led by Le Quan Turner, CRE Southminster PC

Offerings (select TWO)



Presbyterian Polity: Organizing and Making Decisions with Energy, Intelligence, Imagination, and Love - Led by Rev. David Baer, NCP Stated Clerk - God is up to something, and it's the church's job to discern, follow, and lead people in God's mission! Come and learn the basics of governance in the congregation, and leave equipped with tools to help your church stay focused and faithful.



Ordained Spiritual Leadership Outside of the (Session, Deacon, Trustee) Meeting - Led by Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, NCP Director of Congregational Development and Mission - Ordained officers are called into Spiritual Leadership of the church. How we live into and practice this spiritual leadership deserves to be constant and not just in our meetings.



Engaging the CAT (Church Assessment Tool) - Led by the CAT Team - Hear from leaders and congregations on how they utilize the tool. (offered @ Workshop 1 only)



Tools for Managing Conflict - Led by COM's Ministry Relations Team members Rev. Eric Forsyth and Rev. Rose Wayland - Conflict is inevitable in every organization, including the church. How can you understand, manage and transform conflict to enable your congregation to grow and thrive? They offer some helpful tools you can use right away, and also introduce the new Presbytery Conflict Mediation resources available at no cost to congregations.



People and Property: How Does the Volunteer Void Intersect with Our Property Decisions? - Led by Heather Deacon, NCP Director of Business Affairs & Rev. John Molina-Moore, NCP General Presbyter. A lot can happen at an intersection. Do we see the current realities as challenges or opportunities? What are the implications for our congregations and the communities they serve? Be a part of the conversation as we tackle our fears and explore the possibilities.



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