



## **“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**

#### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

*(Rotunda Thomas Jefferson Memorial)*

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **+ INTROIT**

**The Chancel Choir**

#### **+ INVOCATION**

#### **+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

**ONE** Lord, let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. (Amos 5:24)

**ALL** **The LORD has told you what is good, and this is what God requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.** (Micah 6:8)

**ONE** On this glorious new day, convert us to Love completely, unhesitatingly, unreserved, abundantly, extravagantly.

**ALL** **Jesus, fulfill your command in us: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself."**

**ONE** Jesus, you tell us, "I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!" (John 15:33)

**ALL** **"The LORD leads with unfailing love and faithfulness to all who keep God's covenant and obey God's commands." Thanks be to God!** (Psalm 25:10 NLT).

**+ OPENING HYMN #53(SOZ) "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

**RECONCILIATION PRAYER** (Nolan Palsma, adapted)

**One** Across the barriers that divide people of different generations, genders and cultures:

**All Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

**One** Across the barriers that divide richer from poorer:

**All Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

**One** Across the barriers that divide Christians:

**All Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

**One** Across the barriers that divide men and women, younger and older

**All Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.**

**One** We confess, O Christ, the prejudices and fears,  
Reinforced too often among friends and families  
that deny and betray our prayers.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**One** Enable us to see the causes of strife, remove from us  
all senses of superiority. Teach us to grow in unity with all God's  
children.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (adapted from Ezekiel 11:19-20)

God spoke, "I will put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, so that they may follow my statutes and live in the Way that leads to life. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God."

**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**

## **BLACK HISTORY MOMENT**

**Jacob Lawrence's painting**

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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 bless us with talents, strengths and skills to serve.  
Living God, we offer you our thanks because your grace is sufficient for us.

Redeeming God, we offer you our weaknesses because power is made perfect in weakness.

Sustaining God, we offer you our emptiness so your Spirit may fill us.

Just as we are, we come; broken and healing, with our laughter and tears, to offer all that we are. Use all our offerings, our bodies, minds and souls to share your love in the world. Amen.

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

### **THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:15-22**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So, they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

### **SERMONIC SELECTION**

**The Chancel Choir**

### **THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Pastor Greiner**

### **THE PSALM READING PSALM 146**

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from The Belhar Confession)

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; we believe that the church ...must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore we pledge to "Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; Return no one evil for evil, Strengthen the faint-hearted, Support the weak, and help the suffering; Honor all people, Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit." Amen.

*(From a collection of Scripture texts; See 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10; 1 Thess. 5:13-22; and 1 Peter 2:17.)*

## **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 #420 (Hymnal) "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

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

**✝ BENEDICTION** Philippians 4:7-8)

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  
Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,  
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

## **POSTLUDE**

**PRAYER ELDER**

**Elder Cynthia Gervais**

**Lectionary:** Exodus 24: 12-18 and Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21;  
Matthews 17:1-9

**Liturgist: Deacon Glen Grier**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL & CORPORATION MEETING** will be March 1, 2026 immediately following worship service.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** – The Northeastern Church Adult Sunday School Class convenes Sundays at 9:00 a.m. via conference call. The focus for Winter 2025-2026 Lessons is "Enduring Beliefs of the Christian Faith." You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, discussion on "Stewardship and Mission," Genesis 12:1-3; Deuteronomy 8:17-18; Jonah 3:1-10; Malachi 3:7-12; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:6-8; 13:1-3; 26:12-20; Romans 1:14-16; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:1-15. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH POTLUCK & HBCU CELEBRATION**

February 15, 2026, following worship service the congregation is invited to a potluck luncheon celebrating Black History Month and the legacy of HBCUs. Please bring your favorite soul food dish to share as we enjoy food, fellowship, and a time of celebration together. All are welcome!

**BLACK HISTORY:** Bulletin Cover is a Jacob Lawrence painting "The Swearing In" for Jimmy Carter's 1977 inauguration. (used with permission)

**Jacob Armstead Lawrence** (September 7, 1917 – June 9, 2000) was an American [painter](#) known for his portrayal of African-American historical subjects and contemporary life. Lawrence referred to his style as "dynamic [cubism](#)", an art form popularized in Europe which drew great inspiration from West African and Meso-American art. For his compositions, Lawrence found inspiration in everyday life in Harlem.<sup>[1]</sup> He brought the African-American experience to life using blacks and browns juxtaposed with vivid colors. He also taught and spent 16 years as a professor at the [University of Washington](#).



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**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month, zoom@ 7 pm., February 11, 25, March 11, 25, April 8, 22, Based on the book " Plenty Good Room: A Lenten Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals "

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

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

March 1st----- Overground Railroad: the Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America, by Candacy Taylor

**PER CAPITA** for 2026 is \$51.28

**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'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.

## **HARRIET TUBMAN TOUR (PLUS BIRDING!)**

Cost: \$65

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Place: Cambridge, MD

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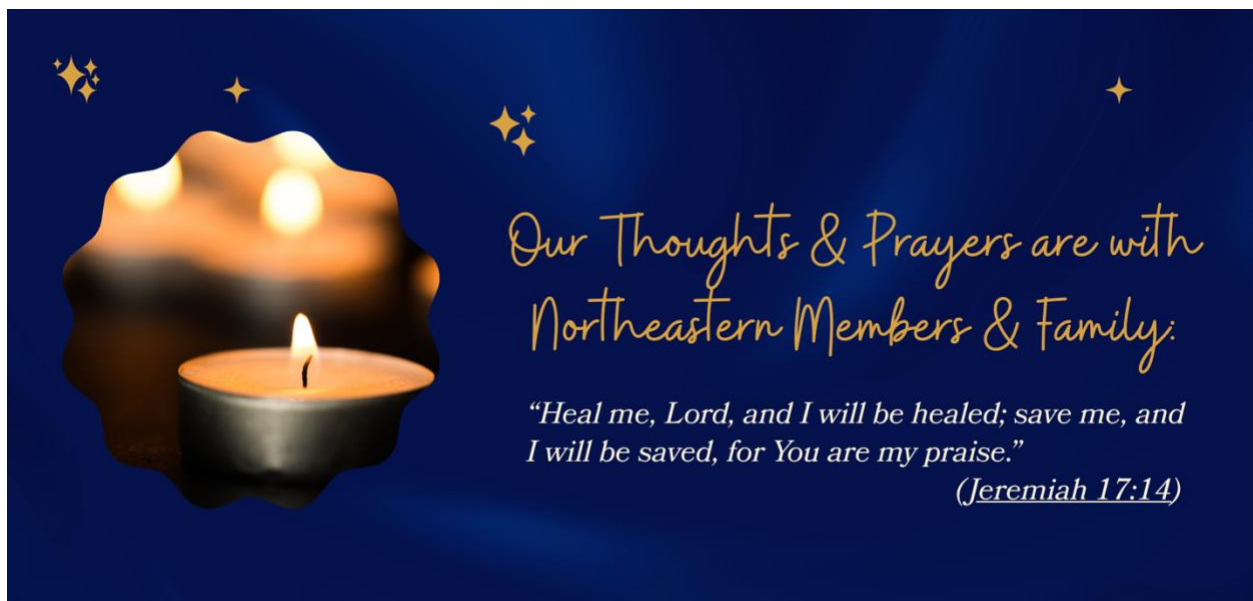
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## NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

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



## **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  
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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  
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Social Concerns & Outreach  
  
Foundry Task Force

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## **SENIOR USHERS**

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3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Glynis Higgs, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse, Stephanie White

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2<sup>nd</sup>, Pamela Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse, Ava Kennedy, Cecil Nixon, Chidera Uduma, Priya Young