



**“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

One: We are called to follow Jesus.

All: But following Jesus isn't easy.

One: It will demand our dedication and our energy.

All: It will change our whole lives.

One: Come, all of you, and learn of the Lord Jesus.

**All: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance.
AMEN.**

+ OPENING HYMN # 391 (Hymnal)

"Take my Life"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Let us trust God's mercy and allow the liberating waters of forgiveness and grace cleanse us. Together, let us boldly confess our sins and acknowledge our need for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets and town squares, but we refuse to listen. Preoccupied with our projections of you, we fail to see how these thoughts disrupt our communion with each other. You offer an outstretched hand to join you in transforming our lives, but we don't quite reach back, choosing to set our minds human things rather than divine things. Forgive us, when we ignore your unremitting call to live in the way of love. By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our foolishness so we may live as fools for Christ's sake. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved friends, receive the good news: the Risen Christ enters all corners of our lives and declares us forgiven.

**All: In Christ Jesus we are freed and forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

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

Use your bank's online bill-paying options
Mail your check to the church
2112 Varnum St., NE
Washington, DC 20018

Go to nepc-dc.org
Click on Navigate, Donate or Cash App at the bottom of the page

+ 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

God, who witnesses the cries and shouts of creation, please receive our tithes and offerings. Fill streets with jubilation, embrace communities with peace, and bless our lives with your abundance. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading: Mark 8:27-33

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Cynthia Gervais

SECOND GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:34-38

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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.

+ CLOSING HYMN - #369 (Hymnal) "I'm Gonna' Live So God Can Use Me"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lectionary: Semicontinuous: Proverbs 1:20-33, and Psalm 19;
Complementary: Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 116:1-9;
James 3: 1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Liturgist: Elder Angela Hemphill

Greeter: Elder Valerie McCray and Ava

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 2024 Lessons is “Worship in the Covenant Community.” You are cordially invited to join in on September 22nd discussion “Josiah Celebrates The Passover,” 2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34:1-35:19. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

HOMECOMING SEASON IS HERE!! Get ready and get excited! Homecoming season is here!! Northeastern will celebrate our homecoming September 28 -29. On Saturday, September 28th our health fair will be held in the auditorium from 11 am to 2 pm. We will have all sorts of health vendors (dentistry, blood pressure readings, dermatology), demonstrations you can participate in (jazzercise, boxing, and CPR), health talks (prostate cancer and healthy eating), book give-away for the children and teens, face painting and a food and diaper give-away (while supplies last!) On Sunday, September 29th, Rev. L. Tanai White will be our guest speaker. We will have a reception following the service. How can you help? Come, participate and spread the word to the community, family and friends. Donate to the food and diaper giveaway (babies and adult). If you have any questions, please see Shawn Thomas (E & O), Cherie Young-Becton and/or Jennifer Allen (Social Concerns). We look forward to a wonderful homecoming weekend. Don't miss it!

NEPC BYLAWS REVISION CALENDAR: September 29 Bylaws and Operations Manual will be available in the Narthex
October 6 Discussion after worship
October 20 Congregational meeting 11.30 a.m.
To approve the new NEPC Bylaws

NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB **Book selections for 2024**

October 6th – *Swing Time*, by Zadie Smith

November 3rd – *Our Secret Society: Mollie Moon and the Glamour, Money, and Power Behind the Civil Rights Movement*, by Tanisha Ford

December 1st – *The Swans of Harlem: Five Black Ballerinas, Fifty Years of Sisterhood, and Their Reclamation of a Groundbreaking History*, by Karen Valby

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Come join us in Celebrating Dr. Bell's 30 years of Music Ministry at an afternoon reception on Sunday October 13th. Save the date!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Please join us via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time for Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Join us for in-depth and interesting discussions as we learn from the Bible. Call the church office for the Zoom meeting information.

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **857 3194 9016**; Passcode: **140816**

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!!! Are you good with fundraising, planning events, or getting the word out? The 50th Anniversary Committee invites you to join one of our subcommittees to help plan our events for next year. Fill out the attached card and return it to one of the committees leads or send an email to NEPC50thAnniversarySteeringCommittee@groups.outlook.com

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](#))

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of Ms. Gladys Jones, sister to Loretta Bowers. Let's keep the Jones and Bowers family in prayer.

It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of Elder Hasker Samuel on September 12, 2024. Funeral arrangements are not available at this time. Let's keep the Samuel family in prayer.





Please fill out the information below and send it to

NEPC50thAnniversarySteeringCommittee@groups.outlook.com

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Glynis Pegram-Higgs or Jennifer Allen. We look forward to hearing and working with you.

Northeastern Presbyterian Church
50th Anniversary
Volunteer Committee Card

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Select a committee to serve:

Publicity Fundraising Events

STAFF

Ministers
Pastor (Stated Supply)
Director, Chancel Choir/Organist
Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir
Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir
Administrative Assistant
Sexton
Ministries of Session
Budget & Finance
Buildings & Grounds

Christian Education
Clerk of Session
Evangelism and Outreach
Interpretation & Stewardship
Personnel
Social Concerns & Peace-Making

Technology Committee
Nominating
Worship & Music

DEACONS

Valencia Hawkins
Katrin Jones, Moderator
Brenda Kuznof
Bishetta Merritt, Vice Moderator
Blossom Roach
Amanda Sargent
Penny Thomas

SENIOR USHERS

1st, 4th Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof,
Mary Allen, Ruby Webb
2nd, 3rd, 5th Glynis Pegram- Higgs, Pam Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse

All the people of the Church
Pastor Mark Greiner
Dr. Laddie Bell

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