



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

August 16, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

"Jesus Joy of Man's Desiring"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJ5331Ki3u8&list=RDcJ5331Ki3u8&start_radio=1

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE God's Spirit joins with our spirits, Alleluia!

ALL To declare we are children of God, Alleluia!

ONE Come, Spirit of love; pour us out in compassionate mercy.

ALL Come, Holy Spirit.

ONE Come, Spirit of counsel; guide us in all truth and wisdom.

ALL Come, Holy Spirit.

ONE Come, Spirit of might; guard us against any evil.

ALL Come, Holy Spirit.

ONE Come, Spirit of grace: stir our minds & hearts
to serve You joyfully all our days.

ALL Come, Holy Spirit.

ONE Come, Spirit of praise,
loose our tongues to sing your glory, always.

ALL Come, Holy Spirit. For we sing our alleluias to you, Amen.

OPENING HYMN "There's a Sweet Sweet Spirit in this Place"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9EGwkimNeQ&list=RD-9EGwkimNeQ&start_radio=1

UNISON PRAYER (Catherine of Siena b. 1347)

Eternal God, enlighten me with the light of the holy hope in You.

"In the light of my growing trust in You,

I gain wisdom in the wisdom of the Word your Son;

In this light, I'm strong and steady. I persevere.

This illumination gives me hope.

This divinely confident light won't let me collapse along the journey. Instead, it teaches me the way.

Without this light, I would be walking unenlightened.

That way I ask you, Eternal God, to enlighten me with the light of the holy hope in You. Amen"

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!**

THE OFFERING

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2112 Varnum St., NE

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DOXOLOGY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFDqrSCJOq4&list=PLmbjTLDIEplJpHES5HrMKX03kkyY4RGa9&index=75>

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison, from Zimbabwe)

Merciful God,
Open our eyes that they may see the deepest needs of people;
Move our hands that they may feed the hungry;
Touch our hearts that it may bring warmth to the despairing;
Teach us the generosity that welcomes strangers;
Let us share my possessions to clothe the naked;
Give us the care that strengthens the sick;
Make us share in the quest to set the prisoner free.
In sharing our anxieties and our love, our poverty and our prosperity, we partake of your divine presence. Amen

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SERMONIC SELECTION

"Amazing Grace"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIlzeucrROQ&list=RDbIlzeucrROQ&start_radio=1

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE GOSPEL READING John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The Hour Has Come" Pastor Mark Greiner

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. ¹And 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 "This is the day that the Lord has Made"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wY8bSQdFA58&list=PLWV_xo3zG1BUCFeH4tdGdR0NJDmBzZxrA&index=2

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION (Henri-Frederic Amiel – 1885)

Life is short, And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.
So... be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
who made us, who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever, Amen

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Genesis 45:1-15 and Psalm 133; Complementary: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 and Palm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15 (10-20) 21-28

Liturgist: **Elder Angela Hemphill**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST SCHEDULE: 1st 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.

MID-YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2026 have been sent either by e-mail or 1st class postage. If you do not receive one or have any questions, please call Shirley Wilson on 202 526-8857.

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

Book selections for 2026

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

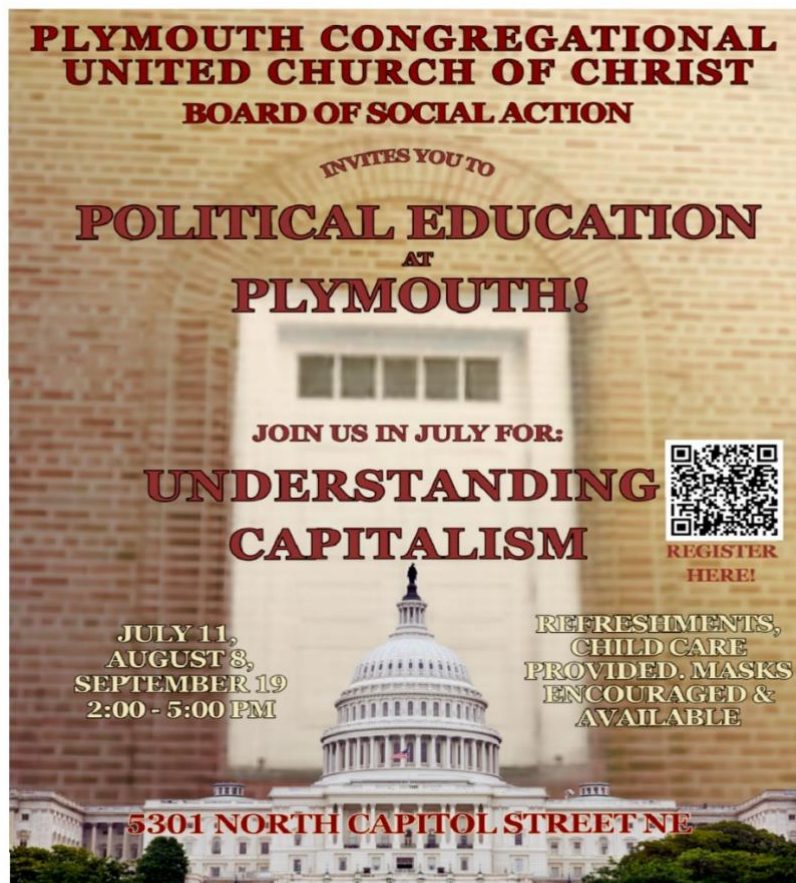
REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT IN: The list printed in the bulletin will be updated each week to reflect additions and deletions. Reach out to our sick and shut in a safe way that lets them know they are in our hearts, minds, and prayers. Please contact the church office if you know the names of people who should be added to the sick-and-shut-in list or if you have updates on anyone listed.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: As another school year approaches, we're excited to support our local students and give them the best possible start. Northeastern Church will be collecting school supplies for Bunker Hill, Thomas Stone, and Brookland Middle. Donations of supplies can be brought to the church now through August 15th, while monetary contributions are welcomed until August 12th. For monetary gifts, please note "school supply drive" in the memo section of your check or CashApp transaction. If you have any questions or need more information, reach out to Jennifer Allen or Katrin Jones. Together, let's empower our students and help them succeed!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Effective July 1, 2026, "The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will be in recess until October 2026".

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

INVITATION TO PLYMOUTH UCC'S ADULT EDUCATION:



Outline of the Public Political Education Series being sponsored by the Board of Social Action at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

SERIES I: Capitalism: Economic Systems and Moral Implications	
Session one July, 11, 2026	Overview of capitalism: history, principles, and global impact
Session two August 8, 2026	Discussion of its benefits and challenges, including inequality and environmental concerns.
Session three September 19, 2026	Reflection on Christian teachings about wealth, poverty, and economic justice. "Enslavers' Bible" – White Christian Nationalism

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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.

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- We commit to:**
- **Worship**
 - **Witness**
 - **Learn**
 - **Grow**
 - **Nurture**
 - **Serve**
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Please Keep Dorothy Williams and Family in Prayer.

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:





The Nominating Committee is Seeking Church Leaders for the Class of 2027?

The Nominating Committee has begun its search for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee, as well as positions on the Nominating Committee. Please consider nominating yourself or other members who are willing to serve Northeastern and who have agreed to have their names submitted. The nomination period closes on October 25, 2026, at 1 pm. If you have any questions, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members listed below.

Nomination Form	
Name _____	Phone _____
Nominee _____	Phone _____
Leadership Position _____	
If not a self-nomination, has the nominee agreed to serve? _____	
<i>Thank You</i>	

Nominating Committee Members	

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
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Social Concerns & Outreach

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Deacon Katrin Jones, Co-chair
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Amanda Sargent
Penny Thomas, **Corresponding Secretary**
Randall Timbers
Charles Webb, **Treasurer**

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