



**“WHERE EVERYBODY IS
SOMEBODY,
AND JESUS IS LORD”
Social Concerns and
Outreach Appreciation Day**

May 18, 2025 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

+ OPENING LITANY: SIX GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH (PCUSA)

Leader: God of grace and mercy, we gather today to be reminded of our calling, the six great ends of the church.

Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind fill our hearts and inspire our actions.

Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May we be a haven, a sanctuary, a nurturing community for all, offering comfort, support, and fellowship, both in times of joy and sorrow.

Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May we be faithful in the maintenance of divine worship, raising our voices in praise, and offering sincere prayers to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May we be guardians of truth, committed to living out the Christian faith, guided by the scriptures and tradition.

Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May we be champions of social justice, seeking to promote righteousness, fairness, and compassion, both within our community and beyond.

Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May we be living witness to the kingdom of heaven, reflecting the beauty, love, and hope of God in our lives, and the world.

Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord God, grant us the grace to live these great ends, and may we ever be faithful to our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen!

+ OPENING HYMN #343 (Hymnal) "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

UNISON PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison, from St. Augustine)

**Breathe in us, O Holy Spirit,
That our thoughts may all be holy.**

{silent prayer}

**Act in us, O Holy Spirit,
That our work, too, may be holy.**

{silent prayer}

**Draw our heart, O Holy Spirit,
That we love what is holy.**

{silent prayer}

**Strengthen us, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.**

{silent prayer}

**Guard us, then, O Holy Spirit,
That we always may be holy.**

{silent prayer} **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!**

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

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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!**

✚ THANKSGIVING PRAYER (unison, adapted from Psalm 145)

O God, as our ancestors blessed us, so we will bless!

**One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

**On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, we will meditate.**

**The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed;
through our offerings and lives, we will declare your
greatness.**

**From generation to generation, we shall celebrate the
fame of your abundant goodness and sing aloud of your
righteousness. Amen!**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's own self through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to God's own self in Christ, not counting people's sins against them, but entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God appealing through us."

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 78:1-7, 11-13, 19

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children;

we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and God's might,
and the wonders that God has done.

God established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,

which God commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;
that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep God's commandments.
They forgot what he had done,

and the miracles that he had shown them.
In the sight of their ancestors God worked marvels
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.
God divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap.
They spoke against God, saying,
'Can God spread a table in the wilderness?

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Entrusted!"

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. 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 #369 (Hymnal) "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION (St. Augustine)

All shall be Amen and Alleluia.
We shall rest and we shall see,
We shall see and we shall know,
We shall know and we shall love,
We shall love and we shall praise.
Behold our end which is no end.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER ELDER

Elder Cynthia Gervais

Lectionary: Acts 11:1-18 and Psalm 148 or Leviticus 19:9-18 and
Psalm 24:1-6; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Liturgist: **Elder Shawn Thomas**

Greeter: **Deacon Glen Grier**

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 Spring 2025 Lessons is "Costly Sacrifices." You are cordially invited to join in on May 25th discussion "A Covenant Renewal," Nehemiah 8:1-10:39. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is sponsoring a trip to **Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum** to see the exhibit We Gather at the Edge: Contemporary Quilts by Black Women Artists on Sunday, June 8th. The exhibit is free. If you are interested in going, please let Jennifer Allen or Pastor Mark know by Sunday, May 25. If we have a significant amount of people interested, we will carpool or take the church van. The exhibit is located at 1661 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC. It runs through June 22nd. For more information about the exhibit, go to <https://www.si.edu/exhibitions/we-gather-edge-contemporary-quilts-black-women-artists%3Aevent-exhib-6766>

Christian Education Committee is 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!!!

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>

NEW ADDRESS FOR ALLIE LATTIMER 3050 Military Road, NW, Building 1, Room 13004, Washington, DC 20015, (202) 290-7035.

NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB
Book selections for 2025

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

June - **Good Dirt**, by Charmaine Wilkerson

July - **Lovely One: a Memoir**, by Ketanji Brown Jackson

August - **Dream Count: a Novel**, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

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.

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 18, IS SOCIAL CONCERNS & OUTREACH APPRECIATION DAY!

Please celebrate with the newly merged social concerns committee and evangelism & outreach as the new Social Concerns & Outreach Committee celebrates 50 years of dedication and devotion to NEPC and the surrounding community. Let's lift up each other! Please come out and join us!!

And please note, as part of our social concerns and outreach objectives, we have begun our annual water and diaper drive for our homeless! Please help us with supplies or donations! Deadline for donations June 15, 2025. Our community needs our help! Thank you Northeastern!!

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>

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

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



OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:

"Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me, and I will be saved, for You are my praise." ([Jeremiah 17:14](#))



**Save the Date: Sunday June 1, 11.30
a.m. to 12.30 pm.**

**NEPC 40 Days of Prayer Discussion
Olanda Carr of the Presbyterian
Foundation**

Please come to share

Logistical experience

Did you pray every day?

Did you do it at the same time?

Did you find it difficult to do?

Observations

What did you notice during your
prayer time?

Did you see/hear things differently
throughout the rest of the day?

Discernment

Did you hear God speaking to you?

Where do you think God is leading
you as an individual?

Where do you think God is leading
this church?

Outcome: Based on what we share, the
Presbyterian Foundation will share several
possible options for our future.

Thank you!

Pastor Mark Greiner
Northeastern Presbyterian Church



2025

Conference Speakers and Leaders

Worship Leader

Rev. Jimmie Hawkins

Director of the Presbyterian Church
(USA) Office of Public Witness,
Washington, DC



Worship Leader

REV BRIAN MCCOLLUM

Pastor at Sargent Memorial
PC, Washington, DC



Silent Communion Leader

REV. MARK HINCHCLIFF

Spiritual director for
the Mid-Atlantic Synod
Men's Conference



In Concert

SARGENT WINGS

Chamber Orchestra
Washington, DC



2025 Conference Leader
REGGIE FORTUNE



Music Leader

CLINT DANMUTH

Bayside PC, VA Beach, VA



Worship Leader
PASTOR SHADAROLL LEE



REGISTRATION FORM

**2025 Synod of the Mid-Atlantic
Presbyterian Men's Conference
July 18-20, 2025**

Register on-line: www.midatlanticmen.org / PayPal Available

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Relation _____ Phone _____

Roommate Request Name _____

Special Needs / Disability _____

Church _____ Presbytery _____

Number of prior conferences attended _____

Select Conference Package

- ☐ Hubler Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$405
☐ Hubler Lodge Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$505
☐ Richardson Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$365
☐ Richardson Lodge, Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$415
☐ Conference & Meals Only, 6 meals, conference, \$235
☐ Conference Only, conference, \$135 (No meals or lodging)

**Hubler Lodge - 2 Queen Beds, Private Bath

**Richardson Lodge - 2 Single Beds, Shared Bath

Select Saturday Afternoon Activity

☐ Local Winery Tour

☐ Bowling

Total Cost

\$ _____ Total Conference Package

Make checks payable to "Presbyterian Men's Conference"

Mail Registration Form and Check to:

Mr. Paul Willbanks

P.O. Box 72

Port Penn, DE 19709

Questions? Call 410-829-9161 or Email pmwillbanks@gmail.com

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
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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