



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

**WILL’S EMPHASIS SUNDAY**

April 19, 2026 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***

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"You will be enriched in every way for your generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11

**PRELUDE**

**+ INTROIT**

**The Chancel Choir**

**+ INVOCATION**

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP (I Corinthians 15)**

**One** Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die,  
but we will all be changed, in a moment,  
in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

**All** **For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised  
imperishable, and we will be changed. Alleluia.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (Third Century, anonymous)**

We thank you, God, for the saints of all ages. For those who in times of darkness kept the lamp of faith burning. For the great souls, who saw visions of larger truth and dared to declare it. For the multitude of quiet and gracious souls, whose presence has purified and sanctified the world. And for those known and loved by us, who have passed from this earthly fellowship into the fuller light of life with you. Amen.

## **+ OPENING HYMN - When the Saints Go Marching in**

*From the African American Hymnal #595*

O, when the saints go marching in,  
O, when the saints go marching in.  
Lord, I want to be in that number  
when the saints go marching in.

O when the sun refused to shine,  
O when the sun refused to shine,  
Lord, I want to be in that number  
when the sun refused to shine.

And on that hallelujah day,  
And on that hallelujah day,  
Lord, I want to be in that number  
on that hallelujah day.

### **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Apostle Paul writes to the Ephesians: "I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints." Let us pray...

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Holy God, when people hear of us, let it be to your honor and glory. Give us true sorrow for our sin, but not for guilt's sake. Rather, shape us ever more beautifully to be the people you made us to be.

What we do to harm ourselves and others: forgive us.

Where we lack love: enliven us.

When our faith falters: embolden us.

Who we could reach toward in compassion: inspire us.

For we want to be like Jesus... **SILENT PRAYER**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Revelation 21:3-4)

Rejoice in these words of hope: 'See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them; they will be God's peoples, and God will be with them; God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

**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**

### **THE OFFERING**

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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!**

### **+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (In Unison, St. Augustine, North Africa)

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy;  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my works, too, may be holy;  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love only what is holy;  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend what is holy;  
Guard me then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. Amen

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

### **THE HEBREW BIBLE READING**

**II Kings 20:1-6**

In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover." Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD: "Remember now, O LORD, I implore you, how I have walked before you in faithfulness with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight." Hezekiah wept bitterly. Before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him: "Turn back, and say to Hezekiah prince of my people, Thus says the LORD, the God of your ancestor David: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; indeed, I will heal you; on the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David's sake."

### **SERMONIC SELECTION**

**The Chancel Choir**

### **THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Pastor Greiner**

### **THE EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 14:7-9**

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

### **SERMON**

**"Living Legacies"**

### **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 # 183 (SOZ) "I'll Fly Away"**

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

**+ BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**PRAYER ELDER**

**Elder Cynthia Gervais**

**Lectionary:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41 and Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 of Isaiah 51:1-6 and Psalm 34:1-+10; 1 Pete 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 13-35

**Liturgist: Elder Denise Hodges**

**Greeter: Deacon Glen Grier**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A WORKSHOP ON THE VITAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS WE ALL NEED:**

"Do you have your will and related documents in order? A Faithful Discussion with Elder Charles Barber". Please stay for the workshop today, following worship, on the vital legal documents that we all need to have. Elder Charles Barber is a lawyer licensed in the District of Columbia and Maryland and will walk us through 3 essential documents: wills, powers of attorney for health care, and durable powers of attorney for business affairs.

**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 2025-2026 Lessons is "Social Teachings of the Church." You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, discussion on "The Christian Home in a Modern World," Deuteronomy 6:3-9; Matthew 19:3-9; Luke 2:40-52; 24:28-32 Ephesians 6:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; 3:14-15. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

### **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>

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

Date: April 23, 2026 Thursday, 2-6 pm

Place: Cambridge, MD

Info: <https://delmarvabirding.com/birding-tubman-2026/>

Register at [dmbirds@gmail.com](mailto:dmbirds@gmail.com) (put April 23 Tubman tour in subject line) Register ASAP as the tour fills quickly.

<https://delmarvabirding.com/store/thurs-apr-23-birding-tubman-byway/>

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

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

May 3rd --- **Harlem Rhapsody**, by Victoria Christopher Murray

June 7th --- **Rootless: a Novel**, by Krystle Zara Appiah

July 5th ---- **Uncommon favor: Basketball, North Philly...**, by Dawn Staley

August 2nd --- **I Hope You Find What You're Looking For**, by Bsrat Mezghebe

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.

**THE NEPC JAZZ CAFE** returns this year on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Last year's combo, Joshua Jenkins and Friends, are back again to thrill us with their extraordinary musical talents. You can purchase your ticket(s) today. The price of a ticket is \$30.00. Food will be served and the "Mock Bar" will be open. Tell your family and friends about the great time that you had last year and not to miss this year's event. We look forward to seeing you on April 26th.

**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**



2026

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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**



### **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)

## **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  
James Haggins, Chair,  
Nachee Miller, Co-chair  
Jennifer Allen  
William Hymes, Jr., Chair  
Charles Barber, Chair  
James Haggins, Co-chair  
Angela Hemphill  
Nachee Miller, Chair  
Deacon Katrin Jones, Co-chair  
Cherie Becton, Chair  
Angela Hemphill, Co-chair  
Valerie McCray (non-Session member)  
Charles Barber  
William Hymes, Jr., Chair  
Patricia Young, Co-chair  
James Haggins

## **DEACONS**

Karen Cooper, **Vice Moderator**  
Glen Grier, **Moderator**  
Valencia Hawkins  
Bishetta Merritt  
Thomas Midgette  
Amanda Sargent  
Penny Thomas- **Corresponding Secretary**  
Randall Timbers  
Charles Webb-**Treasurer**

## **SENIOR USHERS**

1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof, Mary Allen, Ruby Webb  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Glynis Higgs, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse, Stephanie White

## **JUNIOR USHERS**

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