



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

July 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

INTROIT

"Salvation and Glory"

https://youtu.be/hlkjzwHd9_s?is=PbBwawUE-iyM03B6

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord has gathered us from many places with one purpose—to worship the living God.

People: We come with grateful hearts, ready to lift up the name of the Lord.

Leader: Come, all who are weary and all who are rejoicing. Come with your burdens and your blessings.

People: We lay everything before God, trusting in His mercy, grace, and unfailing love.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Let every heart be opened to God's presence. Let every voice be raised in praise. Let every soul be ready to receive His Word.

People: Holy Spirit, fill this place. Renew our strength, deepen our faith, and unite us in love.

All: We worship You, O Lord, with thanksgiving and joy. You alone are worthy of all honor, glory, and praise. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Great Day"

https://youtu.be/sHqAxOB_Qnc?is=cYVxYGoxH1Ckjclo

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Merciful God,

We come before You in humility, acknowledging that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us for the times we have chosen comfort over compassion, silence over justice, and self-interest over faithful obedience. We confess that we have been slow to trust Your promises, hesitant to follow Your calling, and reluctant to extend the grace and forgiveness that You have so freely given to us.

Search our hearts, O God, and reveal those places where pride, fear, resentment, or indifference have taken root. Cleanse us by Your mercy through Jesus Christ. Renew us by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we may turn from sin and walk in newness of life.

Strengthen us to be faithful disciples, bearing witness to Your love in our homes, our communities, and throughout the world. Restore in us the joy of Your salvation and lead us in the way everlasting.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who taught us that Your grace is greater than our sin. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In Jesus Christ, whose atoning death has paid the full price for our sin, all who confess are fully forgiven, cleansed, and restored to God's grace. Thanks be to God. Amen

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!**

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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DOXOLOGY

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Gracious and generous God,

Every good and perfect gift comes from You, and today we return a portion of what You have so faithfully provided. Receive these tithes and offerings as an expression of our gratitude, our trust, and our love for You.

Bless these gifts and those who give them. Multiply them for the work of Your kingdom, that they may bring hope to the discouraged, comfort to the hurting, food to the hungry, and the good news of Jesus Christ to all who seek You.

Amen and amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE HEBREW BIBLE READING:

Psalm 121

Assurance of God's Protection

A Song of Ascents.

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴ He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- ⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

SERMONIC SELECTION

"Jesus Is My Help"

https://youtu.be/-UEdv9v_xYw?is=xHHxvOCheH3aUZaz

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING Hebrew 4:14-16

Jesus the Great High Priest

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested^[a] as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Do You Need Help?" Elder Angela Hemphill

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. And 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 MUSIC

"Come Jesus Come"

<https://youtu.be/Lq4PXLxTuVU?is=NTR5OsIRmEoWOPgG>

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, remember where your help comes from. Lift up your eyes to the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. When the road is difficult, may God be your strength. When you feel uncertain, may Christ be your guide. When you are weary, may the Holy Spirit renew your hope.

Go into the world with confidence, knowing that the One who neither slumbers nor sleeps watches over you. The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in, from this time on and forevermore.

Go in peace, serve with joy, love without fear, and trust always in the Lord, from whom our help comes.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Genesis 28:10-19a and Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;
Complementary: Isaiah 44:6-8 and Psalm 86:11-17; Roman
8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Liturgist: **Elder Angela Hemphill**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP with our possible new church partners **Sunday July 26, 10 a.m. worship at Plymouth Congregation UCC**

ADDRESS 5301 North Capitol St NE
Washington, DC 20011
(parking and entrance in back)

ATTEND IN PERSON OR ONLINE

Streaming Links: [Watch Service Live Hereb](#)
[Facebook.com/PlymouthChurchDC/](https://www.facebook.com/PlymouthChurchDC/)
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DESSERT AND FRUIT POTLUCK SUNDAY: On Sunday, August 2, 2026, Northeastern will warmly welcome Plymouth Church for a special gathering. Following the church service, everyone is invited to join us in the auditorium for a delightful Dessert and Fruit Potluck. We encourage you to sign up using the link below and bring your favorite sweet treats or fresh fruits to share.

If you prefer to contribute financially, donations are appreciated and can be given directly to Elder Jennifer Allen, or made to the church via check or Cash App. Please remember to include "Dessert Potluck" in the memo. To help us organize, kindly sign up or make your donations by July 26.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Elder Allen at 301-254-4808 or jennjie@hotmail.com. We eagerly anticipate reconnecting and celebrating with our friends from Plymouth Church!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DADA62EA6FC1-64712070-dessertfruit>

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

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

JULY – 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.

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: 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:

**PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL
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BOARD OF SOCIAL ACTION**

INVITES YOU TO

**POLITICAL EDUCATION
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JOIN US IN JULY FOR:

**UNDERSTANDING
CAPITALISM**

**JULY 11,
AUGUST 8,
SEPTEMBER 19
2:00 - 5:00 PM**

**REFRESHMENTS,
CHILD CARE
PROVIDED. MASKS
ENCOURAGED &
AVAILABLE**

5301 NORTH CAPITOL STREET NE

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

THOUGHTS AND
PRAYERS

ARE WITH
Northeastern
Members & Friends



NORTHEASTERN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrates

Summer Birthdays



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
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

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James Haggins

DEACONS

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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