



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

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

October 19, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Northeastern Presbyterian Church
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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

"To fold the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world." (Karl Barth 1886-1968)

PRELUDE

+ INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Biblical images of the Church)

ONE God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made Christ head over all things for the benefit of the church.

ALL **And the church is Christ's body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with Christ.**

Ephesians 1:22, 23

ONE For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

ALL **"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you."**

Hebrews 2:1, 2

ONE So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they continually increased in number day after day. *Acts 16:5*

ALL **The household of God... is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth.** *1 Timothy 3:15*

**+ OPENING HYMN - #430 (Hymnal) "Come Sing, O Church,
in Joy!"**

BIDDING PRAYER (Unison, adapted ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, AFRICA)

O merciful Lord, you who are so exalted:

You are peace, love, kindness, purity, and goodness.

We are meek and filled with love for you and our spiritual sisters
and brothers.

May we embrace one another in spirit and the perfection of your
divine love, so we may seek the fulfillment of your
commandment.

This way, we will become your children in love, peace, and
tranquility.

Praise be peace; may it reign through your Holy Spirit, now and
forevermore...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through Christ crucified and resurrected, all in heaven and on
earth have been reconciled to God.

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

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 (unison)

We pledge, O God of Abundance, to discover how much is enough for us to be truly fulfilled, neither rich nor poor, and to consume only that.

We pledge, Abundant God, to part of the discovery, of how much would be enough for everyone – not only to survive but to thrive – And to find ways for all to have access to enough.

We offer our lives to you, so we may learn to live like Jesus, healing our lives, and the life of the world. Bless Northeastern that we may bless, generously, Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

DEUTERONOMY 8:17-18

You may say to yourself, 'My power and my own ability have gained this wealth for me,' but remember that the LORD your God gives you the power to gain wealth, in order to confirm his covenant, he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

SERMONIC SELECTION**The Chancel Choir****THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****Pastor Greiner****SECOND SCRIPTURE READING****Acts 4:32-37*****A Description of the Early Church, after Jesus' resurrection***

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON**"WHAT IS CHURCH?" 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 -#53 (SOZ) "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION (Cole Arthur Riley, Black Liturgies)

Go with heads bowed, in humility toward all you have done and not done
To protect every living thing.

May you be sewn into the complicated tapestry of oppressed and oppressor,
Knowing you are more than one thing.

May you march and write and sing and educate and use what power
You have to call forth justice.

And may you contend daily with all the ways the curse still dwells in
The hidden parts of you, that you would be a person of constant searching,
Self-honesty, confession and forgiveness, Amen.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER ELDER

Elder Cynthia Gervais

Lectionary: Semicontinuous: Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104;
Complementary: Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121, 2 Timothy
3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Liturgist: **Deacon Glen Grier**

Greeter: **Elder Angela Hemphill**

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 2025 Lessons is “Judah, from Isaiah to Exile.” You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, October 26th discussion on “God’s Law In The Heart,” Jeremiah 31:1-40; John 1:17; Hebrews 8:7:13. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is also 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>

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

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

November 2nd -- Purple Hibiscus, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

December 7th -- Happy Land, by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

January 4th, 2026 -- Truths We Hold: an American Journey, by Kamala Harris

February 1st, 2026 -- Worthy, by Jada Pinkett Smith

NEIGHBORHOOD BLACK OWNED FARMER'S MARKET FIELD TRIP **- Join Elders after worship on Sunday, October 26**

Black + Forth, 2201 Channing St NE, Washington, DC 20018

<https://www.blackandforth.org/farmersmarket>

NEPC is getting to know our neighborhood & envisioning how we can serve anew.

NEPC SOUVENIR BOOKLET – It's not too late to have your ad or name featured in the 50th Anniversary Journal! We've extended the deadline to October 31st. Simply fill out your form and place it in the 50th Anniversary mail slot in the breezeway, or hand it to Ruby Webb, Denise Hodges, or Jennifer Allen. Encourage your family and friends to contribute. If you have any questions, please contact the names mentioned above. Let's make this journal extraordinary!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Our church thrives when God's people step up to serve. Being an officer isn't about having a title—it's about responding to God's call to lead, care, and serve. Please consider nominating or serving. **All nomination forms should be in by today, October 19, 2025**

PRAYER AND PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY Please read Acts 16:1-10 asking, "What is Witness?"

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.

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>

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.

"WHO IS JESUS?" This month, we will have a three-part worship series "Who is Jesus?" "What is Church?" and "What is Witness?" These are key questions as we listen for God's leading into our next 50 years.

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

NORTHEASTERN'S "TOP FOUR GOALS"

results of the 2024 Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) Survey

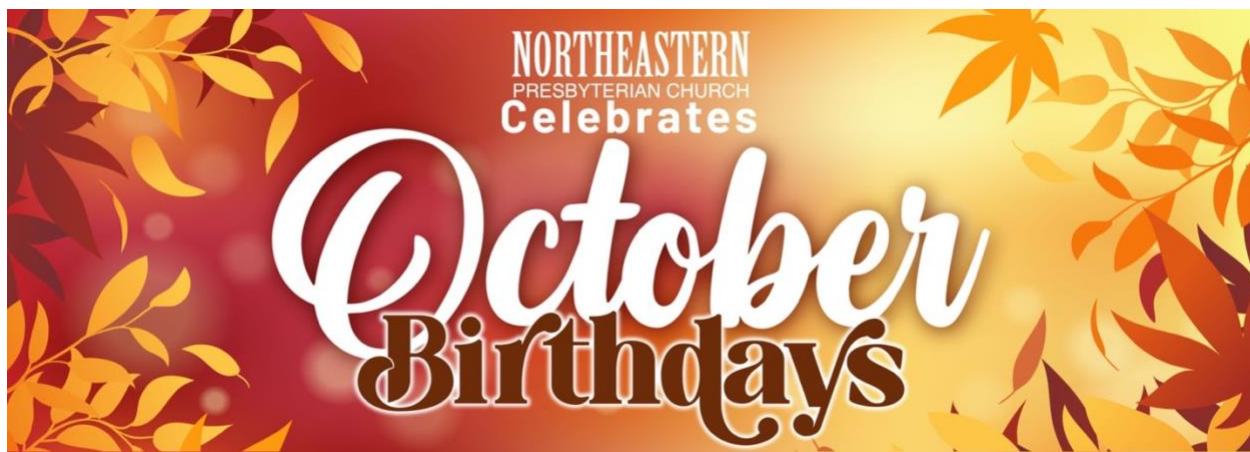
1. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.
2. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
3. Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions with partners 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)*

THANK YOU

Dear Northeastern family, I am truly grateful for your prayers, phone calls, messages, and cards following my recent surgery. I am recovering well and hope to return to the sanctuary in the near future.

James Haggins

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW

NORTHEASTERN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

50th ANNIVERSARY
Gala
CELEBRATION

Attire: After-five

DJ - Pure Ivory (Tom Ivory)

Saturday December 27, 2025

12:00 noon · 4:00 p.m.

\$65 adults \$50 Kids 5-11

Martin's Crosswinds

7400 Greenway Center Dr

Greenbelt, MD 20770



*For more information contact: See Kathy Cuff, Pamela Gessesse
or call the church office at 202.526.1730*

Nomination Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Nominee _____ Phone _____

☐ Elder ☐ Deacon ☐ Trustee ☐ Nominating Comm

If not a self nomination, has the nominee agreed to serve? _____

Thank you!

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Thank you!

Ministers
Pastor (Stated Supply)
Director, Chancel Choir/Organist
Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir
Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir
Administrative Assistant
Sexton
Assistant Sexton

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

DEACONS

Glen Grier
Valencia Hawkins
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

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

Elders

Pamela Gessesse
Charles Barber
Jennifer Allen
Cherie Becton
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Angela Hemphill
Shawn Thomas
Angela Hemphill
Valerie McCray
Charles Barber
Shawn Thomas/ Co-chair Patricia Young
James Haggins