



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

February 2, 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**

**+ BLACK HISTORY MONTH CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(adapted from the African American Heritage Hymnal)*

**ONE:** Holy God, with grateful hearts and uplifted voices, we remember those who held to the faith, for they gave their living in the struggle to be free.

**ALL: Blessed are those mighty men and women of strength, who set a path for others to follow.**

**ONE:** Jesus speaks: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

**ALL: Lord, help us, that when our time comes, we too may face persecution, with pride and dignity, with the full armor of God: with the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness in place, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

**ONE:** Blessed are those who threw off shackles, who rose with your Power, who resist the powers of despair and death.

**ALL: The flowers of freedom are watered with the blood, sweat and tears of our ancestors who resist, struggle**

**and overcome.**

**ONE:** Please share aloud the names of the witnesses and martyrs whose bravery encourages our souls:

**ANYONE**      *...sharing aloud....*

**ONE:** Together we the psalm, we declare:

**ALL:** **"Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."**

*(Hebrews 12:1)*

**+ OPENING HYMN - #400 (AAHH) "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow;  
though none go with me, I still will follow;  
though none go with me, I still will follow;  
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me;  
no turning back, no turning back.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

### **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!**

### **+ OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)**

Magnificent God of Glory, all we have we receive from you;  
we rejoice in sharing!  
Jesus, from our little, make much.  
Jesus, from our hope, forge courage.  
Jesus, from our faith, manifest Shalom.  
Jesus, from our love, magnify your mercy all around, Amen!

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

### **THE GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 4:35-41**

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with Jesus. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But Jesus

was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. Jesus said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

## **SERMONIC SELECTION**

**The Chancel Choir**

## **THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **THE EPISTLE READING**

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## **SERMON**

### **"Let's Start Sailing"**

*First sermon on the Book "Sailboat Church"*

## **THE APOSTLE'S CREED (unison)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **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.**

### **THE SAILOR'S HYMN #562 (Hymnal) "Eternal Father Strong to Save" – Verses 1& 4**



The Lord's Table

### **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

*All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give thanks and praise**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God our creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your grace.

When we were slaves in Egypt you freed us and led us through the waters of the sea. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, Immanuel, God with us, your Beloved, our Lord.

Through the water of our baptism, in the abundance of Your mercy, you cleanse us and set us free.

You who say even to the waters of the sea "Peace, be still", bring peace to our souls. We praise and thank you.

You who bid the disciples across the waters, saying "Come, let us go to the other side of the lake" invite us to set sail with you.

You invite the disciples to set sail and cast their nets upon the water, You declare: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." We are eager to see who You bring into our lives to love and serve.

Jesus in your life, death and resurrection, You birth Your church. You make with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

You open the way to life eternal beginning even now and invite us to delight in and share your mercy abundantly.

For in your mercy, you have declared "Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

**All Dying You destroyed our death, rising You restored our life.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Spirit of All Life, move among this bread and this cup and make us mindful of our oneness with all creation so this meal of simple substance may become a true communion with the one who makes every tomorrow possible. In Christ's name we pray.

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)**

Jesus, in your Body, you make us one body!  
Inspire us to set sail,  
Pray Boldly  
Serve Joyously  
Dare Extravagantly  
To Love Exuberantly,  
Our neighbors as ourselves.

Nourished by your Spirit of courage and compassion,  
send us into the world boldly to build the reign of God.  
Renewed and rejoicing we pray, Amen.

**+ CLOSING HYMN #276 (Hymnal) "Great is thy Faithfulness"**

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

**+ CHARGE & BENEDICTION** Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything,



but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving  
let your requests be made known to God.  
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## **POSTLUDE**

## **FELLOWSHIP**

<b>Lectionary:</b> <b>Jeremiah 1:4-10</b> and Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30
<b>Liturgist:</b> <b>Elder Jennifer Allen</b>
<b>Greeter:</b> <b>Mrs. Gloria Harris</b>

## **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 Winter 2024-25 Lessons is "A King Forever and Ever." You are cordially invited to join in on February 9<sup>th</sup> discussion "Resistance to the Kingdom," Matthew 11. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

### **CALL TO THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

"The Meeting of the Congregation on February 2, 2025 immediately following worship called (1) To receive the annual report of the congregation (2) To have the annual meeting of the corporation.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Rev. King said **Before any other action we take, we must remember to move forward with love.** We cannot be propelled by hate, anger, or spite; a community built on those principles would crumble. Hatred takes effort and energy...Love is simple and will only lead to good outcomes.

Let's move forward with love by helping our neighbor stay warm this season. **We will be collecting adult-sized gloves and mittens to give to people who use the Food Pantry. Please bring your donations to church (mittens, gloves, or cash).**

### **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 2024/2025**

February 2nd ---*Dead Time*, by Eleanor Bland

March 2nd --*Never Saw Me Coming*, by Tanya Smith.

**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 persons who should be added to the sick-and-shut-in list or if you have updates on anyone listed.

**SAILBOAT CHURCH: HELPING YOUR CHURCH RETHINK ITS**

**MISSION AND PRACTICE** Everyone is welcome to read along in the book for our sermon series, please read

For February 2 Introduction, Chapters 1, 2, 3

For February 9 Chapters 4, 5, 6

For February 23 Chapter 7, 8

For March 2 Chapters 9, 10 & conclusion (to page 110)

Then, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5, everyone is encouraged to join in 40 days of Prayer with the Devotional booklet we will share.

**SIGN-UP SHEET:** Pecans: Plain- \$15.00 Light or Dark chocolate - \$20.00 are in the Narthex on the large bulletin Board.

**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.

**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***

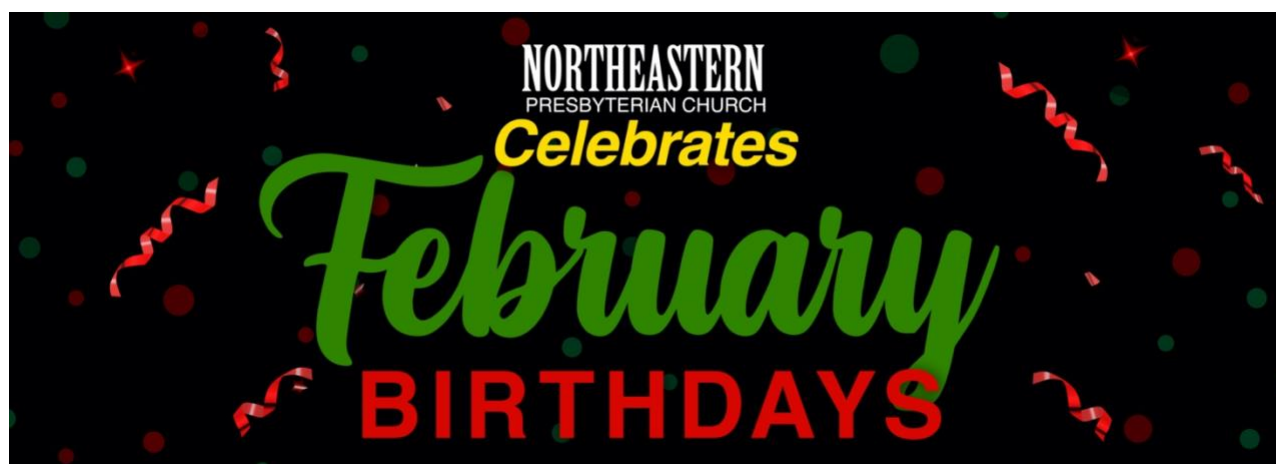
1. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.
2. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
3. Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions with partners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



Please fill out the information below and send it to

[NEPC50thAnniversarySteeringCommittee@groups.outlook.com](mailto:NEPC50thAnniversarySteeringCommittee@groups.outlook.com)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Glynis Pegram-Higgs or Jennifer Allen. We look forward to hearing from and working with you.

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Northeastern Presbyterian Church  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Volunteer Committee Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Select a committee to serve:

\_\_\_\_\_ Publicity    \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising    \_\_\_\_\_ Events

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**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT:** The 50th Anniversary committee is hard at work planning a wonderful year-long celebration for 2025. We have many exciting events planned for you to enjoy. To present these events, we will need a little help to defray the cost of some of the activities. To assist with this, we are setting up a loose-change jar in the Narthex. In it we will accept all donations of any loose change that you have in your pocket, in your car console or collecting dust on the dresser. You can donate to the jar once or as many times as you wish. Thank you so much Northeastern for your continued and valued support.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY  
**LEADERSHIP  
TRAINING &  
SAFE CHURCH TRAINING**



**Saturday,  
February 22, 2025**

8:00 AM to 2:30 PM  
w/Safe Church Training  
from 2:45 to 4:45 PM  
(doors open at 8:00 AM; lunch included)

National Presbyterian Church  
4101 Nebraska Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20016

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*ENERGY,*  
*INTELLIGENCE,*  
*IMAGINATION,*  
and *LOVE***



Worship Leader  
Le Quan Turner  
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Music  
Paul Vasile  
Interim Director of Music & Organist  
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Plenary Speaker  
Rev. John Molina-Moore  
General Presbyter, NCP

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**Deadline to register:  
Wednesday, February 12, 2025**



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NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY  
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February 22, 2025

## SCHEDULE

8:00 - 9:00	Welcome and Light Breakfast / Coffee
9:00 - 9:30	Plenary - Rev. John Molina-Moore
9:45 - 11:00	Workshop 1
11:15 - 12:30	Workshop 2
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch (Open Facilitated Conversations grouped by Trustees, Deacons and Elders)
1:45 - 2:30	Closing Worship, led by Le Quan Turner, CRE Adelphi Presbyterian Church
2:45 - 4:45	Safe Church Training

### Offerings (select TWO)



**Presbyterian Polity: Organizing and Making Decisions with Energy, Intelligence, Imagination, and Love** - Led by Rev. David Baer, NCP Stated Clerk - God is up to something, and it's the church's job to discern, follow, and lead people in God's mission! Come and learn the basics of governance in the congregation, and leave equipped with tools to help your church stay focused and faithful. Workshop 1: Polity 101 -Designed for New Officers & Workshop 2: Beyond the Basics



**Ordained Spiritual Leadership Outside of the (Session, Deacon, Trustee) Meeting** - Led by Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, NCP Director of Congregational Development and Mission - Ordained officers are called into Spiritual Leadership of the church. How we live into and practice this spiritual leadership deserves to be constant and not just in our meetings.



**Hospitality Plan** - Led by Rev. Elizabeth Brookens-Sturman - Sharing the good news of the gospel includes how we welcome and are welcomed. Learn best practices in hospitality as this is one of the quickest fixes out of your Church Assessment Tool (CAT). Leaders from Brambleton Presbyterian Church will be guides for this practice based workshop.



**Tools for Managing Change & Conflict** - Led by COM's Ministry Relations Team members - Change is inevitable and at times our responses are driven more out of anxiety and fear of change. This can show up in our church systems as growing conflict. We all deserve ways to manage these realities into practices that enable our congregations to thrive and grow. This workshop offers helpful tools you can use right away. Resources will also be provided to take back to your congregations.



**People and Property:** Led by Heather Deacon, NCP Director of Business Affairs & Rev. John Molina-Moore, NCP General Presbyterian. Stewarding the resources we have into the resources we want and need to grow in Christ's mission.

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**Safe Church Training:** Offered for *current session members or elders-elect*. Topics include sexual misconduct and child sexual abuse prevention, satisfying the new Book of Order training requirement for session members.

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## **Staff**

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