



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

HOLY COMMUNION

November 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

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Even the moon praises God.)

ONE And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night —and the stars. (*Genesis 1:16*)

ALL **Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars. (*Psalm 148:3*)**

ONE God made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. (*Psalm 104:19*)

ALL **Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars. (*Psalm 148:3*)**

ONE This is what the LORD says, God who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar — the LORD Almighty is God's name: (*Jeremiah 31:35*)

ALL **Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars. (*Psalm 148:3*)**

+ OPENING HYMN - #482 (Hymnal) "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

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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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!**

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON, South Africa, Alan Paton)

**Make me, O Lord, the instrument of Thy love, that I may
bring comfort to those who sorrow and joy to those who
are regarded as persons of little account. In this country
of many races, make me courteous to those who are
humble and understanding to those who are resentful.
Teach me what I should be to the arrogant, the cruel, for I
do not know. And as for me myself, make me more joyful
than I am, especially if this is needed for the sake of**

others. Let me remember by many experiences of joy and thankfulness, especially those that endure. And may I this coming day do some work of peace for thee, Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 136

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the God of gods,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
who alone does great wonders,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
who by understanding made the heavens,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
who spread out the earth on the waters,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
who made the great lights,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
the sun to rule over the day,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING

John 15:5

I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,
because apart from me you can do nothing.

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

SERMON

"I Love you to the Moon and Back"

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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN #231 (SOZ) "God is So Good"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

One The Lord be with you.

ALL And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

ALL We lift them to you, Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL Joyfully, we praise you, Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(From Hallelujah for the Day: An African Prayer Book)

We believe in God, the omnipotence of love:

God is the creator of heaven and earth;

This whole universe, with all its mysteries

This earth on which we live,

and the stars to which we travel

God knows us from eternity; God never forgets

That we are made of the dust of the earth

And that one day we shall return again to it as dust.

We believe in Jesus Christ:

The only beloved Son of God.

For love of all of us,

God has willed to share our history, our existence with us.

**We believe that God also wanted to be our God
in a human way.
God has dwelt as a human among us,
A light in the darkness.
But the darkness did not overcome him.
We nailed him to the cross
And he died and was buried.
But he trusted in God's final word.
And is risen, once for all;
Jesus said that he would prepare a place for us,
In his Father's house, where he now dwells.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit:

**Who is the Lord and gives life.
And for the prophets among us,
The Spirit is language, power and fire.
We believe that together we are all on a journey,
Pilgrims called gathered together,
To be God's holy people
For we confess freedom from evil
The task of bringing justice
And the courage to love.**

We believe in eternal life, in the love that is stronger than death, in a new heaven and a new earth.

**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. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Alleluia, Jesus.
Gladly we receive You, to abide in us always.
Transform us to be Your eyes and ears.
Transform us to be Your hands and feet
Transform us to be Your compassionate and bold

peaceful hearts in the world, Amen.

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

+ CLOSING HYMN -#386 (Hymnal) "O For a World"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION (Cole Arthur Riley, Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human)

May you practice a sacred reclamation of all this world was made for –
Dignity, love, belonging, delight.

May you nurture your own imagination for repair in all its forms, and
expand with self-compassion,
In the knowledge that no healing is linear,
And no reparation final.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Semicontinuous: Habakkuk 1:1-4 2:1-4 and Psalm 119:137-144; Complementary: Isaiah 1:10-18 and Psalm 32:1-7;
2 Thessalonian 1:1-4, 11-12 ; Luke 19:1-10

Liturgist: **Elder Angela Hemphill**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Ministry leaders, only use the format template for all reports please.

Annual Reports are due to Kathy Cuff, Office Administrator (admin@nepc-dc.org) by December 15, 2025.

Ministry Reports ~ Chairs or Co-Chairs to submit reports.

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| • Pastor Report | Pastor Mark Greiner |
| • Clerk of Session Report | Valerie McCray |
| • Budget & Fiscal | Pamela Gessesse |
| • Buildings & Grounds | Charles Barber |
| • Christian Education | Jennifer Allen |
| • Interpretation & Stewardship | Cherie Becton |
| • Personnel | Charles Barber/Co-chair: James Haggins |
| • Worship & Music | Angela Hemphill |
| • Technology Committee | Shawn Thomas |
| • Nominating | Angela Hemphill |
| • President of Corporation | Charles Barber |
| • Social Concerns & Outreach | Shawn Thomas/ Co-chair Patricia Young |
| • Foundry Task Force | James Haggins |
| • 50 th Anniversary Committee | Glynis Pegram-Higgs |

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, November 9th, discussion on "Judah Taken Captive," 2 Kings 23:1-25:21. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

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>

LITURGICAL DANCE REHEARSAL will start on Monday, November 3rd at 6 p.m. in the Undercroft.

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

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. 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**



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**



MASS ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Via Zoom link

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray..." — 2 Chronicles 7:14

Join us for a **special evening of prayer** as we come together to lift our hearts before God on behalf of **our people, our government, our country, and our world**. In these challenging times, we are reminded that prayer changes things—and even more, prayer changes us. All are welcome to attend. Whether you come to **pray aloud or sit quietly in reflection**, your presence adds to the spirit of unity and hope. Let us gather as one body in Christ, seeking God's guidance and grace for ourselves and for the world He so loves.

Come, pray, and be renewed.

Northeastern Presbyterian Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82915727314?pwd=wYfBninJxJbebfibrKF01mfo09a34Z.1>

Meeting ID: 829 1572 7314

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THANK YOU

The family of William and Shirley Logan wishes to express sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses you have expressed during this time of grief. May God continue to bless and keep the loving Northeastern family.



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)*

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:

Gala Tickets are available now and can be purchased Monday thru Friday, 10:00a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the church office, and on Sundays following worship service. We'd love to see everyone there, so purchase your ticket(s) today.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW

NORTHEASTERN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

50th ANNIVERSARY

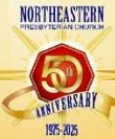
Gala

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*

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Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir
Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir
Administrative Assistant
Sexton
Assistant Sexton

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Christian Education
Interpretation & Stewardship
Personnel
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Nominating
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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
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