



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

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Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

+ *Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything is itself to succumb to the violence of our times." Thomas Merton (Born 1915 Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander)

INTROIT

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (*Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu*)

One O God, all holy one, you are our Mother and our Father, and we are your children. Open our eyes and our hearts so that we may be able to discern your work in the universe,

All **and be able to see Your features in every one of Your children. May we learn that there are many paths but all lead to You.**

One Help us to know that you have created us for family, for togetherness, for peace, for gentleness, for compassion, for caring, for sharing.

All **May we know that You want us to care for one another as those who know that we are sisters and**

**brothers, members of the same family, Your family,
the human family.**

One Help us to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, so that we may be able to live in peace and harmony, wiping away the tears from the eyes of those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

All **And may we know war no more, as we strive to be what You want us to be: Your children. Amen.**

+ OPENING HYMN - #206 (SOZ)

"Blessed Quietness"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Let us pray....

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison from South Africa)

You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me, only in those places where it is safe for me, only with those who make it easy to do so. Jesus, forgive us. Renew us. Send us out as instruments of your peace

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF RECONCILIATION (from Ephesians 2:13-14)

Christ is our peace. You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. In his flesh, Christ has made us into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

All: Thanks be to God!

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-#341 (Hymnal)

“Blessed Assurance”

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Elder Pamela Gessesse

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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 PRAISE (in unison, from Uganda)

We give thanks and praise to Almighty God for the work within this world through our Lord Jesus Christ, because even in our divided humanity, separated from each other, we experience now and then the reconciliation which comes from You. Our thanks and praise can never end. We ask you to accept us in your Son. Grant us the spirit of unity that takes away whatever comes to divide us. Keep us in union with all your people and make your Church become a sign of unity among all people. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM READING Psalm 127:3 (New Zealand Prayer Book)

It is but lost labor that we hasten to rise up early
and so late take rest and eat the bread of anxiety.
For those beloved of God are given gifts even while they sleep.

SERMONIC SELECTION- #339 (Hymnal) "Be Thou My Vision"

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus

entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha
welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who
sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But
Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him
and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to
do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord
answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted
by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen
the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Re-center with God: Finding Stability in a World of Distractions"

*Elder Pamela Gessesse
Elder Valerie McCray
Elder Cherie Young Becton*

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 in 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.

+ CLOSING HYMN - #201 (SOZ)

"Yes, God is Real"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION (Teresa of Avila, born 1515)

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,

All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things

Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices. Amen

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

PRAYER ELDER THIS WEEK

Elder Angela Hemphill

Lectionary: Semicontinuous Amos 8:1-12 and Psalm 52; Complementary:
Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15: Colossians 1:1-14; Luke
10:25-37

Liturgists: The Elders

Greeter: Elder Glynis Pegram-Higgs

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 Summer 2025 Lessons is "Sacred Altars and Holy Offerings." You are cordially invited to join in on July 27th discussion "Jesus Predicts the Temple's Destruction," Matthew 23:37-24:35; Mark 13:1-23; Luke 21:5-24. 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 lively book discussions.

August - **Dream Count: a Novel**, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

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>

NEPC SOUVENIR BOOKLET – Summer is an appropriate time to request advertisements or patron listings from family, friends, and businesses for inclusion in the 50th anniversary booklet. Remittance sheets are available in the 50th anniversary box located in the breezeway. The submission deadline is October 15, 2025, but early submissions of paperwork and payment are accepted. Individuals with business contacts may provide their information to a committee member for outreach purposes. The aim is to compile a comprehensive and successful booklet. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Allen, Denise Hodges or Ruby Webb or send an email to souvenirjournalteam@groups.outlook.com

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will be in recess until October 2025. Thank you, Ruby Webb.

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:



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)*





**Summer worship:
10 am through July & August.**

July 6 - Zoom

July 13 - In Sanctuary (Communion)

July 20 - In Sanctuary - Guest preacher

July 27 - Zoom - Guest Preacher

August 3 - In Sanctuary (Communion)

August 10 - Zoom

August 17 - In Sanctuary

August 24 - Zoom

August 31 - Zoom

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

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