



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

## **Healing Service**

April 21, 2024 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***

**WELCOME**

**+ INTROIT**

**The Chancel Choir**

**+ INVOCATION**

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP** (James 5)

One Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.

**All Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.**

One You have heard of the endurance of Job,  
and you have seen the purpose of the Lord,  
how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

**All Are any among you suffering? They should pray.**

One Are any cheerful?

**All They should sing songs of praise.**

One Are any among you sick?

**All They should call for the elders of the church and have  
them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name  
of the Lord.**

One The prayer of faith will save the sick,  
and the Lord will raise them up;

**All The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**✦ OPENING HYMN #485 (Hymnal)**

**“To God Be the Glory”**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

For healing, for wholeness, for freedom, for restoration, let us pray...

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Christ our subtle Physician, we open our hearts to you, sometimes courageous, sometimes trembling, sometimes laughing, sometimes weeping. And yet we confess, we often cannot see where we need healing. Be gentle with us, Jesus, and yet reveal to us the truth of ourselves.

When we are not loving, turn us to love. *{...silent prayer...}*

When we are fearful, stir us to be faithful. *{...silent prayer...}*

When we withhold our gifts, release us. *{...silent prayer...}*

To the cries of justice denied, to the voiceless hungry ones, to a life of grace and beauty, to abundant hope, awaken us...

**SILENT PRAYER**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE (John 8:11)**

Rejoice in Jesus' words, “I do not condemn you. Go, and sin no more.”

**All Thanks be to God.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**(Please warmly honor social distance.)**

**(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!**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## **ANTHEM SELECTION**

**The Chancel Choir**

## **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, adapted from Father Michael D. Bassano)

Beloved Jesus, teach us to live fully each day  
From the deepest center of our being  
To learn from everything and everyone  
Most of all, to be grateful. Amen.

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

## **THE HEBREW BIBLE READING**

**Isaiah 43:1-3a**

Israel, the Lord who created you says,  
"Do not be afraid—I will save you.  
I have called you by name—you are mine.  
When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you;  
your troubles will not overwhelm you.

When you pass through fire, you will not be burned;  
the hard trials that come will not hurt you.  
For I am the Lord your God, the holy God of Israel, who  
saves you.

**SERMONIC SELECTION**

**The Chancel Choir**

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Pastor Greiner**

**THE EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. \* Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; \* do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; \* for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

The is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)**

**Our Father which 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.**

**+ CLOSING HYMN #394 (Hymnal) "There is a Balm in Gilead"**

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

**+ BENEDICTION** *St Teresa of Avila*

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,  
no hands but yours, no feet but yours,  
yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion  
is to look out to the earth,  
yours are the feet by which He is to go about doing good  
and yours are the hands by which He is to bless us now.  
Amen.

## **HEALING PRAYER and ANOINTING WITH OIL**

*You are invited to come forward to pray for healing.*

## **POSTLUDE**

## **FELLOWSHIP**

**Lectionary:** Acts 4:5-12 and Psalm 23 or Zechariah 10:1-12 and Psalm 80:1-7; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

**Liturgist:** Elder Denise Hodges

**Greeter:** Elder Valerie McCray

## **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 2024 Lessons is “Hope in the Lord.” You are cordially invited to join in on April 28<sup>th</sup> discussion “Faith of A Canaanite Woman Who” Matthew 15:21-28. Please dial **(267) 807-960** **Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

**LITERARY BOOK CLUB** - Please join us for the following discussions. We meet at 1:30 pm via Zoom. To join us please contact Dr. Shirley Logan at 301-935-5173 for the Zoom link.

May 5th --Belonging: a Daughter's Search for Identity through Loss and Love, by Michelle Miller.

**PER CAPITA FOR 2024** is \$48.56.

**PRAYING LIKE JESUS (THE PSALMS): BIBLE STUDY:** This week we will be studying Psalm 146. Join us every Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm via zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89996811489?pwd=xksxVa0O8PayAL61GACkx1rXN6hOgf.1> Phone in: 301 715 8592  
Meeting ID: 899 9681 1489 Passcode: 867481

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

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday Morning Bible Study sessions will be via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time. Please join us for an interesting discussion. The Zoom meeting information is in the E-mail to the congregation, or you can call the church office or Ruby Webb for the Zoom ID and Passcode.

**ZOOM MEETING ID:** The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **826 1188 5094**; Passcode: **728796**

**Calling all Northeastern Performers!**  
Casting for a hilarious one-act play  
for **Pentecost Sunday, May 19**  
during Worship

**FIRED UP!**  
**or**  
**What Happens When the Holy Spirit**  
**Attends a Session Meeting**



Contact Cynthia Gervais [Cig63@msn.com](mailto:Cig63@msn.com)  
202 744 2605

sign up early to get a starring role!



## **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 Ye are my praise." ([Jeremiah 17:14](#))

**STAFF**

**Ministers**

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

**All the people of the church**

**Pastor Mark Greiner**  
**Dr. Laddie Bell**  
  
**Ms. Jennifer Allen**  
**Kathy Cuff**  
**Randall Timbers**

**Ministries of Session**

**Budget & Finance**  
**Buildings & Grounds**  
  
**Christian Education**  
**Clerk of Session**  
**Evangelism and Outreach**  
**Interpretation & Stewardship**  
**Personnel**  
**Social Concerns & Peace-Making**

**Elders**

**Clara Berryhill**  
**Denise Hodges**  
**Co-chair: Elder Pamela Gessesse**  
  
**Jennifer Allen**  
**Valerie McCray**  
**Shawn Thomas**  
**Cherie Becton**  
**Angela Hemphill**  
**Jennifer Allen**  
**Co-chair: Cherie Becton**  
**Shawn Thomas**  
**Clara Berryhill**  
**Angela Hemphill**

**Technology Committee**

**Nominating**

**Worship & Music**

**DEACONS**

**Valencia Hawkins**  
**Katrin Jones, Moderator**  
**Brenda Kuznof**  
**Bishetta Merritt, Vice Moderator**  
**Blossom Roach**  
**Amanda Sargent**  
**Penny Thomas**

**TRUSTEES**

**Loretta Bowers**  
**Nachee Miller**  
**Theodore Powell**  
**James Williams**  
**Patricia Young**  
**William Hymes, Jr.**  
**Ernest Harris, President**

**SENIOR USHERS**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof, Mary Allen, Ruby Webb**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Glynis Pegram-Higgs, Pam Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse**