



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

June 22, 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 Celestial Choir**

**+ INVOCATION**

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP (from the Song of Songs)**

**ONE** "Your love is better than wine, your name is like ointment poured forth. Let us be drawn to the fragrance of God's presence and worship God."

**ALL** **"Let us open our hearts to the love of God, which is freely given and abundant. Let us worship God who is the source of all love and joy."**

**ONE** "Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth, for your love is more delightful than wine."

**ALL** **"We come before our Beloved, drawn to God's presence by the love that surpasses all understanding. Let us worship God in spirit and in truth."**

**+ OPENING HYMN -#288(Hymnal) "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

**INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION**

Holy God, we come seeking reconciliation and peace. We come to experience forgiveness. In faithful witness to your grace, O God, we confess our sins before you and one another.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that too often we pass judgment upon others, because their way of loving You seems excessive to us.

Deliver us into delight, in the diversity of ways to serve You.

Forgive us for trying to control the abundant ways that others express their devotion to you.

In Your mercy, let us enjoy Your abundant love.  
Grant us the passion to love You extravagantly.

And forgive us, for sins done on our behalf, for our benefit, or with our tax dollars...

## **SILENT PRAYER**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One            Our God loves us, even when we are not particularly loving ourselves.

**All            So let us love one another.**

One            So let us forgive each other, as God has forgiven us.

**All            So let us offer grace to one another. Amen.**

## **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 Celestial 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](http://nepc-dc.org)  
Click on 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, from Zimbabwe)**

Merciful God,  
Open our eyes that they may see the deepest needs of people;  
Move our hands that they may feed the hungry;  
Touch our hearts that it may bring warmth to the despairing;  
Teach us the generosity that welcomes strangers;  
Let us share my possessions to clothe the naked;  
Give us the care that strengthens the sick;  
Make us share in the quest to set the prisoner free.  
In sharing our anxieties and our love, our poverty and our  
prosperity, we partake of your divine presence. Amen

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

### **THE PSALM READING**

### **Psalm 32**

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

## **SERMONIC SELECTION**

## **The Celestial Choir**

## **SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #599 (Hymnal) "Jesus Remember Me"**

## **THE GOSPEL READING**

## **Luke 7:36-50**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began

to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON                      "Hungering for God"                      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 #525 (Hymnal)      "Here I am Lord"**

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

**+ BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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| <b>Lectionary:</b> | 1 Kings 19:1-4(5-7)8-15a and Psalm 42 and 43; Complementary:<br>Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke<br>8:26-39 |
| <b>Liturgist:</b>  | <b>Elder Angela Hemphill</b>   |
| <b>Greeter:</b>    | <b>Mrs. Helena Slade</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 Summer 2025 Lessons is “Sacred Altars and Holy Offerings.” You are cordially invited to join in on June 29<sup>th</sup> discussion “Jacob Sets Up A Sacred Pillar,” Genesis 28:1-22; 33:17-20; 35:1-7. 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.

July - **Lovely One: a Memoir**, by Ketanji Brown Jackson

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>

**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**



## 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)*



# 2025

## Conference Speakers and Leaders

### Worship Leader

**Rev. Jimmie Hawkins**

Director of the Presbyterian Church  
(USA) Office of Public Witness,  
Washington, DC



### Worship Leader

**REV BRIAN MCCOLLUM**  
Pastor at Sargent Memorial  
PC, Washington, DC



### Silent Communion Leader

**REV. MARK HINCHCLIFF**

Spiritual director for  
the Mid-Atlantic Synod  
Men's Conference



### In Concert

**SARGENT WINGS**  
Chamber Orchestra  
Washington, DC



**2025 Conference Leader**  
**REGGIE FORTUNE**



### Music Leader

**COIT DANMUTH**  
Bayside PC, VA Beach, VA



**Worship Leader**  
**PASTOR SHADAROLL LEE**



## REGISTRATION FORM

**2025 Synod of the Mid-Atlantic  
Presbyterian Men's Conference  
July 18-20, 2025**

Register on-line: [www.midatlanticmen.org](http://www.midatlanticmen.org) / PayPal Available

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Request Name \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs / Disability \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_

Number of prior conferences attended \_\_\_\_\_

### Select Conference Package

- ☐ Hubler Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$405  
☐ Hubler Lodge Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$505  
☐ Richardson Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$365  
☐ Richardson Lodge, Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$415  
☐ Conference & Meals Only, 6 meals, conference, \$235  
☐ Conference Only, conference, \$135 (No meals or lodging)  
\*\*Hubler Lodge - 2 Queen Beds, Private Bath  
\*\*Richardson Lodge - 2 Single Beds, Shared Bath

### Select Saturday Afternoon Activity

- ☐ Local Winery Tour  
☐ Bowling

### Total Cost

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Conference Package

Make checks payable to "Presbyterian Men's Conference"

Mail Registration Form and Check to:

Mr. Paul Willbanks

P.O. Box 72

Port Penn, DE 19709

Questions? Call 410-829-9161 or Email [pmwillbanks@gmail.com](mailto:pmwillbanks@gmail.com)



**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  
Buildings & Grounds  
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**

1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof, Mary Allen, Ruby Webb  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Glynis Higgs, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse, Stephanie White

**JUNIOR USHERS**

2<sup>nd</sup>, Pamela Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse, Ava Kennedy, Cecil Nixon, Chidera Uduma  
Priya Young