

Dry Bones Come Alive

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2026 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*

Praise Sentence (Psalm 130)

Hope in God, whose love is steadfast, whose power redeems.

PRELUDE

+ INTROIT

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God says: I will put my Spirit within you,
and you shall live. Will you believe?

**MANY: Lord, we lift your name on high.
Lord, we love to sing your praises.**

ONE: Jesus says: I am the resurrection and the life.
Will you live as if this were so?

**MANY: Lord, we lift your name on high.
Lord, we love to sing your praises.**

ONE: Jesus called: Lazarus, come forth!
Jesus still calls: Northeastern, come forth!

**MANY: Lord, we lift your name on high.
Lord, we love to sing your praises.**

+ OPENING HYMN #316 (Hymnal) "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

ONE: O God, who always listens to us,
who breathes new life into us,

MANY: Call us forward to resurrection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Forgive us, O God, when we see the world through rose-colored glasses rather than as it really is, much less the way you seek it to be. Forgive us, Holy One, when we forsake lively and risky faith calling us to be agents of change in our world for the bland conviction that all will be well. Renew us with your grace and ground us with your Spirit, that we might be empowered to live, in word and deed, as testimonies to the power of your love over the grave. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The God we serve is the God of life, the God of hope, the God of new beginnings—even for dried-up bones and shattered dreams. That rattling of bones in Ezekiel’s vision may be heard as the shackles that once held us down in fear, sin, prejudice, and guilt. God defies these deadly entanglements with the power of life. This we trust, and by this we live.

All Thanks be to God!

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

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
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

O God, accept and bless these gifts which we offer in response to the gracious gift of your life-giving Spirit to us. May these gifts and our lives be used to flesh out your love and justice, mercy and peace as they are revealed in and through Jesus, your Son and our Saviour. Amen

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SERMONIC SELECTION

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Cynthia Gervais

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14 (Read Responsively)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. The Lord led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. The Lord said to me,

'Mortal, can these bones live?'

I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me,

'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me,

'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.'

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then the Lord God said to me,

'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Take a Deep Breath" Elder Cynthia Gervais

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 #315 (Hymnal) "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION

Go now, filled with the Ruach—the very Breath of God.
May the Spirit that brought life to the valley of dry bones
breathe new life into your weary hearts.
May you be restored, revived, and reunited
as a living people of hope.
Go in the strength of the Holy Spirit,
to prophesy life in a dying world.
And may the God of resurrection go before you,
now and forevermore.
Amen

POSTLUDE

Lectionary: Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
Liturgist: Deacon Blossom Roach
Greeter: Elder Shirley Logan

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 2025-2026 Lessons is “Enduring Beliefs of the Christian Faith.” You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, March 29th, discussion on “Peace Through Understanding,” Isaiah 2:2-22; 11:6-10; John 18:28-38; Acts 17:22-28; Ephesians 4:4-6, 13-19. Please dial **(267) 807-9601** **Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT: Spring is here, and that means the Easter Bunny is on the way to Northeastern Presbyterian Church! We’re excited to announce our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on Saturday, April 4th, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. This festive event promises something for everyone—children can look forward to a variety of fun activities, including crafts, egg dyeing, cupcake decorating, and, of course, the much-anticipated hunt for special eggs with prizes.

To make this celebration a success, we’re reaching out for your support. We would greatly appreciate donations of wrapped candy, plastic eggs, special gifts for the golden egg hunters, and any other Easter-themed items you’d like to contribute. Monetary donations are also welcome and will help us create a memorable experience for all.

Please deliver your donations to the church by March 29th. If you have any questions or need more details, Jennifer Allen is available to assist you.

Don’t forget to invite your family, friends, and neighbors—everyone is welcome to join in the fun! We’re looking forward to a joyful gathering and a wonderful time for all.

“EXPECTING RESURRECTION” theme to prepare for Easter. Please meditate on Matthew 28:1-15; on Easter Sunday, we’ll ask you, “What does Resurrection mean to you.”

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.voterve.net/mobile/PCUSA/home>

HARRIET TUBMAN TOUR (PLUS BIRDING!)

Palm Sunday after church:

Please remain after worship briefly to plan for carpooling and meals.

Cost: \$65

Date: April 23, 2026 Thursday, 2-6 pm

Place: Cambridge, MD

Info: <https://delmarvabirding.com/birding-tubman-2026/>

Register at dmbirds@gmail.com (put April 23 Tubman tour in subject line) Register ASAP as the tour fills quickly.

<https://delmarvabirding.com/store/thurs-apr-23-birding-tubman-byway/>

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB

Book selections for 2025

LITERARY CLUB - Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm every first Sunday for the book discussion of the month.

April 5th ---- **Kin**, by Tayari Jones

May 3rd --- **Harlem Rhapsody**, by Victoria Christopher Murray

June 7th --- **Rootless: a Novel**, by Krystle Zara Appiah

July 5th ---- **Uncommon favor: Basketball, North Philly...**, by Dawn Staley

August 2nd --- **I Hope You Find What You're Looking For**, by Bsrat Mezghebe

September 6th --- **Let Us March On: a Novel**, by Shara Moon

PER CAPITA OFFERING On March 29th a "minute for Mission" will be given by Elder Nachee Miller.

Northeastern members connect with our entire Presbyterian Denomination through the annual Per Capita offering. This offering supports the much-needed governance and administration of the church both locally and nationally. **Please give your \$51.28**

offering by Easter. (Northeastern must pay that amount for every member on our rolls, so your annual offering truly supports our shared ministry.)

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.

THE NEPC JAZZ CAFE returns this year on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Last year's combo, Joshua Jenkins and Friends, are back again to thrill us with their extraordinary musical talents. Tickets will be going on sale March 22nd. The price of a ticket is \$30.00. Food will be served and the "Mock Bar" will be open. Tell your family and friends about the great time that you had last year and not to miss this year's event. We look forward to seeing you on April 26th.

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.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: On Sunday, March 29, 2026, NEPC will celebrate Women's History Month by displaying photos of women who have made an impact in their lives.

Please submit a picture along with one or two sentences sharing why this woman has been meaningful to you. Let us honor and celebrate the women who have shaped our faith, families, and community.

Submission deadline is **Today, March 22, 2026.**

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **876 1357 9552**; Passcode: **295504**

THE PASSING OF DR. CLARENCE WADE: Clarence Wade, a long-time member of Northeastern Presbyterian Church died March 11, 2026. His Celebration of Life will begin at 12 noon on March 27, 2026.

A WORKSHOP ON THE VITAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS WE ALL NEED:

"Do you have your will and related documents in order? A Faithful Discussion with Elder Charles Barber". Please attend a worship on April 19 and remain for a workshop on the vital legal documents we all need to have. Elder Charles Barber is a lawyer licensed in the District of Columbia and Maryland and will walk us through 3 essential documents: wills, powers of attorney for health care, and durable powers of attorney for business affairs. Please print a copy of this Estate Planning Workbook for your use:

 Estate Planning Workbook.pdf

NORTHEASTERN'S "TOP FOUR GOALS"

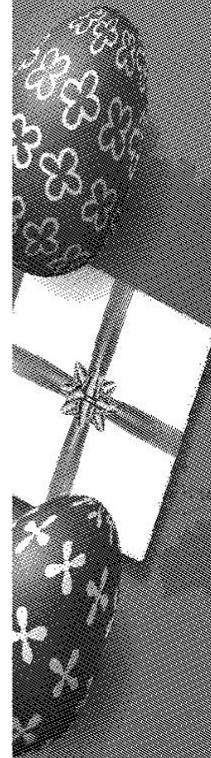
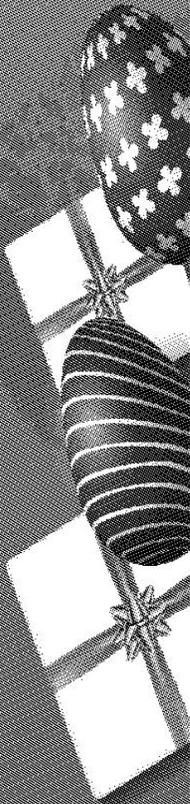
results of the 2024 Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) Survey

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.

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Per Capita
Offering
by
Easter

Please give your \$51.28
offering by Easter



CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOPS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

WE INVITE **DC RESIDENTS LIVING WITH DEMENTIA + THE CAREGIVERS** WHO SUPPORT THEM TO COME TELL YOUR STORY.

HOSTED BY **THE DAP PROJECT** AND FACILITATED BY **DEMENTIA CARE EXPERTS** FROM **GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**, THESE SESSIONS ARE PART OF A CITYWIDE EFFORT TO HONOR MEMORY, CELEBRATE IDENTITY, AND ELEVATE THE LIVED EXPERIENCES OF RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY DEMENTIA.

WORKSHOP TIMES WORKSHOP DATES + LOCATIONS

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

WARD 7

WARD 5

WARD 3

MARCH 21

MARCH 28

APRIL 4

THE RESIDENCES
OF BENNING
ROAD
1650
KENILWORTH
AVENUE NE
WASHINGTON,
DC 20019

MICHIGAN PARK
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD
1600 TAYLOR ST
NE
WASHINGTON,
DC 20017
DC 20015

CHEVY CHASE
DC
CONNECTICUT
LIBRARY
5625
AVE NW
WASHINGTON,

FOOD PROVIDED



DEMENTIA STORIES DC

TO REGISTER, PLEASE EMAIL:

DEMENTIASTORIESDC@GMAIL.COM

SPACE IS LIMITED.

WHAT TO EXPECT

EACH **TWO-HOUR WORKSHOP** (10:30 AM–12:30 PM) WILL INCLUDE: A

- GUIDED CREATIVE MEMORY EXERCISE LED BY A TRAINED FACILITATOR
- A SUPPORTIVE SPACE FOR RESIDENTS AND CAREGIVERS
- PROFESSIONAL PORTRAITS OF PARTICIPANTS
- AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR FAMILY'S STORY

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ATTEND WITH A CAREGIVER SO WE CAN COLLECT BOTH STORIES AND PHOTOGRAPHS. SELECTED PORTRAITS AND STORIES WILL BE FEATURED IN A PUBLIC ART EXHIBIT IN JUNE IN CELEBRATION OF ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH. THE WORKSHOPS WILL BE FACILITATED BY **CHRISTINA PRATHER, MD**, CLINICAL DIRECTOR OF THE **GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (GWU) INSTITUTE FOR BRAIN HEALTH & DEMENTIA**, AND **LESLIE FREEMAN DAVIDSON, PHD**, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL RESEARCH AND LEADERSHIP AT THE GWU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES.

ABOUT DEMENTIA STORIES DC

DEMENTIA STORIES DC IS AN **ARTS-BASED STORYTELLING INITIATIVE** PRODUCED BY THE DAP PROJECT.

- **RAISES AWARENESS** OF DEMENTIA IN WASHINGTON, DC
- CENTERS THE **LIVED EXPERIENCES** OF RESIDENTS AND CAREGIVERS
- HIGHLIGHTS THAT **16.8% OF DC SENIORS** ARE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S OR ANOTHER DEMENTIA
- INSPIRES MORE **EQUITABLE CARE AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS** THROUGH ART AND DIALOGUE

DEMENTIA STORIES DC WILL DEBUT AT THE DC HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY'S HEADQUARTERS IN JUNE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN CELEBRATION OF ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH.



THE DAP PROJECT IS A CREATIVE PLATFORM THAT USES ART, STORYTELLING, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO ELEVATE UNDERREPRESENTED VOICES AND SPARK MEANINGFUL SOCIAL DIALOGUE. THROUGH EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS, IT CREATES SPACES WHERE LIVED EXPERIENCE IS CENTERED AND CULTURE BECOMES A CATALYST FOR CHANGE.

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FOR MORE.




NORTHEASTERN
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**EASTER
EGG HUNT!**
2026



Saturday, April 4th
1PM-3PM

2112 Varnum Street, NE
Washington, DC | 20018
202.526.1730

Meet the Easter Bunny | Face Painting | Games and Prizes!

For more information, contact www.nepc-dc.org



The Worship and Music Committee will be taking orders for Easter Lilies beginning March 8th through March 29th. The cost of the Lilies will be approximately \$8.00 to \$12.00 (The final price will be determined later). Lilies will be available for pick-up immediately following worship service on April 5th. Please fill-out the information below and return it to the church office mailbox located in the Breezeway or e-mail it to admin@nepc-dc.org.

----- **Easter Lilies**

In MEMORIAM/HONOR OF:



2026

Jazz Cafe

Sponsored by the Capital Improvement Committee

with Guest Artists: Joshua "Josh" Jenkins and Friends



Joshua "Josh" Jenkins



Emerson Borg



Tyson Femister



Kevin Kearney

Sunday, April 26, 2026 | 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

\$30

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Listing Agreement update for March 15, 2026

WHAT DECISION DID THE SESSION MAKE?

Session is listing the property for sale or lease to receive offers up to June 1, 2026.

WHY LIST THE PROPERTY FOR SALE OR LEASE?

We want to have enough income to remain on this site as a congregation.

IS THE PRESBYTERY SELLING THE NORTHEASTERN CHURCH BUILDING?

No.

DOES A "LISTING AGREEMENT" REQUIRE US TO LEASE OR SELL THE BUILDING)?

No. Session will evaluate if there is any good offer. Any offer would require congregational approval.

WILL THE CONGREGATION VOTE IF THERE'S A LONG-TERM LEASE OR SALE?

Yes.

WILL OUR BUILDINGS BE CHANGED?

We do not know yet how our building may be repaired or replaced.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

Session will receive offers for sale or lease up to June 1.

Session will engage the congregation in conversation around possible leases or sales.

If there is a good offer, the congregation will vote. Presbytery would have to approve a sale or any lease (in excess of 5 years).

WHERE CAN WE SEE THE ONLINE LISTING FOR OUR PROPERTY?

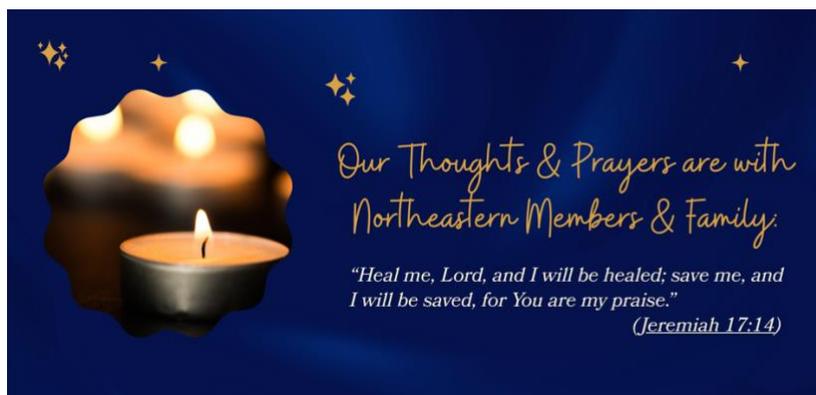
https://www.foundrycommercial.com/properties/?_property_type=religious-and-educational&_market=dc

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**



Staff

Ministers
Pastor (Stated Supply)
Director, Chancel Choir/Organist
Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir
Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir
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Sexton
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All the people of the Church
Pastor Mark Greiner
Dr. Laddie Bell
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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

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Deacon Katrin Jones, Co-chair
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Valerie McCray (non-Session member)
Charles Barber
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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

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