

PENTECOST
sunday



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24, 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*

QUOTE OF THE DAY (Henri Nouwen)

Without Pentecost the Christ-event - the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus - remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now.

PRELUDE

+ INTROIT

The Celestial Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Images of a Pentecost Church

One On the day of Pentecost all the Lord's followers were together in one place. (Acts 2:1)

All Jesus said, "Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

(Matthew 28:19)

One Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other, whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, any gender you are.. (Galatians 3:28)

All My house will be known as a house of worship for all nations. (Isaiah 56:7)

One After this, I saw a large crowd with more people than could be counted. They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9-10)

All They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

+ OPENING HYMN - #322 (Hymnal) "Spirit of the Living God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION - Unison (from the Eastern Orthodox Church)

Come, Holy Spirit
Come, Holy Spirit, teacher of the humble, judge of the arrogant.
Come, hope of the poor, refreshment of the weary,
rescuer of the shipwrecked.

Come, most splendid adornment of all living beings,
the sole salvation of all who are mortal.
Come, Holy Spirit, have mercy on us,
imbue our lowliness with your power,
meet our weakness with the fullness of your grace.
Come, Holy Spirit, renew the whole creation!

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The mercies of Christ, the waters of our Baptism, and the indwelling of the Spirit cleanse us and set us free!

All: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

PASSING THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!
Many: And also, with you! **Peace be with you!**

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Celestial Choir

DANCE OF PRAISE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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!**

+ PENTECOST PRAYER (Unison, John Henry Newman, adapted)

Come, O Holy Spirit.

Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,

come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,

come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,

come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,

come as Holy Power and empower our capacities,

come as Holy Life and dwell in us.

Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,

until we are set free from the service of ourselves,

to befriend and serve. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14:25-26

[Jesus said] All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Celestial Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-18

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to

you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON **"What the Holy Spirit Unleashes"**
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 - #315 (Hymnal) "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION (by W.H. Aitken)

Lord, take our lips and speak through them;
take our minds and think through them;
take our hearts and set them on fire. Amen.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER ELDER

Lectionary: Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 and Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;1
Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; John 20: 19-23 or John
7:37-39

Liturgist: **Elder Angela Hemphill**

Greeter: **Deacon Bishetta Merritt**

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 Spring 2025-2026 Lessons is "Social Teachings of the Church." You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, May 31st discussion on "Fellowship Through Worship," Nehemiah 8:1-12; Psalm 122:1-9; Micah 4:1-2; Matthew 28:18-20; Hebrews 10:19-25. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

LET'S CELEBRATE: Today, you are invited to join Mrs. Addie Hagans for cake and ice cream in the auditorium following worship service to celebrate her 98th birthday.

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.

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

JULY – AUGUST SCHEDULE: 1ST Sundays Communion – in person (on all other Sundays we will be online). If you have a favorite worship music video, please share with Pastor Greiner (pastor mfg@gmail.com), today so we can worship with them this summer.

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 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**



THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:



“Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed ; save me, and I will be saved, for You are my praise.” (Jeremiah 17:14)

NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – WASHINGTON, DC Emergency Fire Evacuation Plan – May 2026

The evacuation plan is designed to provide the safest escape plan for attendees of church worship, ministry programs, and other activities when the fire alarm system is activated. It seeks to evacuate church buildings in a minimum amount of time by assigning exit paths to evacuees based on their locations in the building, thus minimizing congestion at any one exit.

Directions will be provided by the Evac Team members which are Pastor, Liturgist, Sextons, Church Administrative Assistant, Worship Chair, Usher Board members, Buildings & Grounds Committee members, Technology Committee members, all Elders on Session and the Deacon Board. Directions provided by the Evac Team members should be obeyed without hesitation. The Evac Team primary goal is to protect attendees from physical harm and secondary to minimize trauma created by the emergency fire evacuation.

Distribution of Information

This document must be provided to all Evac Team members, as well as being periodically publicized to the congregation at large. And to all with a Building Use lease.

Designated Evacuation Meeting Spot

In case of an emergency evacuation fire alarm or instructed by the Evac Team everyone should gather at the sidewalk and church lawn space along Eastern Avenue in the vicinity of the church wood billboard. See attached Meeting Spot – Aerial Map

Emergency Signage

All levels in each building will have a diagram that shows the location of building exits, as well as the preferred emergency exit route for that building level.

Sanctuary Evacuation

The Pastor or Liturgist hearing the sounding of the fire alarm gong will instruct the congregation to immediately exit the building using the closest emergency exit door leading to the Eastern Avenue Evacuation Meeting spot.

The Sexton hearing the fire alarm will ensure ALL exit doors are unlocked. The exit doors closest to Meeting Spot are shown on posted emergency maps. The ushers should immediately open and secure open ALL interior doors leading to the emergency exit doors, Session Elders and active Deacons shall assist in opening ALL emergency 2 exit doors and provide any assistance in exiting the building. Reminding everyone to gather at the Evacuation Meeting Spot on the Eastern Avenue side of the building.

While they are doing that, the Pastor, Liturgist, other Elders and Deacons should learn the location of people who may require help in evacuating the building. Wheelchairs will be brought to them for use in evacuating the building using the ADA ramp entry on the Varnum Street side of the building. Everyone will be moved to the Meeting Spot along Eastern Avenue side of the property.

Emergency Fire Responders will be dispatched to the Varnum Street building address. In case of an Education Building fire ladder trucks may need to enter the parking lot. For these reasons, the Evacuation Meeting Spot shall be on Eastern Avenue. Do not meet at any other location. To make evacuation as quick and safe as possible, no one is to return to his or her seat to collect objects left behind or to try to find relatives or friends.

The Pastor, Liturgist and Head Duty Usher should be the last to leave the Sanctuary. They will make a final sweep of all spaces, ensuring that no one else is left in the sanctuary (nave, undercroft, and restrooms) and closing all doors.

Office and Education Building

Church staff and available members of Buildings and Grounds Committee in attendance will oversee the evacuation of these spaces. A copy of this Emergency Fire Evacuation Plan shall be provided to ALL Building Facility Use and Building Use lease occupants.

Notification to Emergency Personnel

The alarm monitoring company (Johnson Controls) will automatically notify 911 of the emergencies. The Sexton On-Duty will oversee confirming the need for emergency fire service and to dispatch the DC Fire Department.

Buildings & Grounds, Chair and Sexton will ensure a Fire Alarm Inspection is conducted annually by the Fire Alarm Company, Johnson Controls, and all noted deficiencies are corrected at once.

A Facility Emergency Evacuation Drill should be scheduled within 3 months following the Fire Alarm Inspection and deficiency is corrected.

Dismissal of Evacuated Persons

All evacuees should wait at the evacuation area until (1) Head Duty Usher can confirm everyone has been safely evacuated from the buildings and (2) Emergency Personnel (fire or police) OR the Pastor tells them to either return to the buildings or leave the premises. 3

Meeting Area – Aerial View



ATTENTION NORTHEASTERN!

It's time for our

ANNUAL HOMELESS SUPPORT DRIVE!

Sponsored by the Social Concerns and Outreach Committee



Please support our unhoused neighbors and community members that are experiencing food insecurities, shelter issues, and mental health needs.

**We strive to assist our fellow neighbors
Please feel free to donate items such as:**

Non-perishable Snacks

Lunchables
Dried Fruits
Nuts
Fruit Cups
Water, etc.

Personal care items

Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Hand Sanitizer
Socks
Blankets

Our drive will conclude
on **June 7, 2026**

All items can be
dropped off in the
Jamison lounge.

For any questions, please contact:
Bill Hymes, Patricia Young, or any other Social Concerns and Outreach member.
Thanks for your tremendous support and generosity!

We are supporting
United Planning Organization (UPO)
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GOD BLESS YOU!

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NEPC SEASON OF PRAYER
Wednesday Evenings 7:00 - 7:30
pm.

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**Please come join in music and prayer with
our Elders.**

**Pray with our beloved congregation as we
face major decisions for our future.**

**We'll learn more about how to incorporate
these themes in our prayer life.**

May 27 Hope

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