



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

November 24, 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***

**PRELUDE**

**+ INTROIT**

**The Celestial Choir**

**+ INVOCATION**

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Grace to you and peace from the one who is

**All:** and who was and who is to come,

One: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,

**All:** the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the

One: kings of the earth.

**All:** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

**+ OPENING HYMN #551 (Hymnal) "Come, Ye Thankful People  
Come"**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy One,**

**We dare to call you Lord,**

**but yield to you only fragments of our lives.**

**You had nowhere to lay your head;**

**We surround ourselves with comfort.**

**We expect to serve you with what remains  
after we have indulged our desires.  
Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,  
our desire to pick the times and places we will  
respond to our call.  
In your abundant mercy teach us what it  
means to follow,  
even at the cost of our lives. Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from  
Everlasting to everlasting  
It cannot be contained but must be poured out.  
Believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, our sin  
Is forgiven.  
Live as a people set free.

## **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**

**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 Navigate, 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!**

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

### **First Reading Psalm 93**

#### **The Majesty of God's Rule**

**1** The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.  
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;  
**2** your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.  
**3** The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.  
**4** More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves of the sea,  
majestic on high is the Lord!  
**5** Your decrees are very sure;  
holiness befits your house,  
O Lord, forevermore.

#### **SERMONIC SELECTION**

#### **The Celestial Choir**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Spirit of truth,  
move now in ancient words and cluttered hearts  
that we might hear your voice and live,  
for we long to be glad servants  
of your hidden, holy reign.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

## **Second Reading John 18:33-37**

**33**Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" **34**Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" **35**Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" **36**Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." **37**Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

## **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.**

**+ CLOSING HYMN #559 (Hymnal)**

**"We Gather Together"**

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

**+ BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Lectionary:** 2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm: 132:1-12 (13-18) or Daniel  
7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93; Revelations 1:4b-8; John  
18:33-37

**Liturgist:** **Elder Cynthia Gervais**

**Greeter:** **Elder Angela Hemphill**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANGEL TREE IS COMING!!** We have 4 schools - LaSalle, Bunker Hill Brookland Middle and Thomas Stone. We will start distributing Angels on December 1st. If you would like an angel and will not be in church, please contact Jennifer Allen and she will send you the information for an angel. We also take monetary donations to purchase Items. Please make your check out to Northeastern and put Angel tree in the memo. You can also make donations online. Be an angel and help an Angel. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Allen, Katrin Jones, Denise Hodges or Pam Gessesse.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** – The Northeastern Church Adult Sunday School Class convenes Sundays at 9:00 a.m. via conference call. The focus for Fall 2024 Lessons is “Worship in the Covenant Community.” You are cordially invited to join in on November 24<sup>th</sup> discussion “God’s Promised Presence,” Psalm 139. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

### **NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB** **Book selections for 2024/2025**

December 1<sup>st</sup> – *The Swans of Harlem: Five Black Ballerinas, Fifty Years of Sisterhood, and Their Reclamation of a Groundbreaking History*, by Karen Valby

January ---no Literary Club meeting

February 2nd ---*Dead Time*, by Eleanor Bland

March 2nd --*Never Saw Me Coming*, by Tanya Smith.

### **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>

**OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** has begun, and our theme is:  
**“Trust in God and Step Up!”**

**LET'S CELEBRATE OUR PASTOR MARK GREINER** as he celebrates 60 years. Please send greetings, poems, scripture passages, about words of wisdom (prayers, videos) on aging and saging.

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

**SIGN-UP SHEETS:** We have sign-up sheets for The Prayer Breakfast, Pecans: Plain- \$15.00 Light or Dark chocolate - \$20.00 and T-Shirts: sizes S, M, L, XL = \$35.00 and 2X-5X = \$37.50. The sheets are in the Narthex on the large bulletin Board. Please place your orders for these fundraisers are to help with the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Northeastern.**  
**Thanking you in advance for your continued support.**

**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.



**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is now accepting nominees for Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee for the slate for 2025. Please ensure the person you nominate consents to your nomination. You may nominate yourself. We will be electing 5 Elders, 6 Deacons and 3 members for the Nominating Committee at the Congregation meeting on December 8. We will accept nominees from the floor at that meeting.

Pls complete the form below for your nominations. You may make more than one nomination. Submit the form to any member of the committee or to the Church office as soon as possible. Thanks.

Members of the Nominating Committee for 2024

Carol Fleming, Gloria Harris, Felicia Lightfoot, Thomas Midgette, Antionette Spriggs and Clara Berryhill, Chair ([Berryhill\\_7@msn.com](mailto:Berryhill_7@msn.com))

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**NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF NEPC FOR 2025 SLATE**

**I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Elder, Deacon, (Please circle one).**

**He/She is willing to serve 1, 2, or 3 years. (Please circle one).**

**Signature \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Signature \_\_\_\_\_**

**I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
Nominating Committee 2025**

**He/She is willing to serve for 1 year.**

**Signature \_\_\_\_\_**



Please fill out the information below and send it to

[NEPC50thAnniversarySteeringCommittee@groups.outlook.com](mailto:NEPC50thAnniversarySteeringCommittee@groups.outlook.com)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Glynis Pegram-Higgs or Jennifer Allen. We look forward to hearing from and working with you.

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Northeastern Presbyterian Church  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Volunteer Committee Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Select a committee to serve:

\_\_\_\_\_ Publicity    \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising    \_\_\_\_\_ Events

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**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT:** The 50th Anniversary committee is hard at work planning a wonderful year-long celebration for 2025. We have many exciting events planned for you to enjoy. To present these events, we will need a little help to defray the cost of some of the activities. To assist with this, we are setting up a loose-change jar in the Narthex. In it we will accept all donations of any loose change that you have in your pocket, in your car console or collecting dust on the dresser. You can donate to the jar once or as many times as you wish. Thank you so much Northeastern for your continued and valued support.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER BREAKFAST:** We are preparing for the 50th Anniversary Kick off weekend. Our first event will be the Prayer Breakfast with Reverend Veronica Cannon as guest speaker (see flyer). If you are planning to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or by calling the church office. Seating is limited, so reserve space soon. **Deadline: December 15, 2024**



1975 **NORTHEASTERN** 2025  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# 50th ANNIVERSARY KICK OFF WEEKEND

January 4 & 5, 2025

LITURGICAL  
DANCERS

GUEST MUSICIANS

BREAKFAST

PRAAYER REQUESTS

Please **RSVP**  
by **December 15, 2024**  
to the **NEPC Office** at:  
**202.526.1730** or  
Email: [admin@nepc-dc.org](mailto:admin@nepc-dc.org)

## Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, January 4, 2025  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Speaker  
Reverend Veronica Cannon, *Pastor*  
First Presbyterian Church,  
Waxhaw, North Carolina



## Worship Service

Sunday, January 5, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker  
Reverend Dr. Jerry Cannon,  
*V. P. Ministry Innovation*  
Board of Pensions of  
The Presbyterian Church, USA



Reception to immediately follow Service

**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](#))



## **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 & Finance  
Buildings & Grounds  
  
Christian Education  
Clerk of Session  
Evangelism and Outreach  
Interpretation & Stewardship  
Personnel  
Social Concerns & Peace-Making  
  
Technology Committee  
Nominating  
Worship & Music

## **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

## **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, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse