



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

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## ***Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church***

### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER**

**INTROIT**      ***Winter (from Vivaldi's 4 Seasons in Harlem)***

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#### **Quote of the Day** (Jacques Ellul)

"Christians were never meant to be normal. We've always been holy troublemakers, we've always been creators of uncertainty, agents of a dimension that's incompatible with the status quo; we do not accept the world as it is, but we insist on the world becoming the way that God wants it to be. And the Kingdom of God is different from the patterns of this world."

#### **INVOCATION**

##### **Call To Worship** (Isaiah 58:6-9)

- One** Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the yoke,  
**All**      **to let the oppressed go free,**  
            **and to break every burdensome yoke?**
- One** Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house; when  
you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide  
yourself from your own kind?
- All**      **Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,**  
            **and your healing shall spring up quickly;**
- One** Your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the  
Lord shall guard you.
- All**      **Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;**  
            **you shall cry for help, and God will say, "Here I am!"**

**OPENING HYMN - I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"**  
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**Call to Reconciliation** (from Deuteronomy 10: 14 – 19)

**One** To God belongs heaven and the highest of heavens,  
the earth and all that it contains –  
sensitize your hearts, therefore, and bend your will!

**All** **For our God is the God of gods,  
the Sovereign of sovereigns, the great God,  
powerful and awe-inspiring, who has no favorites  
and cannot be bribed;  
who brings justice to the orphan and the widowed,  
And who befriends the foreigner among us  
with food and clothing.**

**One** In the same way, we too must befriend the foreigner,  
For we were once the foreigners ourselves in the land of Egypt;  
So let us pray...

**Confession Petition** (Sam Hamilton-Poore)

HELP ME, dear God,  
to see my brother with the eyes of Christ,  
to hear my sister with the ears of Christ,  
to taste my neighbor's hunger with the mouth of Christ,  
to smell creation's beauty with the nose of Christ,  
to touch the world's pain with the hands of Christ  
and to love life, each life, every life,  
with the heart of Christ...

**Silent Prayer**

**Words of Assurance**

There is more mercy, more grace, more loving-kindness in God than  
there is sin in us. Receive the good news: in Christ, we are forgiven and  
freed to love.

**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!**

## **THE OFFERING**

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## **OFFERTORY MUSIC      "Wayfaring Stranger" (Rhiannon Giddens)**

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## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God, it is by your grace that we offer our voices in praise and in service. In your infinite wisdom and love, accept and use our offerings in service to your indwelling kingdom, that they may be one step toward making your world more whole. Amen

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

### **THE GOSPEL READING      Matthew 25:40**

(Jesus taught) 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

### **THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION      Pastor Greiner**

### **THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING      Acts 8:26-40**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So, he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire

treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So, Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

### **A Creed for Immigrants** (Fiesta Cristiana: Recursos para la Adoración)

**One** I believe in almighty God, who guided God's people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and of Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

**All** **I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who had to flee the country with his parents when his life was in danger, and who upon returning to his own country had to suffer the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power. He was persecuted, beaten and finally tortured, accused and condemned to death unjustly. But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead, not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.**  
*{....silent reflection....}*

- One** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.
- All** **I believe that the church is the secure home for all foreigners and believers who constitute it, who speak the same language and have the same purpose.**  
*{....silent reflection....}*
- One** I believe that the communion of saints begins when we accept the diversity of the saints.
- All** **I believe in the forgiveness which makes us all equal, and in the reconciliation which identifies us more than does race, language or nationality.**  
*{....silent reflection....}*
- One** I believe that in the Resurrection, God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.
- All** **I believe in life eternal beyond this world, where no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens of God's Kingdom that has no end. Amen.**

## **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. <sup>1</sup>And 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 MUSIC**

**"Come Unto Me"**

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9V0tSJhkoh8&list=RD9V0tSJhkoh8&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9V0tSJhkoh8&list=RD9V0tSJhkoh8&start_radio=1)**

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

### **BENEDICTION & CHARGE**

*(from The Belhar Confession and 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10; 1 Thess. 5:13-22; and 1 Peter 2:17.)*

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; we believe that the church ...must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; Return no one evil for evil, Strengthen the faint-hearted, Support the weak, and help the suffering; Honor all people, Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Lectionary:** Isaiah 9:1-4 and Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18;  
Matthews 4:12-23

**Liturgist:** Elder Angela Hemphill

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-** due to the inclement weather and potential snowstorm, the congregational meeting will be rescheduled.

**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, February 1<sup>st</sup>, discussion on "The Christian Church," Matthew 16:13-20; Mark 4:26-32; Romans 12:4-8; Ephesians 1:15-23; 2:13-22; 4:4-6, 11-16; 5:22-27; 1 Timothy 3:15. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

### **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>

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month, zoom@ 7 pm., February 11, 25, March 11, 25, April 8, 22, Based on the book " Plenty Good Room: A Lenten Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals "

### **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB** **Book selections for 2025**

Literary Club - Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm for the following book discussions.

February 1st --- the Wilderness: a Novel, by Angela Flournoy

March 1st----- Overground Railroad: the Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America, by Candacy Taylor

**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'S "TOP FOUR GOALS"**

#### ***results of the 2024 Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) Survey***

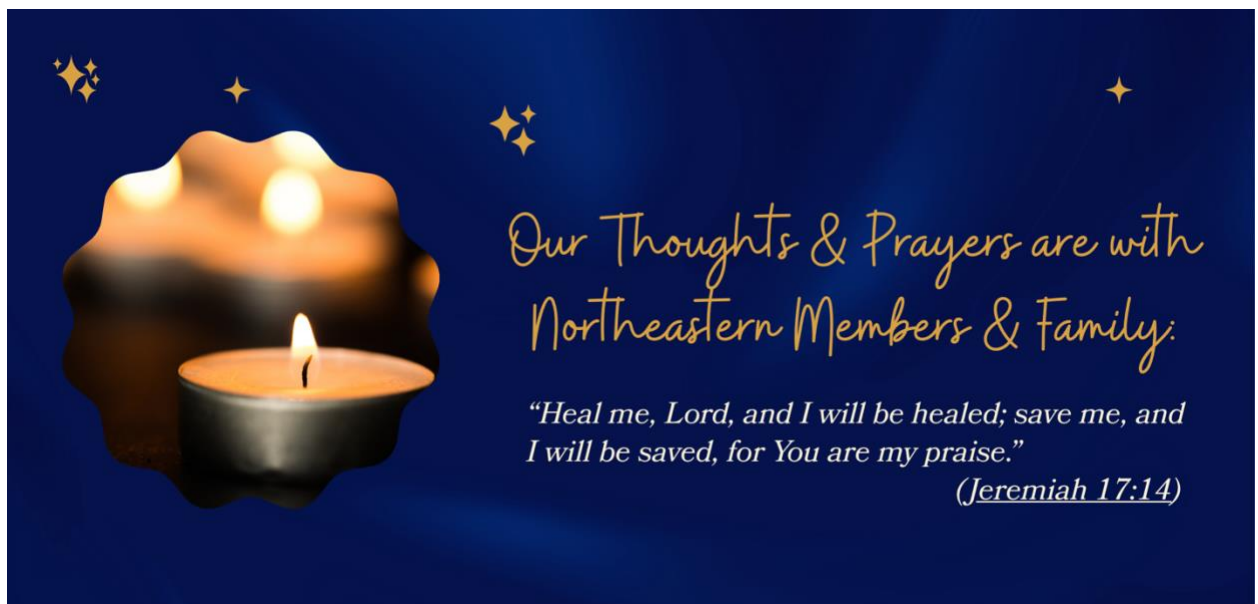
1. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.
2. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
3. Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions with partners 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**



"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 & 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  
  
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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

