

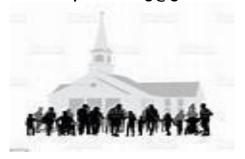
# "WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY, AND JESUS IS LORD"

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 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

**Leader** Life-giving God, Beautiful Creator, Heart's Delight,

Helper of all persons:

People Hear our praises!

**Leader** Eternal Source of knowledge, Answer to all mysteries,

Fountain of wisdom:

People We seek you.

**Leader** Good Shepherd, our Refuge and Strength, Shelter from

the Storm:

**People Receive our thanks!** 

**Leader** Healer of the sick, Comfort of sufferers, the

Resurrection and the Life:

People We trust you.

+ OPENING HYMN #485 (Hymnal) "To God be the Glory"

**INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION** 

Jesus assures us "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Living God:

We confess we have made our callings into puzzles and problems to be solved.

Help us instead receive our lives as gifts.

We have reduced our vocation into work, work, work.

Invite us again into life abundant, even into joyful play.

We drink the wine of the world,

Thinking our worth depends on our work.

Let us drink from Living Water yet again, and be renewed in Sabbath rest...

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In Christ Jesus are forgiven!
We are freed to live and love!

All: Thanks be to God!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

#### **WELCOMING OUR GUESTS**

#### PASSING THE PEACE

(Unmute 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!

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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!

#### + OFFERTORY PRAYER

Wondrous God, Beautiful Savior, we praise you! Not because of our greatness, but because of yours. We praise you! Not just with our voices today, but with our loving everyday. We praise you! What pleases you also blesses. Receive our heartfelt gratitude. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

#### THE EPISTLE READING I Peter 4:10-11

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

#### SERMONIC SELECTION

#### THE GOSPEL READING John 15:15-17

(Jesus said) I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "3 Words of Calling" Pastor Mark Greiner

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** 

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)

Our Father which 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. 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 HYMN #127 (SOZ) "We

"We Shall Overcome"

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

+ BENEDICTION

by Joy Cowley

May the mystery of God enfold us, may the wisdom of God uphold us, may the fragrance of God be around us, may the brightness of God surround us, may the wonder of God renew us, may the loving of God flow through us, may the peace of God deeply move us, may the moving of God bring us peace.

#### **POSTLUDE**

**Lectionary**: Acts 16:9-15 and Psalm 67 or Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Psalm

109:21-31; Revelation 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

**Liturgist: Elder Karen Cooper-Geathers** 

**Greeter:** Deacon Bishetta Merritt

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS</u> – The Northeastern Church Adult Sunday School Class convenes Sundays at 9:00 a.m. via conference call. The focus for Spring 2025 Lessons is "Costly Sacrifices." You are cordially invited to join in on May 25<sup>th</sup> discussion "A Covenant Renewal," Nehemiah 8:1-10:39. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is sponsoring a trip to Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum to see the exhibit We Gather at the Edge: Contemporary Quilts by Black Women Artists" on Sunday, June 8th. The exhibit is free. If you are interested in going, please let Jennifer Allen or Pastor Mark know by Sunday, May 25. If we have a significant amount of people interested, we will carpool or take the church van. The exhibit is located at 1661 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC. It runs through June 22nd. For more information about the exhibit, go to <a href="https://www.si.edu/exhibitions/we-gather-edge-contemporary-quilts-black-women-artists%3Aevent-exhib-6766">https://www.si.edu/exhibitions/we-gather-edge-contemporary-quilts-black-women-artists%3Aevent-exhib-6766</a>

Christian Education Committee is 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 <a href="https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/PCUSA/home">https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/PCUSA/home</a>

**NEW ADDRESS FOR ALLIE LATTIMER** 3050 Military Road, NW, Building 1, Room 13004, Washington, DC 20015, (202) 290-7035.

## 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.

June - **Good Dirt**, by Charmaine Wilkerson

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.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**: Please join us via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time for Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Join us for indepth and interesting discussions as we learn from the Bible. Call the church office for the Zoom meeting information.

## 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: <a href="https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/stated-clerk-and-executive-director-joins-other-national-faith-leaders-public-support-sanctuary">https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/stated-clerk-and-executive-director-joins-other-national-faith-leaders-public-support-sanctuary</a>

**ZOOM MEETING ID**: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **857 3194 9016**; Passcode: **140816 Wear Red**, June 8, for Pentecost Sunday.

#### 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:

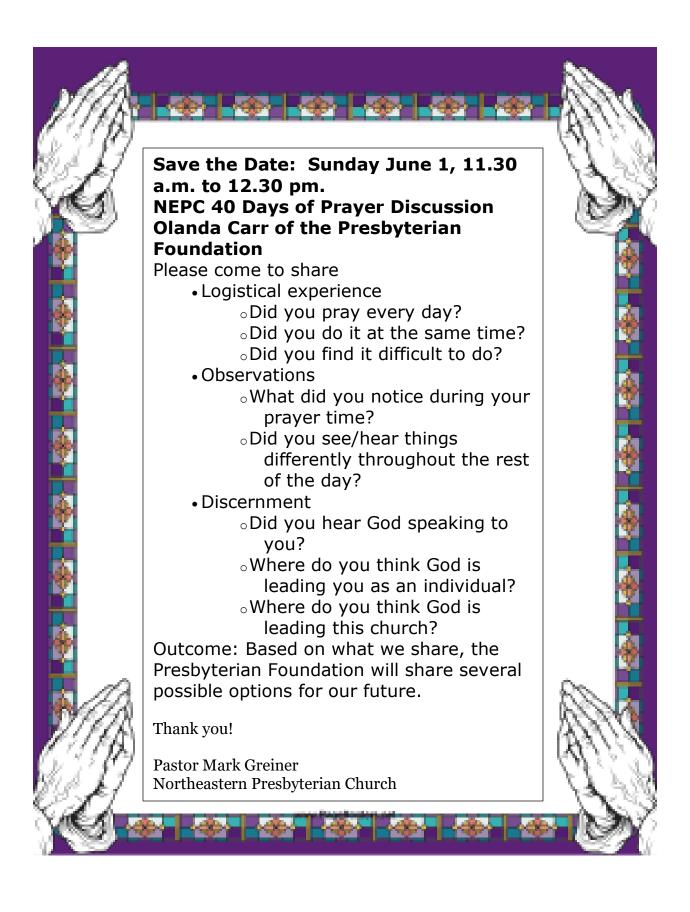
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- Nurture
- Serve

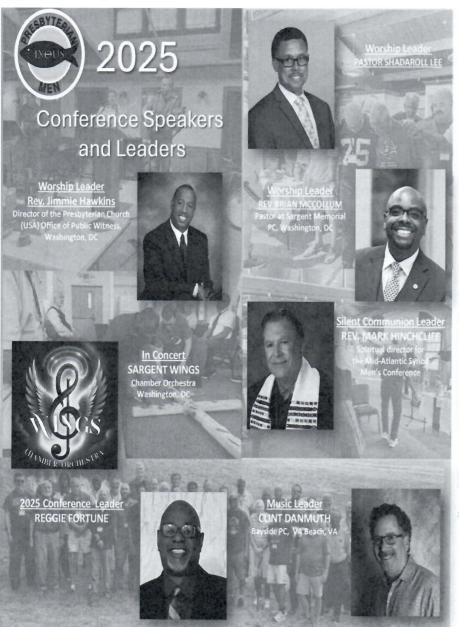


#### **OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:**



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





### **REGISTRATION FORM**

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

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Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir

Administrative Assistant

Sexton

Assistant Sexton

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**Buildings & Grounds** 

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Personnel

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Bishetta Merritt, Vice Moderator

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Amanda Sargent

Penny Thomas

Randall Timbers

Charles Webb

#### 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

#### **Elders**

Pamela Gessesse

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Shawn Thomas

Angela Hemphill

Valerie McCray

Charles Barber

Shawn Thomas/ Co-chair Patricia Young

James Haggins

#### **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

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