



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

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 26, 2025 10:00 a.m.

**Northeastern Presbyterian Church
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Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

+ *Please stand if able*

PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP (Martin Luther, born 1483)

O God, grant us grace to receive Jesus Christ in every person, and to be Jesus Christ to every person. Amen.

PRELUDE

+ INTROIT

The Celestial Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE Life-giving God, Beautiful Creator, Heart's Delight,
Helper of all persons:

ALL Hear our praises!

ONE Eternal Source of knowledge, Answer to all mysteries,
Fountain of wisdom:

ALL We seek you.

ONE Good Shepherd, our Refuge and Strength,
Shelter from the Storm:

ALL Receive our thanks!

ONE Healer of the sick, Comfort of sufferers,
the Resurrection and the Life:

ALL We trust you.

+ OPENING HYMN #260 (Hymnal) "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

BIDDING PRAYER (Unison, St. Dionysius, Alexandria, Africa)

**Father, you are the origin of all that is holy.
You are true goodness; you are true justice.
Through you, we find peace, harmony and serenity.
Heal all the separates from each other and you.
Restore harmony in our lives; unite us in love.
May love unite us with your Holy Spirit, so that all is
peaceful again.
We make this request through the mercy, compassion, and
grace of Jesus Christ, your only Son.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is more love in God than there is sin in us.
The One who made us, restores us, so rejoice and proclaim:
In Jesus Christ, we are made new! 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

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
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 (unison)

God of Truth and Light, we offer you these gifts with humble hearts. We are so grateful to abide in your presence and to share in your ministry of abundant love. We receive our lives as gifts, resting and finding our security in you. With these gifts, we seek your just and peaceable reign in the world. Manifest your mercy to the world through us and these gifts. Rejoicing we pray and in gratitude we give, in Jesus' name, Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Celestial Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:1-10

Paul went on also to Derbe and to Lystra, where there was a disciple named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer; but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him; and he took him and had him circumcised because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. As they went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So, the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"WHAT IS WITNESS?"

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 - #525 (Hymnal) "Here I Am, Lord"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION (Cole Arthur Riley, Black Liturgies)

Now listen to the sounds that stir within,
Listen to the cries for help that ring around you,
And follow a path of healing and liberation for you
And all you encounter.

Take peace in the sound of your own voice as you choose the life
That honors your truest self. May it be so.

POSTLUDE

Lectionary: Semicontinuous: Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65; Complementary: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 and Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Liturgist: Deacon Blossom Roach

Greeter: Ms. Loretta Bowers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US TODAY FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD BLACK OWNED FARMER'S MARKET FIELD TRIP - Join **Elders after worship on Sunday, October 26** to the black + forth, 2201 Channing St NE, Washington, DC 20018 <https://www.blackandforth.org/farmersmarket> NEPC is getting to know our neighborhood & envisioning how we can serve anew.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Ministry leaders, only use the format template for all reports please.

Annual Reports are due to Kathy Cuff, Office Administrator (admin@nepc-dc.org) by December 15, 2025.

Ministry Reports ~ Chairs or Co-Chairs to submit reports.

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| • Pastor Report | Pastor Mark Greiner |
| • Clerk of Session Report | Valerie McCray |
| • Budget & Fiscal | Pamela Gessesse |
| • Buildings & Grounds | Charles Barber |
| • Christian Education | Jennifer Allen |
| • Interpretation & Stewardship | Cherie Becton |
| • Personnel | Charles Barber/Co-chair: James Haggins |
| • Worship & Music | Angela Hemphill |
| • Technology Committee | Shawn Thomas |
| • Nominating | Angela Hemphill |
| • President of Corporation | Charles Barber |
| • Social Concerns & Outreach | Shawn Thomas/ Co-chair Patricia Young |
| • Foundry Task Force | James Haggins |
| • 50 th Anniversary Committee | Glynis Pegram-Higgs |

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE is putting together a commemorative Souvenir Journal and would like to include church members' warm memories or short stories about Northeastern. The deadline for your written submission is October 31, 2025. Please e-mail your submission to **souvenirjournalteam@groups.outlook.com**.

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 2025 Lessons is “Judah, from Isaiah to Exile.” You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, November 2nd, discussion on “Later Experiences of Jeremiah,” Jeremiah 20:1-6; 37:1-38:28; 43:1-7. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is also 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 <https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/PCUSA/home>

NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB
Book selections for 2025

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

November 2nd -- Purple Hibiscus, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

December 7th -- Happy Land, by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

January 4th, 2026 -- Truths We Hold: an American Journey, by Kamala Harris

February 1st, 2026 -- Worthy, by Jada Pinkett Smith

NEPC SOUVENIR BOOKLET – It's not too late to have your ad or name featured in the 50th Anniversary Journal! We've extended the deadline to October 31st. Simply fill out your form and place it in the 50th Anniversary mail slot in the breezeway, or hand it to Ruby Webb, Denise Hodges, or Jennifer Allen. Encourage your family and friends to contribute. If you have any questions, please contact the names mentioned above. Let's make this journal extraordinary!

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.

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

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

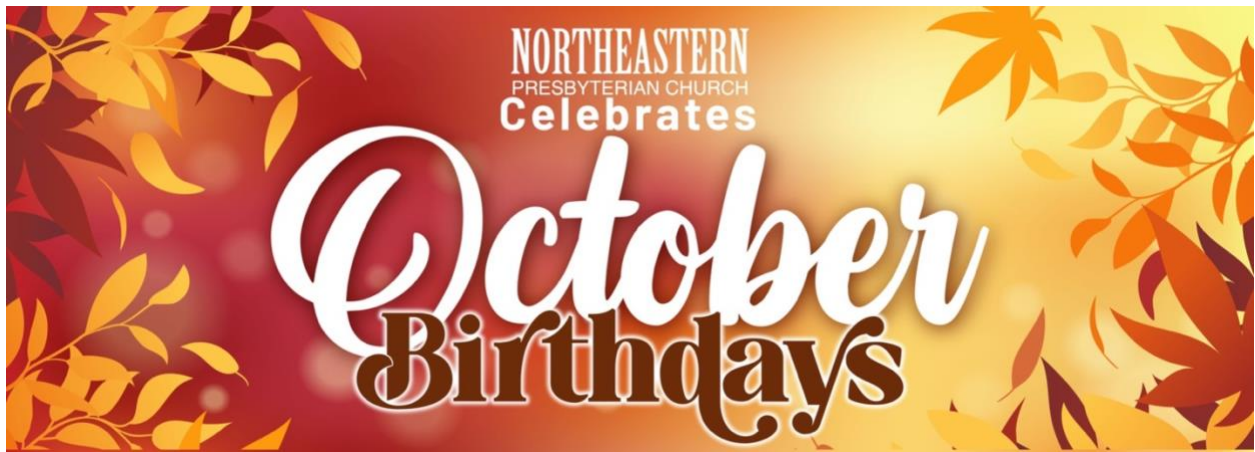
1. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.
2. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
3. Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions with partners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



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)*

Gala Tickets are available now and can be purchased Monday thru Friday, 10:00a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the church office, and on Sundays following worship service. We'd love to see everyone there, so purchase your ticket(s) today.



TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW

NORTHEASTERN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

50th ANNIVERSARY

Gala

CELEBRATION

Attire: After-five DJ - Pure Ivory (Tom Ivory)

Saturday December 27, 2025
12:00 noon · 4:00 p.m.
\$65 adults **\$50** Kids 5-11

Martin's Crosswinds
7400 Greenway Center Dr
Greenbelt, MD 20770



*For more information contact: See Kathy Cuff, Pamela Gessesse
or call the church office at 202.526.1730*

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:

Hospitalized

Wilhelmina Davis is now at the Knollwood Nursing Home, 6200 Oregon Ave., NW, Wash., DC 20015, (202) 541-0150 (front desk)

Homebound Members

Mrs. Rosalyn Cephas, The Plantation, 820 S. McNeill St., Carthage, NC 28327
Mrs. Fannye Corley, 8601 Manchester Rd., 308, Silver Spring, MD 20901, 3-585-0345, 2/316-9749
Elder Frank Enty, 16136 Parklawn Place, Bowie, MD 20716, (301) 404-9866
Elder Allie Latimer, 3050 Military Road, NW, Bldg. 1, Room 13004, Washington, DC 20015, 202- 920-7035
Elder Carolyn Maundy, 6445 Luzon Ave., #416, Wash., DC 20012, (202) 723-5892
Elder John Murphy, 812 Quackenbos St., NW, Wash., DC 20011
Mr. James Page, Jr., 6639 24th Pl., Hyattsville, MD 20782, 3/853-3239
Mrs. Miriam Pegram, 10403 Beaver Knoll Dr., Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, (301) 856-4434
Ms. Tonya Pegram, 4732 Benning Road, #203, DC 20019, 3/706-4420
Elder Sylvia Samuel, 3160 Gracefield Rd., RC 1131, Silver Spring, Md 20904, 240-670-7060
Elder Clarence Shaw, 8005 Gramercy Blvd., Apt. 318, Derwood, Md 20855, 202-361-7353
Dr. Clarence Wade, 1736 Buchanan Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017, 202-529-3962
Mrs. Faye Waters, 1435 Via Lucas, San Lorenzo, CA 94580, (510) 398-8677
Ms. Ethelyne Wilkes, 3152 Gracefield Road, #412, Silver Spring, Md, 20904, 3/479-3269
Mrs. Ophelia Wilson, 304 Peppermill Drive, Capitol Heights, Md., 20743, 3-336-6306
Mrs. Eleanor Wood, 1712 Buchanan St., NE, Washington, DC 20018 2/529-7515

Prayer List

Dr. Laddie Bell, 5505 Tinkers Creek Place, Clinton, MD 20735
Mr. Ashton Brown, Elsada Peter's nephew, 24118 Rosalia Ct, Richmond, Tx. 77406.
Dr. Geonard Butler, 14609 Silverstone Dr., Silver Spring, Md 20905, (301)989-8429
Elder Cynthia Gervais, 4507 Garfield Street, Hyattsville, MD 20781, (202)744-2605
Mrs. Addie Hagans, 1222 Queens Street, Wilson, NC 27893 (Pamela Gessesse's mom)
Elder James Haggins, 4312 Saddle River Dr., Bowie, Md 20720, (301) 262-0080
Deacon Valencia Hawkins, 4738 6th Place, NE., Wash., DC 20018, 2/526-2525
Ms. Rhonda Jackson, 2216 Alice Ave., #202, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 (Cousin to Mrs. Pegram)
Dr. William J.J. Logan, 3515 Marlborough Way, College Pk, Md 20740 (Elder Shirley Logan's Husband)
Mrs. Elsada Peters, 930 Farragut St., NW, #515, Washington, DC 20011 (202) 829-3075
Mrs. Monika Nixon, 1901 Chalfont Ct., Ft. Washington, MD 20774
Mr. Michael Quinn, 5626 NW 41st Lane, Ocala, FL 34482 (Husband to Pia Matthews Quinn)
Awa Sargent
Mrs. Mary Smoot, 3103 Viceroy Avenue, Forestville, MD 20747, 301-568-7512



"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
Shawn Thomas
Angela Hemphill
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

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

2nd, Pamela Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse, Ava Kennedy, Cecil Nixon, Chidera Uduma
Priya Young