



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

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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

PRELUDE

+ INTROIT

The Celestial Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

All: God calls us to be builders as well.

One: God calls us to build our lives:

All: to restore broken places and continue to grow.

One: God calls us to build our faith:

All: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

One: God calls us to build our community:

All: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

One: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

All: to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

+ OPENING HYMN #464 (Hymnal) "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of our Restoration,
whenever we come home to you,
we realize how far we have strayed
and how much we have forgotten
of your law and your love.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts
Or loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our
relationship with you;
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God's word does not come to condemn us,
but to make us wise, reviving our souls and
rejoicing our hearts.
God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ,
who sets us free to live in accord with God's
own jubilee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

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!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Celestial Choir

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, Dr. Martin Luther King, adapted)

Great God of justice and peace, accept these gifts of our donations, our lives, our love. Grant us the courage to protest against evil and the strength to work for change. Grant that the dark nights of injustice will give way to the dawning of brighter days and that peace and justice might flow like a mighty stream. We pray, in your name. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The Majesty of God's Rule

¹ all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Celestial Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Nachee Miller

Just as we see your wisdom and glory in nature around us God, may we hear your Word for us in the words of these readings, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be drawn closer to you. Through your great preacher, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged

the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Elder Cynthia Gervais

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. 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 #321 (Hymnal) "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine "

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a;
Luke 4:14-21

Liturgist: **Elder Rhonda Winston**

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 Winter 2024-25 Lessons is "A King Forever and Ever." You are cordially invited to join in on February 2nd discussion "Praying for Relief," Matthew 6:5-15. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

FOOD PANTRY: Rev. King said **Before any other action we take, we must remember to move forward with love.** We cannot be propelled by hate, anger, or spite; a community built on those principles would crumble. Hatred takes effort and energy...Love is simple and will only lead to good outcomes.

Let's move forward with love by helping our neighbor stay warm this season. **We will be collecting adult-sized gloves and mittens to give to people who use the Food Pantry. Please bring your donations to church (mittens, gloves, or cash) by January 26.**

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 2024/2025**

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

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

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

SIGN-UP SHEET: Pecans: Plain- \$15.00 Light or Dark chocolate - \$20.00 are in the Narthex on the large bulletin Board.

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.

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:

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



Please fill out the information below and send it to

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.

Northeastern Presbyterian Church
50th 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.

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