



**“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

+ *Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

+ INTROIT

The Celestial Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 136)

One O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good

All **For God's steadfast love endures for ever.**

One Who alone does great wonders, who by understanding made
the heavens, who spread out the earth on the waters,

All **For God's steadfast love endures for ever.**

One Who made the great lights, the sun to rule over the day,
the moon and stars to rule over the night,

All **For God's steadfast love endures for ever.**

One O give thanks to the God of heaven,

All **For God's steadfast love endures for ever.**

+ OPENING HYMN #130 (SOZ)

"He Lives"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

This Sabbath, let us come to the Quiet, and be renewed.

BIDDING PRAYER (Unison)

**God who made us in your image, teach me to love myself
as you love me.**

SILENT PRAYER

God who made us in your image, allow me to show that image to the world.

SILENT PRAYER

God who made us in your image, help me to see your image in all those I meet.

SILENT PRAYER

God who made us in your image, teach me to conserve and protect all your creation.

SILENT PRAYER

God who made us in your image: bless, protect and keep me and all your children safe...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE Rejoice! For God is Mercy, within Mercy, within Mercy.

Let's walk in the light and love, the freedom and joy of Jesus,

ALL Thanks be to God, Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Deacon Blossom Roach

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!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Celestial Choir

THE OFFERING

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2112 Varnum St., NE
Washington, DC 20018

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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!**

+ THANKSGIVING PRAYER (World Council of Churches)

One In the midst of hunger and war,
All We celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.
One In the midst of oppression and tyranny,
All We celebrate the promise of service and freedom.
One In the midst of doubt and despair,
All We celebrate the promise of faith and hope.
One In the midst of fear and betrayal,
All We celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.
One In the midst of hatred and death,
All We celebrate the promise of love and life.
One In the midst of sin and decay,
All We celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.
One In the midst of death on every side,
**All We celebrate the promise of the living Christ,
Jesus our Savior, brother and friend.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Celestial Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE GOSPEL READING John 20:1, 11-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look* into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew,* 'Ribbony!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Hope Filled!"

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

NAMING THE SAINTS: MEMORIAL DAY

✚ HYMN FOR MEMORIAL DAY#20 (SOZ) "It Is Well with My Soul"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION

All shall be Amen and Alleluia.
We shall rest and we shall see,
We shall see and we shall know.
We shall know and we shall love.
We shall love and we shall praise.
Behold our end which is no end. Amen.
(St. Augustine, African Bishop)

POSTLUDE

Lectionary: Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Liturgist: Elder Angela Hemphill

Greeter: Mr. Glen Grier

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 Summer 2024 Lessons is “Hope in the Lord.” You are cordially invited to join in on June 2nd discussion “Glorious Riches” Colossians 1:19-2:5. Please dial **(267) 807-960 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

ATTENTION NORTHEASTERN! GET READY TO CELEBRATE! IT’S TIME FOR HOMECOMING!!

Beginning Friday, September 22nd – September 24, we will sponsor our Annual Homecoming Weekend Celebration!

- On Friday, we’ll sponsor a **MOVIE NIGHT!**
- On Saturday, we’ll hold our **FOOD GIVEAWAY!**
- And on Sunday, it’ll be time for our **HOMECOMING WORSHIP SERVICE!**

Further details will be provided in the upcoming days. Please invite family, friends, and neighbors! Come out, celebrate, and REJOICE!

For further information, contact Shawn Thomas, Jennifer Allen, Pam Gessesse, Katrin jones, or Denise Hodges. IT’S TIME TO PRAISE!

NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB **Book selections for 2024**

June 2nd - *In Search of Satisfaction*, by J. California Cooper

July 7th - *I Am Debrah Lee: a Memoir*, by Debrah Lee

August 4th - *Medgar and Myrlie: Medgar Evers and the Love Story that Awakened America*, by Joy-Ann Reid

September 1st – *Thicker than Water: a Memoir*, by Kerry Washington

October 6th – *Swing Time*, by Zadie Smith

November 3rd – *Our Secret Society: Mollie Moon and the Glamour, Money, and Power Behind the Civil Rights Movement*, by Tanisha Ford

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

NORTHEASTERN SHAPES SUMMER WORSHIP MUSIC

In July & August, we will be worshipping online (except for one communion Sunday a month.) Please send worship music video suggestions to Pastor Greiner today to Pastormfg@gmail.com

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

SAIL AWAY WITH US RETIREMENT PARTY:

Rev. Bernice Parker-Jones
Saturday, September 7th at 10:45 a.m.
Odyssey Cruise
580 Water Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

<https://thepresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Sail-Away-with-us-Retirement-Party-1.pdf>

SAVE THE DATE: Celebrate Dr. Bell's 30 years of Music Ministry on Sunday October 13, with morning worship and afternoon reception. Save the date!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday Morning Bible Study sessions will be via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time. Please join us for an interesting discussion. The Zoom meeting information is in the E-mail to the congregation, or you can call the church office or Ruby Webb for the Zoom ID and Passcode.

WHERE IS THE BULLETIN? The Bulletin has been added to Shawn Thomas' email "Invitation to Northeastern Presbyterian Church Worship Service." Scroll down slowly because you can miss it.

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **826 1188 5094**; Passcode: **728796**

THANK YOU

Thanks to member of the congregation for your prayers, phone calls and get-well cards during my recent illness.

Elder Mack Burnell

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Orlando Dozier, May 23, 2024, the son-in-law to Miriam Pegram. Thank you Northeastern for your loving kindness and prayers during this time.

The Family

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 ' are my praise." ([Jeremiah 17:14](#))

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Pastor (Stated Supply)
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Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir
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Pastor Mark Greiner
Dr. Laddie Bell

Ms. Jennifer Allen
Kathy Cuff
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