



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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 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

+ EASTER SEASON CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted, by Bosco Peters)

One The risen Christ meets us in our neighbors and turns our tears to joy. For your love and goodness,

All We give you thanks, O God.

One Christ comes through our locked doors and turns our fear to courage. For your love and goodness,

All We give you thanks, O God.

One Christ comes to daily life and work and turns our failure to new vision. For your love and goodness,

All We give you thanks, O God.

One Christ breaks the bread, gives us his body, and turns our despair to hope. For your love and goodness,

All We give you thanks, O God.

+ OPENING HYMN #6 (SOZ) "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (Revelation 3:20)

The Spirit says, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me." Let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION - unison (St. Augustine)

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you.

Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
That no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,
No weakness from doing it;
But that in your light we may see light clearly,
And in your service we may find our perfect freedom;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Revelation 21:3-4)

Rejoice in these words of hope: 'See, the home of God is among
mortals. God will dwell with them; they will be God's peoples, and
God will be with them; God will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no
more, for the first things have passed away.'

ALL Amen!

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

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2112 Varnum St., NE
Washington, DC 20018

Go to nepc-dc.org
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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 (unison)

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always,
pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Celestial Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles* from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. * Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, * who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. * Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah* should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us* while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying,

'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Road from Emmaus"

Pastor 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 #30 (SOZ)

"He Lives"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

✚ CHARGE AND BLESSING “The World Peace Prayer”

O God, Lead us from death to life,
from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope,
from fear to trust;

lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER ELDER

Elder Cynthia Gervais

Lectionary: Acts 5:27-32 and Palms: 118:14-29 ; Revelation 1:4-8;
John 20:19-31

Liturgist: Elder Angela Hemphill

Greeter: Deacon Blossom Roach

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 Spring 2025 Lessons is "Costly Sacrifices." You are cordially invited to join in on May 4th discussion "David's Sacrifice," 1 Chronicles 21:1-22:1. 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>

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.

May 4th --- ***Madness: Race and Insanity in a Jim Crow Asylum***, by Antonia Hylton

June 1st --- ***Good Dirt: a Novel***, by Charmaine Wilkerson

PER CAPITA FOR 2025 is \$50.15.

PRAYERS FOR PASTOR GREINER Please keep Pastor Greiner in prayer this week as he attends the PCUSA Late Career Clergy Conference from April 29 to May 5.

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 in-

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

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.

Thank You Mom!

"I love my mother as trees love water and
sunshine. She helps me grow, prosper, and
reach great heights."

- Terry Guillemets



MOTHER'S DAY is approaching, if you have a tribute for your mother or a woman mentor showing appreciation, expressing gratitude and love or just thanking her, please send your tribute, no later than May 4, 2025 to the church e-mail admin@nepc-dc.org.



2025

Conference Speakers and Leaders

Worship Leader

Rev. Jimmie Hawkins

Director of the Presbyterian Church
(USA) Office of Public Witness,
Washington, DC



Worship Leader

REV. BRIAN MCCOLLUM
Pastor at Sargent Memorial
PC, Washington, DC



Silent Communion Leader

REV. MARK HINCHCLIFF

Spiritual director for
the Mid-Atlantic Synod
Men's Conference



In Concert

SARGENT WINGS
Chamber Orchestra
Washington, DC



2025 Conference Leader
REGGIE FORTUNE



Music Leader

CLINT DANMUTH
Bayside PC, VA Beach, VA



Worship Leader
PASTOR SHADAROLL LEE



REGISTRATION FORM

2025 Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men's Conference

July 18-20, 2025

Register on-line: www.midatlanticmen.org / PayPal Available

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Relation _____ Phone _____

Roommate Request Name _____

Special Needs / Disability _____

Church _____ Presbytery _____

Number of prior conferences attended _____

Select Conference Package

- ☐ Hubler Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$405
☐ Hubler Lodge Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$505
☐ Richardson Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$365
☐ Richardson Lodge, Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$415
☐ Conference & Meals Only, 6 meals, conference, \$235
☐ Conference Only, conference, \$135 (No meals or lodging)

**Hubler Lodge - 2 Queen Beds, Private Bath

**Richardson Lodge - 2 Single Beds, Shared Bath

Select Saturday Afternoon Activity

- ☐ Local Winery Tour
☐ Bowling

Total Cost

\$ _____ Total Conference Package

Make checks payable to "Presbyterian Men's Conference"

Mail Registration Form and Check to:

Mr. Paul Willbanks

P.O. Box 72

Port Penn, DE 19709

Questions? Call 410-829-9161 or Email pmwillbanks@gmail.com

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**

Thank You

The Elizabeth Fleming family would like to express appreciation for the assistance and support received from our Northeastern Presbyterian Church family. The love received from Northeastern made it so much easier to celebrate her life on Good Friday, April 18th.

The family of Elizabeth W. Fleming



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](#))

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

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Buildings & Grounds
Christian Education
Interpretation & Stewardship
Personnel
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Technology Committee
Nominating
Clerk of Session
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Foundry Task Force

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Pamela Gessesse
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Charles Barber/Co-chair: James Haggins
Angela Hemphill
Shawn Thomas
Angela Hemphill
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Shawn Thomas/ Co-chair Patricia Young
James Haggins

DEACONS

Glen Grier
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Amanda Sargent
Penny Thomas
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Charles Webb

SENIOR USHERS

1st, 4th Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof, Mary Allen, Ruby Webb

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Priya Young