



**“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

One We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,

All **We joyfully proclaim the mighty mercies of you, O God.**

One Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

All **Let mutual love continue!**

One Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

All **Jesus, we rejoice: you are the Good News we share: Alleluia !**

+ OPENING HYMN - #132 (SOZ)

"This Little Light of Mine"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Jesus, the Prince of Peace, came for all of us, all the children of the earth, all the people of God. To Christ our Reconciler, let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison, from Cape Town, South Africa)

Lord, we confess our day-to-day failure to be human.
Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.
Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us to listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are often deaf. Come fill this moment and free us from our sin...

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 2:14)

“Christ is our peace! In his flesh, Christ has broken down the dividing wall of the hostility between us.”

All Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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, from the Hymn "Usa Mi Vida")

Use my life, use my life for your glory, Oh Jesus. Every day and today I will be your servant, Lord. Anything you ask of me; I will give you. I will tell the sad people that God is love. God Is Love. God wants to help those who come to Jesus Christ looking for peace and salvation. Every moment that you are faithful, others see the love in you and soon they will be drawn to Your love. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Celestial Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe
Director of Congregational Development and Mission
National Capital Presbytery

THE SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who

confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So, we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love* because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, * are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister* whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters* also.

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Nervouscited (nervous + excited)

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 - #110 (SOZ) "*Standing in the Need of Prayer*"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lectionary: Acts 8:26-40 and Psalm 22:25-31 and Exodus 19: 1-6 and Psalm 118:19-25; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Liturgist: Elder Valerie McCray

Greeter: Deacon Penny Thomas

Please warmly welcome The Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe!

She has served in the National Capital Presbytery in Washington, D.C. for the past 23 years. She has served in congregations throughout the presbytery as an Associate Pastor at New York Avenue Presbyterian, Stated Supply at Garden Memorial, and Sabbatical Pastor for several congregations throughout the presbytery. She is trained as a leadership coach and Church Assessment Tool Interpreter (CAT). She works with individuals and groups seeking to be in relationship with their communities as the larger Body of Christ. She is a graduate of Agnes Scott College, BA and McCormick Theological Seminary, MDIV. She has total faith that every era and every day, God is doing a new thing, and it is our opportunity to participate in it! She lives in Arlington, VA with her husband, two children, and a hound dog!

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 May 5th discussion “Justified By Faith in Jesus” Romans 3:21-30. Please dial **(267) 807-960 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

LITERARY BOOK CLUB – Please join us for the following discussions. We meet at 1:30 pm via Zoom. To join us please contact Dr. Shirley Logan at 301-935-5173 for the Zoom link.

May 5th --Belonging: a Daughter's Search for Identity through Loss and Love, by Michelle Miller.

PER CAPITA FOR 2024 is \$48.56.

PRAYING LIKE JESUS (THE PSALMS): BIBLE STUDY: This week we will be studying Psalm 41. Join us every Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm via zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89996811489?pwd=xksxVa0O8PayAL61GACkx1rXN6hOgf.1> Phone in: 301 715 8592
Meeting ID: 899 9681 1489 Passcode: 867481

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.

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.

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

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 Y 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

All the people of the church

Pastor Mark Greiner

Dr. Laddie Bell

Ms. Jennifer Allen

Kathy Cuff

Randall Timbers

Ministries of Session

Budget & Finance

Buildings & Grounds

Christian Education

Clerk of Session

Evangelism and Outreach

Interpretation & Stewardship

Personnel

Social Concerns & Peace-Making

Technology Committee

Nominating

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2nd, 3rd, 5th Glynis Pegram-Higgs, Pam Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse

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REACHING OUR NEIGHBORS: How to use the Mission Insite Tool for all kinds of data about the church's immediate neighborhood.

May 13, 7-8 pm via zoom

<https://thepresbytery.org/ncp-events/understanding-the-congregational-assessment-tool-cat-registration/>

Roving

small groups

listening groups - in the service

liturgically fun

Sermon

then have some info

more do a scripture imagery

discipleship making now

slip of paper for covenant time

Tara will do the prayers of people

Baptismal font - put water in it