



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

**PALM SUNDAY**

**March 29, 2026 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***

**QUOTE OF THE DAY** (James Cone)

**"Christianity has always insisted that  
the cross we bear precedes the crown we wear."**

**PRELUDE**

**+ INTROIT**

**+ INVOCATION**

**Priya Young**

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP (PALM SUNDAY)**

**Chidera Uduma**

**ONE** Who is this riding among us?

**ALL Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth. Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**ONE** Who comes to be our Lord, the Prince of Peace?

**ALL Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth. Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the freedom he brings!**

**ONE** Who is this that frees the oppressed from prison?

**ALL Jesus, the Prophet of Naza**

**reth. Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the one who releases all captives.**

**ONE** Who is this that will turn swords into plowshares in all the world?

**ALL Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.**

**Blessed is the one who restores the Paradise of Eden!**

**Hosanna, for Christ's way is victorious.**



Many:        And also, with you! **Peace be with you!**

## **ANTHEM SELECTION**

## **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

## **THE OFFERING**

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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!**

## **+ HOLY WEEK AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Elder Charles Barber**

We believe in God, creator of all that is and shall be,  
redeemer of all that is less than it could be, sustainer of our  
being.

We believe in Jesus Christ who, overflowing with God's  
unquenchable love,  
walked to the cross to vanquish all death-dealing powers.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who pours into our hearts so that we,  
too, may blaze with love and courage.

We believe in the bread of life: broken and shared it opens our  
eyes to the presence of Christ and strengthens us for the  
journey.

We believe in the gospel, good news offered to us in Jesus,  
despised by the world but leading us in the way of life.

We believe in love: the nature of God, a gift unsurpassed,

but a mystery only fulfilled when all else is relinquished.  
We believe in light shining from darkness, in mercy vanquishing  
bitterness, in life bursting free where death reigned.

**One** How then shall we live? How shall this faith take flesh  
in the world?  
The cross?  
**All** **We will take it.**  
**One** The bread?  
**All** **We will break it.**  
**One** The pain?  
**All** **We will bear it.**  
**One** The joy?  
**All** **We will share it.**  
**One** The Gospel?  
**All** **We will live it.**  
**One** Love?  
**All** **We will give it.**  
**One** The light?  
**All** **We will cherish it.**  
**One** Death?  
**All** **God shall perish it.**

### **WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**

#### **SERMONIC SELECTION**

#### **THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Pastor Greiner**

#### **THE GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 11:1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you

doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

### **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 #354 (Hymnal)**

**“Guide My Feet”**

## **WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR**

**+ BENEDICTION** (by Jim Loney, Christian Peacemaker Teams)

With God's abiding kindness,  
we will love even our enemies.  
With the love of Christ,  
we will resist all evil. With God's unending faithfulness,  
we will work to build the beloved community.

### **POSTLUDE**

**PRAYER ELDER**

**Elder Cynthia Gervais**

<p><b>Lectionary: Psalms:</b> Matthews 21:1-11 and Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 <b>Passion:</b> Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthews 26:14-27:66or Matthews 27:11-54</p> <p><b>Liturgist: Elder Charles Barber &amp; Youth Ushers</b> <b>Greeter: Elder Valerie McCray</b></p>
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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUESTIONS IN LEASE / SALE OF CHURCH?** Today, join Elders in the Jamison lounge and bring your questions about the possible sale or lease of the church property. (Please note the Frequently Asked Questions page in the bulletin.)

**ONLINE APRIL 9, THURSDAY EVENING AT 7 PM,** we'll gather in small groups online so you can pose questions. You can share your question beforehand via the question box at the church entrance. Or you can email your questions in advance of the meeting to Clerk McCray at [vmccray08@yahoo.com](mailto:vmccray08@yahoo.com). Questions will be discussed at the meeting.

**PER CAPITA OFFERING** Today a "minute for Mission" will be given by Elder Nachee Miller.

**Northeastern** members connect with our entire Presbyterian Denomination through the annual Per Capita offering. This offering supports the much-needed governance and administration of the

church both locally and nationally. **Please give your \$51.28 offering by Easter.** (Northeastern must pay that amount for every member on our rolls, so your annual offering truly supports our shared ministry.)

**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 2025-2026 Lessons is “Enduring Beliefs of the Christian Faith.” You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, discussion on “The Future Life,” Matthews 25:31-46; Mark 12:26-27; Luke 24:1-12; John 14:1-6; 1 Corinthians 15:3-20, 5-58, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 22:1-5. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT:** Spring is here, and that means the Easter Bunny is on the way to Northeastern Presbyterian Church! We’re excited to announce our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on Saturday, April 4th, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. This festive event promises something for everyone—children can look forward to a variety of fun activities, including crafts, egg dyeing, cupcake decorating, and, of course, the much-anticipated hunt for special eggs with prizes.

To make this celebration a success, we’re reaching out for your support. We would greatly appreciate donations of wrapped candy, plastic eggs, special gifts for the golden egg hunters, and any other Easter-themed items you’d like to contribute. Monetary donations are also welcome and will help us create a memorable experience for all.

Please deliver your donations to the church by March 29th. If you have any questions or need more details, Jennifer Allen is available to assist you.

Don’t forget to invite your family, friends, and neighbors—everyone is welcome to join in the fun! We’re looking forward to a joyful gathering and a wonderful time for all.

**"EXPECTING RESURRECTION"** theme to prepare for Easter. Please meditate on Matthew 28:1-15; on Easter Sunday, we'll ask you, "What does Resurrection mean to you."

**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>

**HARRIET TUBMAN TOUR (PLUS BIRDING!)**

**Palm Sunday after church:**

**Please remain after worship briefly to plan for carpooling and meals.**

Cost: \$65

Date: April 23, 2026 Thursday, 2-6 pm

Place: Cambridge, MD

Info: <https://delmarvabirding.com/birding-tubman-2026/>

Register at [dmbirds@gmail.com](mailto:dmbirds@gmail.com) (put April 23 Tubman tour in subject line) Register ASAP as the tour fills quickly.

<https://delmarvabirding.com/store/thurs-apr-23-birding-tubman-byway/>

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB**  
**Book selections for 2025**

**LITERARY CLUB** - Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm every first Sunday for the book discussion of the month.

April 12th ---- **Kin**, by Tayari Jones

May 3rd --- **Harlem Rhapsody**, by Victoria Christopher Murray

June 7th --- **Rootless: a Novel**, by Krystle Zara Appiah

July 5th ---- **Uncommon favor: Basketball, North Philly...**, by Dawn Staley

August 2nd --- **I Hope You Find What You're Looking For**, by Bsrat Mezghebe

September 6th --- **Let Us March On: a Novel**, by Shara Moon

**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.

**THE NEPC JAZZ CAFE** returns this year on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Last year's combo, Joshua Jenkins and Friends, are back again to thrill us with their extraordinary musical talents. You can purchase your ticket(s) today. The price of a ticket is \$30.00. Food will be served and the "Mock Bar" will be open. Tell your family and friends about the great time that you had last year and not to miss this year's event. We look forward to seeing you on April 26th.

**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.

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:** On Sunday, March 29, 2026, NEPC will celebrate Women's History Month by displaying photos of women who have made an impact in their lives.

Please submit a picture along with one or two sentences sharing why this woman has been meaningful to you. Let us honor and celebrate the women who have shaped our faith, families, and community.

**ZOOM MEETING ID:** The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **876 1357 9552**; Passcode: **295504**

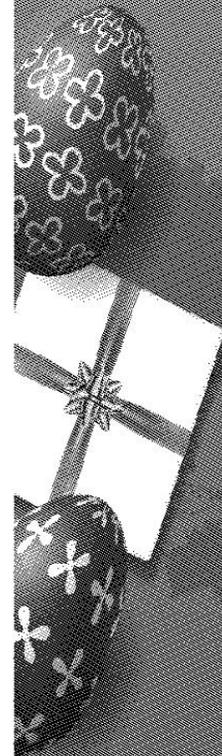
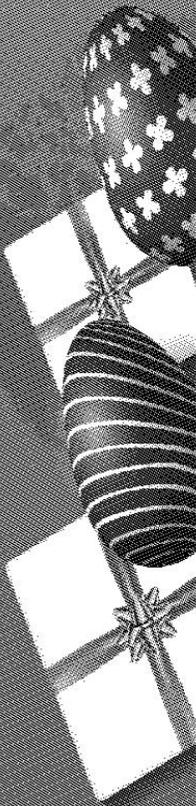
**A WORKSHOP ON THE VITAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS WE ALL NEED:**

"Do you have your will and related documents in order? A Faithful Discussion with Elder Charles Barber". Please attend a worship on April 19 and remain for a workshop on the vital legal documents we all need to have. Elder Charles Barber is a lawyer licensed in the District of Columbia and Maryland and will walk us through 3 essential documents: wills, powers of attorney for health care, and durable powers of attorney for business affairs. Please print a copy of this Estate Planning Workbook for your use:

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*by*  
**Easter**

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# EASTER EGG HUNT!

2026



**Saturday, April 4th**  
1PM-3PM

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**Meet the Easter Bunny | Face Painting | Games and Prizes!**

For more information, contact [www.nepc-dc.org](http://www.nepc-dc.org)



**The Worship and Music Committee will be taking orders for Easter Lilies beginning March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the Lilies will be approximately \$8.00 to \$12.00 (The final price will be determined later). Lilies will be available for pick-up immediately following worship service on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please fill-out the information below and return it to the church office mailbox located in the Breezeway or e-mail it to [admin@nepc-dc.org](mailto:admin@nepc-dc.org).**

----- **Easter Lilies**

**In MEMORIAM/HONOR OF:**

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2026

# Jazz Cafe

Sponsored by the Capital Improvement Committee

with Guest Artists: Joshua "Josh" Jenkins and Friends



Joshua "Josh" Jenkins



Emerson Borg



Tyson Femister



Kevin Kearney

Sunday, April 26, 2026 | 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

\$30

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Listing Agreement update for March 15, 2026

#### **WHAT DECISION DID THE SESSION MAKE?**

Session is listing the property for sale or lease to receive offers up to June 1, 2026.

#### **WHY LIST THE PROPERTY FOR SALE OR LEASE?**

We want to have enough income to remain on this site as a congregation.

#### **IS THE PRESBYTERY SELLING THE NORTHEASTERN CHURCH BUILDING?**

No.

#### **DOES A "LISTING AGREEMENT" REQUIRE US TO LEASE OR SELL THE BUILDING)?**

No. Session will evaluate if there is any good offer. Any offer would require congregational approval.

#### **WILL THE CONGREGATION VOTE IF THERE'S A LONG-TERM LEASE OR SALE?**

Yes.

#### **WILL OUR BUILDINGS BE CHANGED?**

We do not know yet how our building may be repaired or replaced.

#### **WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?**

Session will receive offers for sale or lease up to June 1.

Session will engage the congregation in conversation around possible leases or sales.

If there is a good offer, the congregation will vote. Presbytery would have to approve a sale or any lease (in excess of 5 years).

#### **WHERE CAN WE SEE THE ONLINE LISTING FOR OUR PROPERTY?**

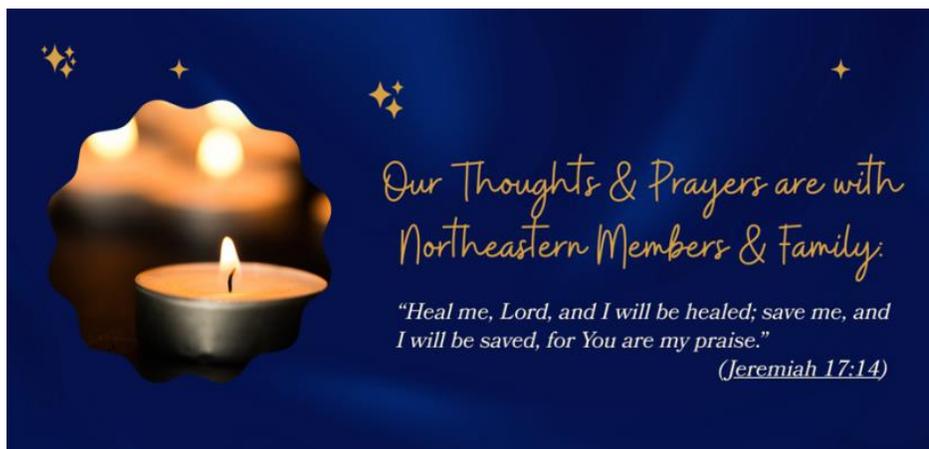
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## NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

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**



## **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**

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Nachee Miller, Co-chair  
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William Hymes, Jr., Chair  
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Angela Hemphill  
Nachee Miller, Chair  
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Valerie McCray (non-Session member)  
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James Haggins

## **DEACONS**

Karen Cooper, **Vice Moderator**  
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Charles Webb-**Treasurer**

## **SENIOR USHERS**

1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof, Mary Allen, Ruby Webb  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Glynis Higgs, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse, Stephanie White

## **JUNIOR USHERS**

2<sup>nd</sup>, Pamela Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse, Ava Kennedy, Cecil Nixon, Chidera Uduma,  
Priya Young