



HOMECOMING

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

September 29, 2024, 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 Homecoming Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (by Marian Wright Edelman)

One Do you have a vision of God's peace?

All **"The streets of the city shall be full of children playing in the streets."** *Zechariah 8:5*

One Do you have a vision of God's peace?

All **"The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."** *Micah 4:3*

One Do you have a vision of God's justice?

All **"I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them."** *Amos 9:14a*

One Do you have a vision of God's justice?

All **"See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together, a great company they shall return here."** *Jeremiah 31:8*

One Have you glimpsed God's justice?

All "I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime." *Isaiah 65:19-20*

One Do you have a vision?

All Yes, we have a vision! Let us gather now to seek God's vision for the people of our world, and God's guidance as we work to pursue.

+ OPENING HYMN (Insert)

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (from Revelation 21)

"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." In this hope, let us pray...

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (by Marian Wright Edelman)

O God, forgive our rich nation where small babies die of cold quite legally.

O God, forgive our rich nation where small children suffer from hunger quite legally.

O God, forgive our rich nation where toddlers and school children die from guns sold quite legally.

O God, forgive our rich nation that lets children be the poorest group of citizens quite legally.

O God, forgive our rich nation that lets the rich continue to get more at the expense of the poor quite legally.

O God, forgive our rich nation which thinks security rests in missiles rather than in mothers, and in bombs rather than in babies.

O God, forgive our rich nation for not giving you sufficient thanks by giving to their daily bread.

O God, help us never to confuse what is quite legal with what is just and right in your sight."

Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Revelation 21:5-6)

God says, "See, I am making all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

All Thanks be to God!

A PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison, by Sonja Rauchfuss)

We celebrate you, oh God of Life
In the midst of the noise of our cities,
We celebrate you for your gift of silence.
In the midst of the greyness of our streets,
We celebrate you for your gift of colours.
In the midst of our distorted relationships,
We celebrate you for your gift of life in abundance.
We celebrate you, oh God of Life
In the midst of the hierarchies of our society,
We celebrate you for your creation of equals.
In the midst of the abuse of power and money,
We celebrate you for your gift of justice.
In the midst of a reality where everything comes with a price,
We celebrate you for your gifts of life in abundance.
We celebrate you, oh God of Life, Amen.

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!**

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Homecoming Choir

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!**

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Merciful God, we return to you what you have given us.
We present you our very selves, even as we offer our gifts.
Use our offering to serve the deepest needs of people.
Speak with these gifts, that the despairing will have hope in You.
Feed with these gifts, that the hungry may be filled.
Welcome with these gifts, that the lonely may know the embrace of
your church. Strengthen with these gifts, that the oppressed and
suffering may know justice. In sharing our anxieties and our love,
our poverty and our prosperity, we want to walk in the way of Jesus
the Christ who gave his life for us, Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

'SERMONIC SELECTION

The Homecoming Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthews 25:31-40

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

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 (Insert) "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lectionary: Semicontinuous: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 and Psalm 124;
Complementary: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 and Psalm
19:7-14; James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

Liturgist: Pastor Mark Greiner

I'M SO GLAD 238

*If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.
Psalm 27:10⁹*

1. I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad

Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me,
I'm glad that

sing-in' Glo-ry, Hal-le-lu-jah, Je-sus lift-ed me!

2. Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me...

3. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me...


Text: African-American traditional

Tune: African-American traditional; arr. by Evelyn Simpson-Curenton, b.1953, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

We Are One in the Spirit 300


They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm⁷) Cm (Em) Fm




1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm




we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm




and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) Dbm (Em) Fm



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm (Am) Bbm (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm (Am/E) Bbm/F (Em) Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966
 Text and Music © 1966 F.E.L. Publications, assigned 1991 to The Lorenz Corp.

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
 7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

Welcome



Reverend L. Tanai White currently serves as an Associate Minister at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, in Largo, MD, under the leadership of Senior Servant Dr. George L. Parks, Jr. She has served on the Christian Education Discipleship Council where she teaches Bible Study and as Director of the Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr. Reading Library. She was the Ministry Leader for the Kingdom Kids children's church for several years and led a Marriage Enrichment Bible Study for over 5 years.

Rev. Tanai has a bachelor's degree in urban studies from Mount Holyoke College. She was licensed at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, DC under Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr. Rev. Tanai completed her Master of Divinity degree in 2017 at the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA. She was ordained in 2017 at Metropolitan under Dr. Maurice Watson.

Currently, she serves faithfully as the Chaplain of the Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and has served in many capacities, including Chaplain, of the Mitchellville Chapter of the National Drifters, Inc., a non-profit service-oriented organization. A bi-vocational minister, she is Chief of IT Accessibility for the Department of Defense. She has worked in the intelligence community, nonprofit management, affordable housing, education, and Head Start arenas, where she has won several leadership awards. In 2007, she authored a book of poetry "Words with Intention and Other Truth Telling." She is married to Jerome White and has 3 children Makenna (19) Malachi (25) and Kevin (33) and a rottweiler she loves dearly, Jersey.

Rev. Tanai enjoys sharing the gospel whether it is near or far, nursing home or homeless shelter, hospital room or bedroom. She is a GOD lover, Hope Dealer, preacher, teacher, author and servant. Her favorite scripture is Philippians 4: 6&7 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

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 Fall 2024 Lessons is "Worship in the Covenant Community." You are cordially invited to join in on October 6th, discussion "Prayer of Repentance and Confession," Psalm 51;2 Samuel 11. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

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

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Come join us in Celebrating Dr. Bell's 30 plus years of Music Ministry at an afternoon reception on Sunday October 13th. Save the date!

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**

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!!! Are you good with fundraising, planning events, or getting the word out? The 50th Anniversary Committee invites you to join one of our subcommittees to help plan our events for next year. Fill out the attached card and return it to one of the committees leads or send an email to NEPC50thAnniversarySteeringCommittee@groups.outlook.com

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**



Funeral arrangements for Hasker Samuel

Monday, September 30, 2024: 9:30 am - 10:30 am Visitation
10:30 am - 11:00 am Fraternity Memorial
11:00 am - 12:30 pm Funeral Service
1:15 Fort Lincoln Cemetery Military honors and interment/committal
2:00 pm 4:00pm - Return to the Church, Repast



REMEMBER OUR SICK & SHUT-IN

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

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:



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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Music is vital to the life and mission of the church. It can be nourishment for the soul, spiritually uplifting and a pivotal support to a church's worship service. Here at Northeastern, we have been blessed for more than 30 years with a Minister of Music, Dr. Laddie Bell, whose dedication to the music ministry has been phenomenal.

On Sunday, October 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., Northeastern will honor the extraordinary Dr. Bell and his 30 years of unwavering service to our church. We invite you to join us in the celebration. If you wish to support this occasion with a monetary donation, you are invited to do so by completing the form below. The form and all donations must be submitted to the church by **Sunday, September 22**. Your generosity will be noted by printing your name in the souvenir booklet.

We thank you in advance for your support and hope to see you on October 13, 2024.

In Christian Praise,

The Choirs of Northeastern Presbyterian Church

Name: _____

I/we will gladly contribute towards the 30th Anniversary Celebration.
(Please select one of the choices below)

____ Crescendo - \$200.00 or more donation
____ Arpeggio - \$100.00 donation
____ Choral - \$50.00 donation
____ Lyric - \$25.00 donation
____ Aria - \$10.00 donation

**** Note: All donations are due by Sunday, September 22, 2024. Donations can be made via check (payable to Northeastern Presbyterian Church; memo: Dr. Bell Celebration), with Cash App or PayPal or on the Website: <http://nepc-dc.org>.





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 and working with you.

Northeastern Presbyterian Church
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Prayer List

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