



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

Communion Sunday Hungering for God Summer Series

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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 (St. Isaac of Syria, 7th Century)

"Ever let mercy outweigh all else in you. Let our compassion be a mirror where we may see in ourselves that likeness--and that true image--which belong to the Divine nature and Divine essence. A heart hard and unmerciful will never be pure."

PRELUDE

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (I John 3:1-3)

One See what love God has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.

All **Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.**

One What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed, we will be like Christ, for we will truly see Christ.

All **And all who have this hope in Christ purify themselves,
just as Christ is pure.**

+ OPENING HYMN #145 (Hymnal) "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (Psalm 37: 27-28)

"Depart from evil, and do good; so you shall abide forever.

For the Lord loves justice; God will not forsake God's faithful ones."

Let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted, St. Ephraim the Syrian, 373 AD)

O Lord and Friend for life, take from me the spirit of laziness, despair, lust of power and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to your servant.

O Lord of Love, grant me to see my own sins and not to judge my brother and sister, for blessed are you from age to age.

Forgive us, for sins done on our behalf, for our benefit,
or with our tax dollars...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Renewal and rest, freedom and forgiveness, faith, hope and love,
all these are the gifts of Christ!

All: Thanks be to God!

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!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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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)

Loving God, we offer you our strengths so we may serve.
Living God, we offer you our thanks because your grace is
sufficient for us.

Redeeming God, we offer you our powerlessness because power
is made perfect in weakness.

Sustaining God, we offer you our emptiness so your Spirit may fill
us.

Just as we are, we come; broken and healing, with our laughter
and tears, to offer all that we are. Use all our offerings, our
bodies, minds and souls to share your love in the world. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM READING Psalm 24:1-6

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those
who live in it;

for God has founded it on the seas and established it on the
rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in
God's holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up
their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the
God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek God, who seek the face of
the God of Jacob.

SERMONIC SELECTION

"Create in Me"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noUeQQ64Q1I>

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Matthew 5:1-12 A Child Advocate's Beatitudes

Inspired by Clarence Jordan's Sermon on the Mount
by Marian Wright Edelman

Blessed are the poor in spirit — who do not measure themselves by money or worldly power but who ask God for what they need and are not mired in pride — for theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are those who mourn — who are concerned about the needs of children and the poor and others in need who cannot speak for themselves — for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek — who do not seek only their own good but their neighbors' too — for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness — who do not work for the praise of others or earthly gain or fame and share gladly their talents, energy and money — for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful — who know they are sinners and are dependent on God's and others' forgiveness every minute of every day — for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart — who are not hypocrites but who struggle to live what they preach — for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers — who do not prepare for war while talking about peace, who do not kill others in order to stop killing, who do not love just those who love them but reach out to make their enemies friends — for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake — who do not run or waver in the face of criticism, threats, or death — for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who speak kindly and not meanly of others — who do not tear down others but build them up for the kingdom's work and children's well-being — for they shall receive their reward.

Blessed are the just — who do not adhere to the letter of the law and regulations for some but ignore them for others — for they will hear God's well done.

SERMON Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
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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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ COMMUNION HYMN #513 (Hymnal) "Let us Break Bread Together"



The Lord's Table INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

One The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to you, Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to praise you, Lord.

One It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for those who need God.

Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

But God proves love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.
Romans 5:1-11

One You are holy, Almighty One! Blessed are you, Jesus Christ!
 In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good. You called to yourself a people To make your mercy and truth known in all the world.

People You are faithful.

One When we stumble, lost and astray.

People You call us to return and lead us home.

One Grateful, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**People Christ has come among us. Christ has died.
 Christ has risen. Christ abides with us.
 Christ will come again.**

One Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts

People Make us Christ's body alive in the world.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Alleluia, Jesus.
Gladly we receive You.
Transform us to be Your eyes and ears.
Transform us to be Your hands and feet
Transform us to be Your merciful and bold

peaceful hearts in the world, Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN #540 (Hymnal) "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION (Philippians 4:7-8)

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, beloved,* whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Semicontinuous Hosanna 1:2-10 and Psalm 85;
Complementary: Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

Liturgist: Elder Cynthia Gervais

Greeter: Mrs. Gloria Harris

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 2025 Lessons is "Sacred Altars and Holy Offerings." You are cordially invited to join in on August 10th discussion "Our Bodies Belong to God," Romans 12;1-21;1, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is also looking for volunteers to do the Children's Sermon. You can pick any Sunday. If you need a sermon or help, please see Jennifer, Cynthia, Glen or Pastor Mark. We want everyone to have an opportunity to participate and share with our children. Please see Jennifer if you are interested. The children will love it!!!

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 today via Zoom at 1:30 pm for the following lively book discussions.

August - **Dream Count: a Novel**, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

PER CAPITA FOR 2025 is \$50.15.

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 MID-YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2025 have been mailed. If you have not received one or have any questions, please contact Shirley Wilson on 202-526-8857.

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>

NEPC SOUVENIR BOOKLET – Summer is an appropriate time to request advertisements or patron listings from family, friends, and businesses for inclusion in the 50th anniversary booklet. Remittance sheets are available in the 50th anniversary box located in the breezeway. The submission deadline is October 15, 2025, but early submissions of paperwork and payment are accepted. Individuals with business contacts may provide their information to a committee member for outreach purposes. The aim is to compile a comprehensive and successful booklet. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Allen, Denise Hodges or Ruby Webb or send an email to souvenirjournalteam@groups.outlook.com

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will be in recess until October 2025. Thank you, Ruby Webb.

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

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 You are my praise."
(Jeremiah 17:14)*



**Summer worship:
10 am through July & August.**

July 6 - Zoom
July 13 - In Sanctuary (Communion)
July 20 - In Sanctuary - Guest preacher
July 27 - Zoom - Guest Preacher
August 3 - In Sanctuary (Communion)
August 10 - Zoom
August 17 - In Sanctuary
August 24 - Zoom
August 31 - Zoom

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

Pamela Gessesse

Charles Barber

Jennifer Allen

Cherie Becton

Charles Barber/Co-chair: James Haggins

Angela Hemphill

Shawn Thomas

Angela Hemphill

Valerie McCray

Charles Barber

Shawn Thomas/ Co-chair Patricia Young

James Haggins

DEACONS

Glen Grier

Valencia Hawkins

Katrin Jones, Moderator

Brenda Kuznof

Bishetta Merritt, Vice Moderator

Blossom Roach

Amanda Sargent

Penny Thomas

Randall Timbers

Charles Webb

SENIOR USHERS

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

3rd, 5th Glynis Higgs, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse, Stephanie White

JUNIOR USHERS

2nd, Pamela Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse, Ava Kennedy, Cecil Nixon, Chidera Uduma

Priya Young