



**“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*

QUOTE OF THE DAY (RUMI)

"I said: What about my eyes?

He said: Keep them on the road.

I said: What about my passion?

He said: Keep it burning.

I said: What about my heart?

He said: Tell me what you hold inside it?

I said: Pain and sorrow.

He said: Stay with it. The wound is the place where the Light enters you."

PRELUDE

+ INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

**All "Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."**

We praise and worship You!

+ OPENING HYMN - #130 (Hymnal) "Let Every Christian Pray"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

PASSING THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

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

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

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!**

+ PRAYER OF PRAISE (In Unison, from I Peter 1:3-9)

"Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Although you have not seen Jesus, you love him; and even though you do not see Jesus now, you believe in him and rejoice with an

indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." Thanks be to God, Amen!

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM PSALM 136

One Give thanks to God, who is good—

ALL WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER

One Whose love expands with the expanding universe--

ALL WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER

One Whose breath gives life to matter--

ALL WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER

One Who animates life with spirit--

ALL WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER

One Who plants a fierce unrest in our hearts--

ALL WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER

One Who bends the universe towards justice--

ALL WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER

One Who holds the whole world, and our hearts--

ALL WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER

One Give thanks to God, who is good—

ALL WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE GOSPEL READING

John 20:24-29

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLE'S CREED (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN #20 (SOZ) "It Is Well with my Soul"



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

All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in God! *Psalm 34.8*

One Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed!

One Because we are all warmly welcome to this feast:

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love, Source of Life, Living Word:
You are creative and self-giving.
Nothing exists that does not find its source in you.
You never leave us nor forsake us.
Through fear-filled days and aching nights
when the powers of death have done their worst,
even when we turn away from you, you are with us;
Your presence never fails us.

We praise you for Jesus Christ,
risen to life, to transform us anew.
With the women at the tomb,
we raise the strain of gladness.
Hallelujah! Life is stronger than death!

The day of resurrection has come, scattering fear and gloom.
And so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place,
and with angels and archangels,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
and together we proclaim:

**All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,
who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers:
loving what he loved
living what he taught, and
seeking to be his faithful servants
in this now, in each now, in every now.
In this meal we remember Jesus, living to the fullest.
In our own flesh, we remember Jesus' love, Jesus' friendship, Jesus'
teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again.

In sharing this meal, we too embody the great paschal mystery:
All Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

+ CLOSING HYMN #53 (SOZ) "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION

Rejoice, people of God!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Go in peace to love and serve God.
Christ is with us always, even to the end of the age!
Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

PRESENTATION

RANKED CHOICE VOTING

PRAYER ELDER

Elder Cynthia Gervais

Lectionary: Acts 7:55-60 and Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 or Proverbs 4:10-18 and Psalm 119:9-32; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
Liturgist: Elder Angela Hemphill
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 Spring 2025-2026 Lessons is “Social Teachings of the Church.” You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, May 10th, discussion on “Useful Work as Christian Duty,” Genesis 2:15-25; Exodus 20:9; Nehemiah 6:3; John 5:17; 9:4; Ephesians 4:28; 2; Thessalonians 3:6-12. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

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.

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.

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.

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**



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)

ATTENTION NORTHEASTERN!

It's time for our

ANNUAL HOMELESS SUPPORT DRIVE!

Sponsored by the Social Concerns and Outreach Committee



Please support our unhoused neighbors and community members that are experiencing food insecurities, shelter issues, and mental health needs.

**We strive to assist our fellow neighbors
Please feel free to donate items such as:**

Non-perishable Snacks

Lunchables
Dried Fruits
Nuts
Fruit Cups
Water, etc.

Personal care items

Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Hand Sanitizer
Socks
Blankets

Our drive will conclude
on **June 7, 2026**

All items can be
dropped off in the
Jamison lounge.

For any questions , please contact:
Bill Hymes, Patricia Young, or any other Social Concerns and Outreach member.
Thanks for your tremendous support and generosity!

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NEPC SEASON OF PRAYER
Wednesday Evenings 7:00 - 7:30
pm.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82013197793>

Please come join in music and prayer with our Elders.

Pray with our beloved congregation as we face major decisions for our future.

We'll learn more about how to incorporate these themes in our prayer life.

April 29 Gratitude

May 6 Compassion

May 13 Guidance

May 20 Change

May 27 Hope

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