



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

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 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 "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

– arr. Laddie Bell

The Combined Choirs

+ INVOCATION

+ Easter Call to Worship

One Alleluia! Christ has risen!

All Christ has risen, indeed!

One Christ has conquered sin and death.

All Christ has risen, indeed!

One Christ is here. We are risen! Alleluia!

All Christ has risen, indeed!

+ OPENING HYMN - #123 (Hymnal) "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (Galatians 5:1)

"For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore,
and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."

Let us pray with confident hope...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison, adapted, from Australia)

Spirit of joy, with us always, through You, Christ lives in us, and we in Christ. Forgive us when we forget you. Forgive us when we fail to live in your joy.

{.... silent prayer....}

Spirit of love, with us always, You bond us to Yourself and to those around us in love. Forgive us when we hurt those we love. Forgive us when we turn away from the love of our friends.

{....silent prayer....}

Spirit of compassion, with us always, You enlarge our hearts. Expand our prayerfulness to encompass Your world. Through our tears, forge compassion in us. Love the world through us.

{....silent prayer....}

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ forgives us. We are reconciled us with God!

Christ forgives us: be reconciled within yourself.

Christ forgives us: be reconciled with your neighbors.

The Peace of Christ truly is with us all.

All: Alleluia! 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 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

- arr. Craig Courtney - **The Combined Choir**

HOMEGOING SERVICE DEDICATION

If you have a copy of your service for the church office to save, please bring it forward now.

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 #106 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to Jesus Name.
Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to Jesus Name.
We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to Jesus Name.*

+ PRAYER OF CONSOLATION (unison, 2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST GOSPEL READING John 20:1-10

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

SERMONIC SELECTION – “They Could Not” –

Ron Harris and Claire Cloninger / arr. Laddie Bell
Monica Johnson and Shawnee Ball

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

SECOND 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.

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON ***"Being Healed"*** ***Pastor Mark Greiner***

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 - #104(Hymnal) **"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"**

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 - "Toccata – Symphony No. 5 (abridged)"
– C.M. Widor / arr. Aubrey Tucker

FELLOWSHIP

PRAYER ELDER THIS WEEK

Elder Nachee Miller

Lectionary: Acts10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 and *Palms*: 118: 1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts10: 34-43; John20: 1-18 or Mark 16: 1-8; Easter Evening: Isaiah 25:6-9 and Psalm 114; 1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8; Luke 24: 13-49

Liturgist: Elder Angela Hemphill

Greeter: Deacon Bishetta Merritt

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 April 7th discussion "Faith of Four Friends" Luke 5: 17-26. Please dial **(267) 807-960 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE - There will be a Meeting on Monday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Committees under Christian Education include Adult and Children Church school and all Bible Study groups. All are invited to participate. We want to hear your ideas. The zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8764594331?omn=87401718132> Meeting ID: 876 459 4331. Looking forward to seeing you.

Jennifer Allen
Christian Education Chairman

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.

April 7th --The Girl with the Louding Voice, by Abi Dare

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

PER CAPITA FOR 2024 is \$48.56.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING
These funds provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. An offering envelope has been included in your bulletin. Thank you for sharing God's love with our neighbors.

PRAYING LIKE JESUS (THE PSALMS): BIBLE STUDY: This week we will be studying Psalm 130. 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**

PLEASE JOIN IN CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF REV. DR. EDWARD P. HARDING

Pastor Harding's service:
Thursday, April 4
Viewing 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Prince George's Community Church
4401 Brinkley Rd., Temple Hills, Md 20748

Friday, April 5
First Baptist of Glenarden
3600 Brightseat Road
Viewing 9:30am to 11:00am
Service at 11:00am

Saturday, April 6
Service and Burial in NC

Acknowledgment and Condolences
PastorHardingMemories @gmail.com

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](#))



NORTHEASTERN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Celebrates

March
BIRTHDAYS



IN LOVING MEMORY/HONOR OF	DEDICATED BY
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Director, Chancel Choir/Organist

Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir

Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir

Administrative Assistant

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All the people of the church

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Ms. Jennifer Allen

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Buildings & Grounds

Christian Education

Clerk of Session

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Angela Hemphill

Jennifer Allen

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