



**“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**

**INTROIT**                    **"This is the Day" ft. Isaiah the Alchemist**

**INVOCATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Call to Worship** (from Psalm 96)

**Leader:** O sing to God a new song; sing to God, all the earth!

**People:** **Sing to God; tell of God's salvation from day to day.**

**Leader:** Declare God's glory among the nations, and marvelous works among all the peoples!

**People:** **For great is God, and greatly to be praised, indeed, to be worshipped above all gods.**

**Leader:** Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

**People:** **Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy before God, who comes to judge the earth, and will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with God's truth.**

**OPENING HYMN - "When I Rose This Morning" Mississippi Mass Choir**

**PSALM / SONG OF CONFESSION** (from Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right

spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

## **SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus said, "You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." (John 15:3-4)

**All: We are forgiven, 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!**

## **THE OFFERING**

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## **OFFERTORY MUSIC "Anthem of Praise" Richard Smallwood**

### **UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(From the hymn "When in Our Music God is Glorified")

**When in our music, God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride. It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia! How often, making music, we have found a new**

**dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound alleluia! So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia! Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia! Amen.**

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

#### **THE EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 5:18b-20**

...be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

#### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 150**

Alleluia! We praise You in Your Sanctuary;  
We praise You in Your mighty skies!  
We praise You for Your Powerful deeds;  
We praise You for Your overwhelming glory!  
We praise You with the song of the trumpet;  
We praise You with lyre and harp!  
*We praise You with timbrel and dance;*  
We praise You with strings and flute!  
We praise You with clashing cymbals;  
We praise You with resounding cymbals!  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, Alleluia!

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. And 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 MUSIC "Every Praise" Hezekiah Walker**

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

**CLOSING PRAYER** (by Dag Hammarskjöld)

**Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee; a humble heart, that I may hear thee; a heart of love, that I may serve thee; a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee, Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** (Jude 24-25)

"To God who is able to keep you from stumbling  
and to present you before the Holy glorious presence  
without fault and with great joy—  
to the only God our Savior  
be glory, majesty, power and authority,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."

**FELLOWSHIP**

**Lectionary:** Semicontinuous: Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Complementary: Proverbs 25:6-7 and Psalm 112; Hebrews  
13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14  
**Liturgist: Elder Angela Hemphill**

## **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 2025 Lessons is "Judah, from Isaiah to Exile." You are cordially invited to join in on September 7<sup>th</sup> discussion "The Ministry of Isaiah," Isaiah 6:1-13; 7:1-7; 20:1-6; 38:1-22. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

**A GATHERING FOR ALL:** The American Five" at Ford's Theatre, Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm. NEPC fellowship, a play on Dr. King's inner circle. **Attend the play plus enjoying dinner together after.** Please buy tickets directly, on the balcony.  
<https://fords.org/performance/the-american-five/>

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

September 7th -- Just As I Am, by Cicely Tyson

October 5th -- By Her Own Design: a Novel of Ann Lowe..., by Piper Huguley

November 2nd -- Purple Hibiscus, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

December 7th -- Happy Land, by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

January 4th, 2026 -- Truths We Hold: an American Journey, by Kamala Harris

February 1st, 2026 -- Worthy, by Jada Pinkett Smith

**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.

**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](mailto: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)*

## **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**

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