



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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January 23, 2022 10:00 A.M.

Worship Service by Zoom



Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

WELCOME

INTROIT

"Count Your Blessings"

The Celestial Choir

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Together)

One: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls:

All: We come to Worship the Lord and Find Rest for Our Souls.

OPENING HYMN - Insert

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16) Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, forgiveness comes from God, who does not count our sin against us. For God has reconciled us through Christ and entrusts to us the message of reconciliation. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

PASSING THE PEACE

(Please remember to social distance.)
(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!**

SHARING OUR TESTIMONIES

ANTHEM SELECTION *“Come Thy Almighty King”* The Celestial Choir

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23

23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: The Healing at Bethesda

5 After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now in Jerusalem, by the Sheep *Gate*, there is a pool which in ^[a]Hebrew is called ^[b]Bethesda, having five ^[c]porticoes. ³ In these *porticoes* lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, limping, *or* ^[d]paralyzed.^[e] ⁵ Now a man was there who had been ^[f]ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ Jesus, upon seeing this man lying *there* and knowing that he had already been *in that condition* for a long time, ^{*}said to him, “Do you want to get well?” ⁷ The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus ^{*}said to him, “Get up, pick up your pallet and walk.” ⁹ Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and *began* to walk. Now it was a Sabbath on that day. ¹⁰ So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, “It is a Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet.”

SERMONIC SELECTION *“God is My Everything”* The Celestial Choir

SERMON

"Holistic Ministry"
Rev. Dr. Willie J. Keaton Jr.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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OFFERTORY SELECTION: "So Many Wonderful Things" The Celestial Choir

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

Father God, you are the maker of heaven and earth. Accept the tithes and offerings we present to you today. May these bring pleasure in your presence. May our sincere desire to be faithful stewards bring joy to your heart. Please help us to be diligent savers and wise spenders. We ask that you give us the wisdom to apply our hearts unto understanding, especially in the area of our finances. Enable us to apply biblical principles of stewardship so we can continue blessing others and supporting your ministries. Our faithful God, bless this time of giving. Amen.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE
Rev. Dr. Willie J. Keaton, Jr., Presiding
Sunday, January 23, 2022

There are different gifts,
But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,
But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different men in different ways.
But is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.
To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,
And individually members of him.

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.0

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the word, ruling elders, or deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said:

Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if he wants to be first among you, he must be the slave of all men!

Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

Then, let an Elder come forward, bringing the candidate(s). Let the Elder say to the moderator:

Mr. Moderator, speaking for the people of the church, I bring _____ to be **ordained/installed** as _____.

Then, let the Moderator shall ask those questions required by the Constitution of his church. An Elder come forward, bringing the candidate(s).

_____, God has called you by the voice of the church to serve Jesus Christ in a

special way. You know who we are and what we believe, and you understand the work for which you have been chosen.

Do you trust in Jesus Christ, your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of the world and head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you accept the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's word to you?

I do.

Will you be instructed by the Confessions of our church, and led by them as you lead the people of God?

I will.

Will you be _____ (a minister of the word, elders, deacons) in obedience to Jesus Christ, under authority of Scripture, and continually guided by our Confessions?

I will.

Do you endorse our church's government, and will you honor its discipline? Will you be a friend, among your comrades in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's word and Spirit?

I do and I will.

Will you govern the way you live, by following the Lord Jesus Christ, loving neighbors, and working for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

For an Elder

When an elder is being ordained, the following question shall be asked:

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship and instruction? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in courts of the church/ and, and in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ.

I will.

For A Deacon

When a deacon is being ordained, the following question shall be asked:

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ.

I will.

When Ordained Elders or Deacons Are Again Elected

If there are previously ordained elders or deacons to be installed, let an elder present them to the moderator, saying:

Mr. Moderator: (Elder/Deacon) _____ having been elected again to active service by the vote of this congregation, he may now be installed to office.

The Moderator shall ask those questions required by the Constitution of his church.

_____, *you have been called again to a position of special leadership in the church.*

Do you welcome the work for which you have been chosen, and will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in his promises through Jesus Christ our Lord?

I do and I will.

Then, let a designated elder face the congregation with the candidate(s) being installed, and ask those questions required by the Constitution of his church.

Do we, the members of the church, accept _____ as _____ (a minister of the word, elders, deacons), chosen by God through the voice of his congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

We do.

Let us pray.

Almighty God: in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for this man whom you have called to serve you. Give him special gifts to do his special work; and fill him with Holy Spirit, so he may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus and be a faithful disciple as long as he shall live.

Let all the people join in the following prayer:

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation; give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

Then, the moderator shall say to the candidate(s):

_____, you are now _____ (a minister of the word, elders, deacons) in the church (and for this congregation). Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.

Ministers of the gospel and elders shall welcome the new minister or new elder(s) with a handshake; deacons may join in welcoming the new deacon(s). They shall say:

Welcome to this ministry.

Brief charges may be given. Because the New Testament contains helpful charges, they may be selected and read.

Charge to Elders

When elders are ordained or installed, another elder may read a passage from Scripture, such as:

I Peter 5:1-4 – Tending the Flock of God

5 Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ² to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³ Do not lord it over those in your charge but be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

Charge to Deacons

When deacons are ordained or installed, another deacon may read a passage from Scripture, such as:

1 Timothy 3:8-13

Qualifications of Deacons

8 Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money; ⁹they must hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them first be tested; then, if they prove themselves blameless, let them serve as deacons. ¹¹Women^j likewise must be serious, not slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons be married only once,^k and let them manage their children and their households well; ¹³for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)

CLOSING HYMN - Insert

"Here I Am Lord"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

POSTLUDE

<p>Lectionary: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21 Liturgist: Elder Shawn Thomas</p>
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474 LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake lead me and guide me.
Psalm 31:3

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if You lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r to
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness, Be my
 3. I am lost if You take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness
 aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press. I am put - ting all
 blind with - out Thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways let me

D.C.

Thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 my trust in Thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 Thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

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Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD 7.7.7.4 D with refrain

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; alt.

Harm. Michael Pope, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock, 1981

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

Piano introduction in G major, 4/4 time. The right hand features a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first verse. The vocal melody is in G major, 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment supports the vocal line with chords and a steady bass line.

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo-ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo-ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

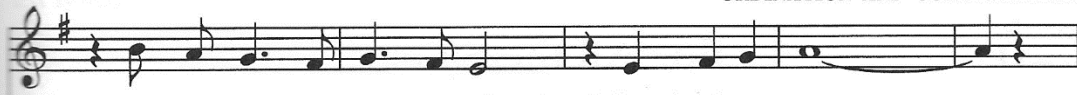
Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second verse. The vocal melody continues in G major, 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support.

All who dwell in deep-est sin My hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the third verse. The vocal melody continues in G major, 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

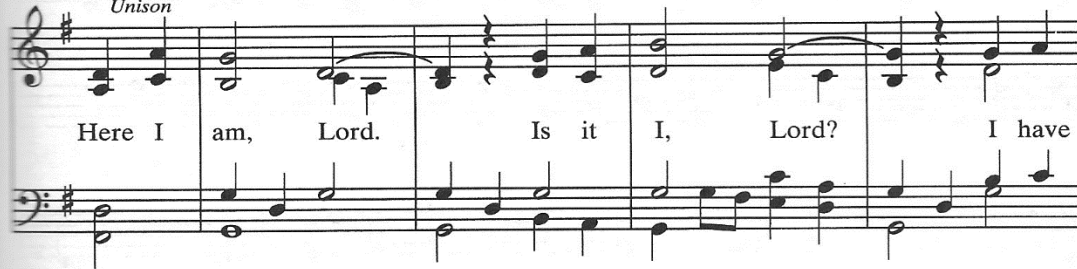
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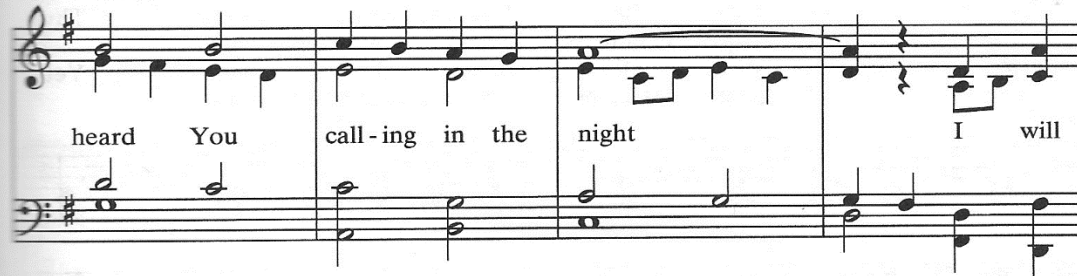
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?



Refrain
Unison



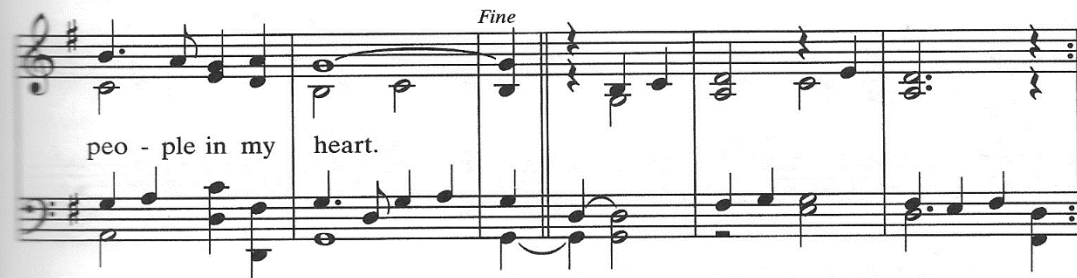
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have



heard You call - ing in the night I will



go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your



Fine

peo - ple in my heart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING will be held immediately after service on **Sunday, January 30th**. The meeting will be held virtually on the same Zoom link as the church service that day.

GROUP BIBLE STUDY: Please join us on Tuesdays at 11:00 am on Zoom. Contact Ruby Webb if you have questions.

LITERARY CLUB SELECTION: Please join us on first Sundays of each month for lively discussions on the selected book. February and March's Literary Club selections are :

Feb. 6th - *Secret Lives of Church Ladies*, by Deesha Philyaw

March 6th - *Three Girls from Bronzeville*, by Dawn Turner.

Please join us for our 1:00 pm Zoom discussions.

THE INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION SERVICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS will be held today, during worship service.

REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT IN: Remember the sick and shut in. With the Pandemic, many days of inclement weather, and other obstacles preventing us from visiting one another, a phone call, email, text, or card goes a long way to show others how much you care. So bring sunshine and warmth to someone's day by reaching out. If you know of anyone who should be included on our Sick and Shut-in list, contact the church office with the name or names.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL: Here are instructions for Sunday Adult Class Conference Call and All are invited.

9:00 am Sunday Adult Class Conference Call

Dial-in Number - (267) 807 9601

Access Code - 828-160-800

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87599641829>

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A CHANGE TO THE 11:00 AM TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

Find below the Zoom Meeting invite for the January 25th Tuesday Morning Bible Study. **Please note the change in the Meeting ID number.**

If you have any questions, contact Ruby Webb.

You are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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THE PER CAPITA FOR 2022 is \$42.67.

THE TECHNOLOGY NEWS: Website: Have you visited our NEW nepc-dc.org website? If you missed a Sunday, you can hear the sermon. If you need prayer, there is a prayer request page. Your picture may be there!! Check it out. If you have suggestions or items you would like to see or put on the site, please fill out the contact sheet for the technology team. Coming soon—Facebook, Instagram and Youtube! You will never miss the happenings at NORTHEASTERN!! We are looking for volunteers to help with pictures and information or be a part of the NEPC CARES TEAM. Contact a Technology member for more information.

Zooming – Each week we are learning more and getting better. Although you are on zoom, you can participate in the service! If you want to read scripture, let us know. Be sure to unmute yourself when we are passing the peace and type any prayer concerns in the chat function. Please let us know how we can make it even better.

Streaming – Soon we will be launching Facebook live, Instagram and our YouTube channels. You can watch the entire service or rewatch at your leisure.

Volunteers – We need volunteers to help with our Technology. It is not hard and is easy to learn. You can observe any Sunday. Learn something new!!

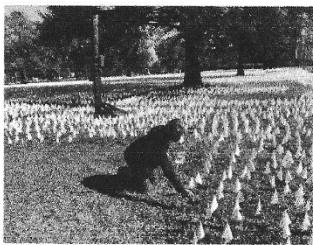
ANNUAL PRAYER GATHERING

Community

Please join us for a virtual
Prayer Gathering

Prayers

Our prayer gathering will pause to remember and give thanks for the lives of those souls who have been called home. We have included space in the registration form for you to include the names of sisters called to Eternal Rest in 2021. We will also lift up prayers for communities both near and far and invite you to add your prayer request in the registration form.



The National Capital Presbytery Presbyterian Women (NCP PW) will host an annual Prayer Breakfast, which this year must be held virtually. We hope you will join us in "Building an inclusive, caring community of women" who seek to work for justice and peace, and strengthen one another at all times. Our program will include speakers, NCP Vice Moderator Shani McIlwain and Rev. Lucy Dergarabedian who will lead us in thoughtful meditation.

Save the Date!

When
February 5, 2022

10am-12pm

Register

Please register [HERE](#) by February 2, 2022

For more NCP PW information please visit
our [Facebook page](#)

Please register here: [Prayer Gathering Registration Link](#)

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



Shirley Dodson, Gloria Harris, Rita Newton, Helen Felton, Elsada Peters, Glen Grier, Dr. Laddie Bell, Amanda Sargent, Carol Fleming, Cherie Becton and Angela Haggins

If your birthday is not listed contact the church office.

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