



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

EPIPHANY & Holy Communion

January 4, 2026 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

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 90:1, 2)

One Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

All **From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

One In the day, we trust in you. As we sleep, we rest in you.

All **Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.**

One We offer you the days of our lives. And when the time comes, we will offer back our lives to you, in thanksgiving.

All **Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

One We seek You in this new year, confident that if we seek, we shall find.

All **Amen!**

+ OPENING HYMN #66 (Hymnal) "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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!**

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYERS FOR A NEW YEAR

(Prayer of Release for 2025, Prayer of Hope 2026)

Bring your prayers cards for to place in the baptismal font

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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)

Great God of new beginnings, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who cleanses us from sin and renews our lives. We thank you that Jesus is born anew in us so that Christ shares our hurts and joys. Glory to you for your wonderful love. With this New Year, we offer ourselves

to be joyous people of thanksgiving, and glad disciples of Jesus Christ. Glory and praise to you, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah* was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd* my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men* and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh" Pastor Mark Greiner

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"



INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world,
for your promises to your people,
and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.
Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, Jesus welcomes us.

Guiding his children, he leads us.

Visiting the sick, Jesus heals us.

Dying on the cross, he saves us.

Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

Living with you, Jesus prays for us.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be
a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with
Christ and with all who share this feast.

Unite us in faith,

encourage us with hope,

inspire us to love,

**that we may serve as your faithful disciples
until we feast at your table in glory.**

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in
the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison, from the prophet Joel)

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see
visions, your old men will dream dreams." You nourish us with your
Presence, Risen Christ. Inspire us to dream bold new dreams with
you. Strengthen us your Spirit, to make your dreams for the world
come true, Amen.

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

✦ CLOSING HYMN "On This Day of Celebration"

Sung to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

On this day of celebration, at this time when hopes are new,
God, we gather as your people, called to put our trust in you.
You have made the world we live in; you have worked through history.
In your plan we find our purpose, in your love, our unity.

Long ago, you sent our Savior to this world in deep despair.
In your Word made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear.
Christ has died and Christ is risen! At this new year we proclaim:
Yesterday, today, forever— Jesus Christ is still the same!

Through two thousand years of changes, through these passing centuries,
You have called your church to witness to Christ's love that claims and
frees.

Each new generation hears you, each must find a fresh new way
To make known the life you offer, to the people in their day.

On this day, we pause and wonder what the future years will bring,
Yet we know you clothe each flower and you make each sparrow sing.
How much more will you protect us with your guiding, caring hand!
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit

POSTLUDE

PRAYER ELDER

Lectionary: Jeremiah 31:7-14 and Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John
1(1-9) 10-18

Liturgist:

Greeter: Mrs. Gloria Harris

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS" is today, January 4, 2026, immediately following worship.

Elders 1- year term

Nachee Miler
Williams Hymes

Deacons 3-year term

Karen Cooper Geathers
Thomas Midgette

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Ministry leaders, only use the format template for all reports please.

Annual Reports were due to Kathy Cuff, Office Administrator (admin@nepc-dc.org). by December 15th.

Ministry Reports ~ Chairs or Co-Chairs to submit reports.

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| • Pastor Report | Pastor Mark Greiner |
| • Clerk of Session Report | Valerie McCray |
| • Budget & Fiscal | Pamela Gessesse |
| • Buildings & Grounds | Charles Barber |
| • Christian Education | Jennifer Allen |
| • Interpretation & Stewardship | Cherie Becton |
| • Personnel | Charles Barber/Co-chair: James Haggins |
| • Worship & Music | Angela Hemphill |
| • Technology Committee | Shawn Thomas |
| • Nominating | Angela Hemphill |
| • President of Corporation | Charles Barber |
| • Social Concerns & Outreach | Shawn Thomas/ Co-chair Patricia Young |
| • Foundry Task Force | James Haggins |
| • 50 th Anniversary Committee | Glynis Pegram-Higgs |

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 us next Sunday, January 4th, discussion on "SIN," Genesis 3:1-24; 6:5-8; Mark 7:14-23; Romans 1:18-32; 3:10-18; 1 John 1:5-2:6

Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

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Sign up here for alerts to faithfully raise our voices in key state and national actions <https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/PCUSA/home>

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB
Book selections for 2025

Literary Club - Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm for the following book discussions.

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

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

March 1st ---The Wilderness, by Angela Fourtnoy

April 5th ----- Overground Railroad: the Green book and the Roots of Black Travel In America, by Candacy Taylor

THE OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR THE YEAR 2026 are available in the Narthex. Please pick them up.

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.

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

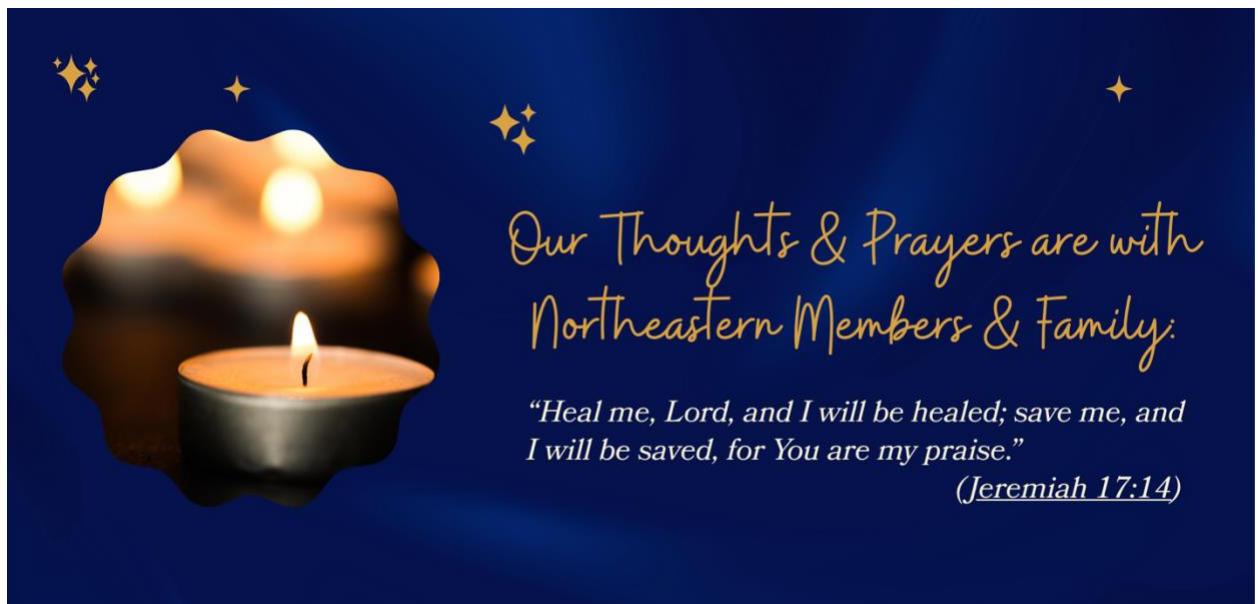
1. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.
2. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
3. Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions with partners 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**



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

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