



“WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY, AND JESUS IS LORD”

**The Third of Easter
Holy Communion Sunday**
May 4, 2025, 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 (based on Psalm 30)

One: You have turned our mourning into dancing.

Many: You have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy.

One: Our souls may praise you and not be silent: O Lord our God,

All: we will give thanks to you forever.

+ OPENING HYMN- #263 (Hymnal) "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Occasionally, God invites us into confession and repentance with a blinding light from the heavens. But often, God invites us into relationship over a humble cookfire. Let us illumine our lives using this prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O Lord our God, we know that your throne is surrounded by the voices of many angels and that you are worshiped by the multitudes of the

heavenly host, but we so often fail to join in their “amen.” We do not fall down and worship you as we know we should. We are distracted by our catch, by our high priests, by our mourning, and our doubts. Show yourself to us anew and give us the faith to cast our nets in other waters. Strengthen us to worship you alone as the one on the throne and the Lamb slaughtered for all, even when we are in the depths of the pit.

SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord’s anger is but for a moment. God’s favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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!**

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE OFFERING

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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 (In Unison)

God of all gifts, we are grateful for the many ways you continue to provide for us. As we offer a portion of these gifts today, we ask that you might receive them and transform them. Allow these gifts to become acts of restoration and hope, here in this community and beyond. So that all of your children might live into the abundance and the joy that you offer us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE HEBREW BIBLE READING

Proverbs 14:19-21

The evil bow down before the good,
the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
The poor are disliked even by their neighbors,
but the rich have many friends.
Those who despise their neighbors are sinners,
but happy are those who are kind to the poor.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

In the reading and hearing of your Word, O God, remove the scales from our eyes that we may see your works and know your ways

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9: 1-6

The Conversion of Saul

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus,

suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"He IS the Son of God"

Rev. Elenora Giddings Ivory

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967, gendered language modified)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to people, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of death and life, crucifixion and resurrection, God of the pit and God of the heights, hear us and be gracious to us. We pray for your creation – for every creature in heaven and on earth, every creature under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them. All the creatures of creation sing your praises, so we ask that you empower us to be their faithful stewards. We pray for our most vulnerable neighbors. You called upon our ancestor Peter to care for your sheep three times – empower your church to be faithful stewards of this legacy to love you by caring for others. When we shrink from this call, bind us and lead us where we may not wish to go but know, deep down, that we must. God of the lakeshore, you made yourself known to us around the cook fire. Help us to make ourselves known around the table, where the astonishing bounty of the earth, so heavy we can hardly bring it to shore, is shared such that all have enough. We make this prayer in the name of the resurrected Jesus, who blinded Saul,

who empowered Ananias, who challenged Simon Peter, who sits upon the throne, and who taught us to pray together saying, "Our Father ...

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.

COMMUNION HYMN #513 (Hymnal) "Let us Break Bread Together"



The Lord's Table

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 Israel, 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)

Loving God, Jesus revealed your care for all You have made. Jesus shows us your way of reconciliation. Looking forward to the joy of new life, Jesus willingly suffered the pangs of the cross. In rising again, Jesus became the first-born of the renewed family of God. Again and again, you renew us by the Holy Spirit in this meal. Thanks be to you, O God, Amen.

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

+ CLOSING HYMN #181 (Hymnal) "Come Sing to God"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit be with you, those you love, and for whom you pray, this day and forevermore. Amen

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Acts 9:1-6(7-20) and Psalm: 30 or Isaiah 61:1-3 and Psalm
90:13-17; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Liturgist: **Elder Cynthia Gervais**

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 Lessons is "Costly Sacrifices." You are cordially invited to join in on May 11th discussion "Solomon Dedicates The Temple," 2 Chronicles 7:1-20. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

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 lively book discussions.

May 4th --- ***Madness: Race and Insanity in a Jim Crow Asylum***, by Antonia Hylton

June 1st --- ***Good Dirt: a Novel***, by Charmaine Wilkerson

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.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Please join us via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time for Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Join us for in-depth and interesting discussions as we learn from the Bible. Call the church office for the Zoom meeting information.

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>

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **857 3194 9016**; Passcode: **140816**

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.

Thank You Mom!

"I love my mother as trees love water and
sunshine. She helps me grow, prosper, and
reach great heights."

- Terry Guillemets



MOTHER'S DAY is approaching, if you have a tribute for your mother or a woman mentor showing appreciation, expressing gratitude and love or just thanking her, please send your tribute, no later than May 4, 2025 to the church e-mail admin@nepc-dc.org.



2025

Conference Speakers and Leaders

Worship Leader

Rev. Jimmie Hawkins

Director of the Presbyterian Church
(USA) Office of Public Witness,
Washington, DC



Worship Leader

REV. BRIAN MCCOLLUM

Pastor at Sargent Memorial
PC, Washington, DC



Silent Communion Leader

REV. MARK HINCHCLIFF

Spiritual director for
the Mid-Atlantic Synod
Men's Conference



In Concert

SARGENT WINGS
Chamber Orchestra
Washington, DC



2025 Conference Leader
REGGIE FORTUNE



Music Leader

CLINT DANMUTH

Bayside PC, VA Beach, VA



Worship Leader
PASTOR SHADAROLL LEE



REGISTRATION FORM

**2025 Synod of the Mid-Atlantic
Presbyterian Men's Conference
July 18-20, 2025**

Register on-line: www.midatlanticmen.org / PayPal Available

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Relation _____ Phone _____

Roommate Request Name _____

Special Needs / Disability _____

Church _____ Presbytery _____

Number of prior conferences attended _____

Select Conference Package

- ☐ Hubler Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$405
☐ Hubler Lodge Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$505
☐ Richardson Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$365
☐ Richardson Lodge, Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$415
☐ Conference & Meals Only, 6 meals, conference, \$235
☐ Conference Only, conference, \$135 (No meals or lodging)

**Hubler Lodge - 2 Queen Beds, Private Bath

**Richardson Lodge - 2 Single Beds, Shared Bath

Select Saturday Afternoon Activity

☐ Local Winery Tour

☐ Bowling

Total Cost

\$ _____ Total Conference Package

Make checks payable to "Presbyterian Men's Conference"

Mail Registration Form and Check to:

Mr. Paul Willbanks

P.O. Box 72

Port Penn, DE 19709

Questions? Call 410-829-9161 or Email pmwillbanks@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**



OUR 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](#))



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
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Ms. Kathy Cuff
Mr. Randall Timbers
Mr. Kyler Spencer

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Personnel
Worship & Music
Technology Committee
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President of Corporation
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Foundry Task Force

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Angela Hemphill
Shawn Thomas
Angela Hemphill
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Charles Barber
Shawn Thomas/ Co-chair Patricia Young
James Haggins

DEACONS

Glen Grier
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Brenda Kuznof
Bishetta Merritt, Vice Moderator
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Amanda Sargent
Penny Thomas
Randall Timbers
Charles Webb

SENIOR USHERS

1st, 4th Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof, Mary Allen, Ruby Webb

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JUNIOR USHERS

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Priya Young