



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

Easter and Holy Communion

April 5, 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*

QUOTE OF THE DAY (Gospel of Nicodemus, late 600's)

Why then do you marvel at the resurrection of Jesus?
What is marvelous is not that he arose but that he did not arise alone,
that he raised many other dead ones who appeared to many
in Jerusalem.

PRELUDE

INTROIT

The Combined Choirs

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE Rise up, be our help,

And redeem us because of Your mercy. *Psalm 44:26*

All Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen indeed!

ONE "For the cause of the oppressed and for the groaning of the
needy, I will now arise," says the LORD.

"I will bring safety to those who yearn." *Psalm 12:5*

All Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen indeed!

ONE God gives the desolate a home to live in;

God leads out the prisoners into prosperity. *Psalm 68:6*

All Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen indeed!

ONE You free me from the net laid out for me, for You are my refuge.

Into Your hands I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me,

O LORD, God of truth.

Psalm 31:4-5

All Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen indeed!

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

Please come forward while singing to place flowers on the Cross, as a symbol of resurrection, new life, new hope.

PRAYER OF POWER (UNISON)

O God, your power brings life from death.
You shattered the power of sin and death.
Raising Jesus from the grave,
Help us embrace the power of the Resurrection
[silent prayer]

Holy Spirit, free us from fearfulness
[silent prayer]

Jesus, liberate our hearts to serve the impoverished, the oppressed, the hungry, the unhoused.
[silent prayer]

God of life, grant us courage always to live and love and be who you made us to be
[silent prayer]

God of mercy, help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new. Restore us to the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our Risen Redeemer...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One Embrace the power of the Good News in Jesus Christ:

ALL We are freed to live with Holy Spirit Power. Amen!

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 Combined Choirs

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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!**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 15:51-52

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die,* but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

SERMONIC SELECTION

**Mrs. Monica Johnson &
Mrs. Shawnee Ball**

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 28:1-15

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he* lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead,* and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message

for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.' While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. After the priests* had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, 'You must say, "His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep." If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.' So, they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

SERMON "THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION"

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.

COMMUNION HYMN #404 (Hymnal) "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"



The Lord's Table INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The table of bread and wine is now ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus

and with all those who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth
in which Christ became incarnate.

So, come to this table,
you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who seek answers,
and you who question;
you who have been to this sacrament often,
and you who have not been for a long time;
you who seek justice,
and you who await mercy;
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed. Come.

One Alleluia! God is here,
All **God's Spirit is with us.**
One Lift up your hearts,
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
All **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here, so we proclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord,
hosanna in the highest.**

Breathe your spirit upon us
And upon this bread and wine.
May they become for us your body
Vibrant with your life
Healing, renewing and making us whole.
And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink

Are changed into us,
May we be changed again into you,
Bone of your bone,
Flesh of your flesh,
Loving and just in the world.
Together we declare the mystery of our faith:

**Great is the mystery of faith:
Dying, Christ destroyed our death.
Rising, Christ restored our life.
Christ will come in glory.**

THE STORY OF THE LAST SUPPER

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
Who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
in Ukraine, in Northeast, in the Middle East, in our
neighborhoods,
And who is known to us in the breaking of the bread.
On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread
And, having blessed it, He broke the bread
And gave it to his disciples, saying,
"This is my body, broken for you."

Let us receive the bread

In the same way, he took the cup
And, having given thanks for it,
He poured it out
And gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant with God,
Sealed with my blood. Take this and share it.
I shall drink this cup with you next
In the coming kingdom of God."

Look, the body of Christ is broken
For the life of the world.
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and in cup
The gifts of God
For the people of God.

... Let us receive the cup ...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison, Revelation 7:12)

**'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'**

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

+ CLOSING HYMN "Alleluia Chorus" (from Handel's Messiah)

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION

Pastor Show us your resurrection.

**People We will live resurrection faith in the church,
Worshipping the Lord with all our heart and soul and
strength.**

Pastor Show us your resurrection.

**People We will live resurrection hope in the world,
Bringing hope and bearing light in every place
Jesus leads us in life.**

Pastor Show us your resurrection.

**People We will live resurrection love outside of ourselves,
As a people caring for others.**

Pastor May the love of God, the peace of Christ and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

People Hallelujah, Amen!

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 and Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; Matthews 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18
Easter Evening: Isaiah 25:6-9 and Psalm 114;1 Corinthian 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49
Liturgist: Elder Herbert Diixon
Greeter: Mrs. Gloria Harris



In Memory of

Elder Valerie McCray

Betty J. Snowden

Louis E. Snowden

Elder Addie Haggins

Altise R. Harris

Augusta Walters

My Darling Mother

Angela Hemphill

Donald Hemphill

William L. Pegram, Sr.

William L. Pegram, Jr.

All Deceased Relatives

Pastor Mark Greiner

Dr. Robert & Mrs. Mim Greiner

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Mack Burnell

Mildred Jackson

Bobbie Ruth Walker

Doris White

Denise Hodges

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Corinthia J. Lee

Sidney L. Catlett

Rutha Hodges

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE APRIL 9, THURSDAY EVENING AT 7 PM, we'll gather in small groups online so you can pose questions. You can share your question beforehand via the question box at the church entrance. Or you can email your questions in advance of the meeting to Clerk McCray at vmccray08@yahoo.com. Questions will be discussed at the meeting.

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 2025-2026 Lessons is "Social Teachings of the Church." You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, April 12th, discussion on "Respect for Rightful Authority," Mark 12:13-17; Romans 13:1-14; 1 Peter 2:13-17 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>

HARRIET TUBMAN TOUR (PLUS BIRDING!)

Palm Sunday after church:

Please remain after worship briefly to plan for carpooling and meals.

Cost: \$65

Date: April 23, 2026 Thursday, 2-6 pm

Place: Cambridge, MD

Info: <https://delmarvabirding.com/birding-tubman-2026/>

Register at dmbirds@gmail.com (put April 23 Tubman tour in subject line) Register ASAP as the tour fills quickly.

<https://delmarvabirding.com/store/thurs-apr-23-birding-tubman-byway/>

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB
Book selections for 2025

LITERARY CLUB - Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm every first Sunday for the book discussion of the month.

April 12 **Kin**, by Tayari Jones

May 3rd --- **Harlem Rhapsody**, by Victoria Christopher Murray

June 7th --- **Rootless: a Novel**, by Krystle Zara Appiah

July 5th ---- **Uncommon favor: Basketball, North Philly...**, by Dawn Staley

August 2nd --- **I Hope You Find What You're Looking For**, by Bsrat Mezgebe

September 6th --- **Let Us March On: a Novel**, by Shara Moon

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.


THE NEPC JAZZ CAFE returns this year on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Last year's combo, Joshua Jenkins and Friends, are back again to thrill us with their extraordinary musical talents. You can purchase your ticket(s) today. The price of a ticket is \$30.00. Food will be served and the "Mock Bar" will be open. Tell your family and friends about the great time that you had last year and not to miss this year's event. We look forward to seeing you on April 26th.

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**

A WORKSHOP ON THE VITAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS WE ALL NEED:

"Do you have your will and related documents in order? A Faithful Discussion with Elder Charles Barber". Please attend a worship on April 19 and remain for a workshop on the vital legal documents we all need to have. Elder Charles Barber is a lawyer licensed in the District of Columbia and Maryland and will walk us through 3 essential documents: wills, powers of attorney for health care, and durable powers of attorney for business affairs. Please print a copy of this Estate Planning Workbook for your use:

 Estate Planning Workbook.pdf



2026

Jazz Cafe

Sponsored by the Capital Improvement Committee

with Guest Artists: Joshua "Josh" Jenkins and Friends



Joshua "Josh" Jenkins



Emerson Borg



Tyson Femister



Kevin Kearney

Sunday, April 26, 2026 | 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

\$30

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Listing Agreement update for March 15, 2026

WHAT DECISION DID THE SESSION MAKE?

Session is listing the property for sale or lease to receive offers up to June 1, 2026.

WHY LIST THE PROPERTY FOR SALE OR LEASE?

We want to have enough income to remain on this site as a congregation.

IS THE PRESBYTERY SELLING THE NORTHEASTERN CHURCH BUILDING?

No.

DOES A "LISTING AGREEMENT" REQUIRE US TO LEASE OR SELL THE BUILDING)?

No. Session will evaluate if there is any good offer. Any offer would require congregational approval.

WILL THE CONGREGATION VOTE IF THERE'S A LONG-TERM LEASE OR SALE?

Yes.

WILL OUR BUILDINGS BE CHANGED?

We do not know yet how our building may be repaired or replaced.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

Session will receive offers for sale or lease up to June 1.

Session will engage the congregation in conversation around possible leases or sales.

If there is a good offer, the congregation will vote. Presbytery would have to approve a sale or any lease (in excess of 5 years).

WHERE CAN WE SEE THE ONLINE LISTING FOR OUR PROPERTY?

https://www.foundrycommercial.com/properties/?_property_type=religious-and-educational&_market=dc

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

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Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir
Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir
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Sexton
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All the people of the Church
Pastor Mark Greiner
Dr. Laddie Bell
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Ms. Jennifer Allen
Ms. Kathy Cuff
Mr. Randall Timbers
Mr. Kyler Spencer

Ministries of Session

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Buildings & Grounds

Christian Education
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Personnel

Worship & Music
Technology Committee

Nominating

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Social Concerns & Outreach

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