



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

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 5, 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

John 3:16

English

For God so love the world that he gave his only son. That who so ever believes in him shall have ever lasting life. (Unison)

Spanish

"Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que ha dado a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que en él cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna."

French

« Car Dieu a tant aimé le monde qu'il a donné son Fils unique, afin que quiconque croit en lui ne périsse point, mais qu'il ait la vie éternelle. »

Swahili

"Kwa maana Mungu aliupenda ulimwengu hivi kwamba akamtoa Mwanawe pekee, ili kila mtu amwaminiye asipotee bali awe na uzima wa milele."

German

„Denn also hat Gott die Welt geliebt, dass er seinen eingeborenen Sohn gab, damit alle, die an ihn glauben, nicht verloren werden, sondern das ewige Leben haben.“

+ OPENING HYMN - “Alleluia Gracias Jesus” (Tune Hyfrydol)
Credit: New Century Hymnal

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of Heav'n to Earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Alleluia! Christ eternal, nothing can disrupt your reign.
Alleluia! Born of Mary, heaven and earth are your domain.
Human life you fully entered, tending those we count the least.
Serving both as Ho-st and Victor in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Bread of angels, you on earth, our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, pray for me.
And the songs that sound in heaven will repeat your gracious plea.

Finish, then, thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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

THE OFFERING

Use your bank's online bill-paying options

Mail your check to the church

2112 Varnum St., NE

Washington, DC 20018 or

Go to nepc-dc.org

Click on Donate or Cash App at the bottom of the page

+ 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!

+ Prayer for the Church in all the World (in unison, from Zaire)

O God, you are the giver of life. We pray for the church in the whole world. Sanctify her life, renew her worship, give power to her witnessing, restore her unity. Give strength to those who are searching together for that kind of obedience which creates unity. Heal the divisions separating your children, one from another, so that they will make fast, with bonds of peace, the unity which the Spirit gives. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and

still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

SERMON

"WHO IS JESUS?"

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. 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 SOZ #216 "Jesus is All the World to Me"



INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*All who seek Jesus are welcome to
receive Holy Communion.*

The Thanksgiving (Nicene Creed)

Pastor God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:

**We believe in one God, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before us the ways of life and death.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
eternally begotten of the Creator,
God from God, light from light,
true God from true God, begotten not made,
of one Being with the Creator.**

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through
prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and
death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church
of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues,
and races.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Creator and the Christ,
who has spoken through the prophets,
who is worshiped and glorified at this table.**

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism
and to eat at Christ's table

to join him in his passion and victory.

With the great choir of heaven and earth in the everlasting hymn, we proclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
hosanna in the high-est.**

**Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord,
hosanna in the highest.**

Spirit of All Life,

Move among this bread and this cup

and make us mindful of our oneness with all creation

so this meal of simple substance

may become a true communion

with the one who makes every tomorrow possible, even as we declare:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Dying, Christ destroyed our death.

Rising, Christ restored our life.

Christ will come in glory. Amen

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (UNISON)

**O Risen Christ, who made yourself known to the disciples in
the breaking of the bread at Emmaus; the bread we break
at this table is a sign of the brokenness of all the world;
through our sharing in the Bread of Life in our many
Christian Communion, open our eyes and hands to the
needs of all people. Let our hearts burn to share your gifts;
help us to go forth with the Bread of Hope, the Bread of
Life, the Bread of Peace, Amen.**

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

+ CLOSING HYMN # 77 (SOZ)

"Ride On, King Jesus"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION (Cole Arthur Riley, Black Liturgies)

May the Sacred Chronicler travel with you
into the stories that have formed you,
that having made that pilgrimage,
you would return
freer and more whole, body and soul, Amen.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Semicontinuous: Lamentations 1:1-6 and Lamentations 3:19-26
or Psalm 137; Complementary: Habakkuk 1:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Liturgist: **Elder Jennifer Allen**

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 Fall 2025 Lessons is “Judah, from Isaiah to Exile.” You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, October 12th discussion on “Jeremiah Calls The People to Obedience,” Jeremiah 7:1-26. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

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.

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>

NEIGHBORHOOD BLACK OWNED FARMER'S MARKET FIELD TRIP

- Join Elders after worship on Sunday, October 26

Black + Forth, 2201 Channing St NE, Washington, DC 20018

<https://www.blackandforth.org/farmersmarket>

NEPC is getting to know our neighborhood & envisioning how we can serve anew.

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

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.

"WHO IS JESUS?" Please bring into prayer Matthew 16:13-20.

And come prepared to celebrate World Communion with a personal reflection of who Jesus is to you.

(In October, we will have a three-part worship series "Who is Jesus?"

"What is Church?" and "What is Witness?" These are key questions as we listen for God's leading into our next 50 years.)

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

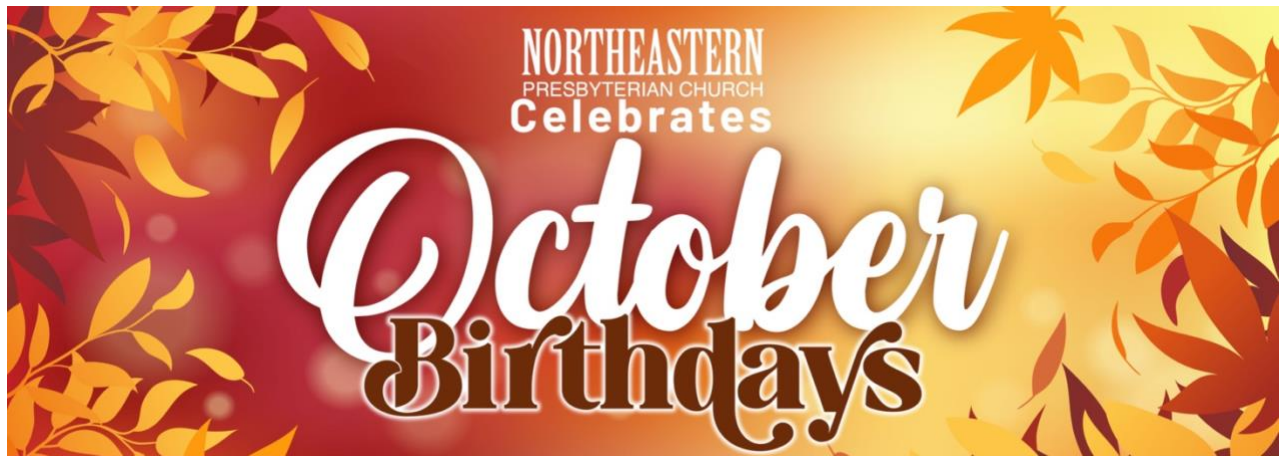
1. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.
2. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
3. Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions with partners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



OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:



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)*

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BPU EVENTS

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
CELEBRATION OF UNITY,
CULTURE AND
FELLOWSHIP
TOGETHER

More Information
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REV.
CHRISTOPHER
HOLLAND II



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OCTOBER

FAITH PRES

4161 SOUTH CAPITOL ST SW
WASHINGTON, DC 20032

Nomination Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Nominee _____ Phone _____

☐ Elder ☐ Deacon ☐ Trustee ☐ Nominating Comm

If not a self nomination, has the nominee agreed to serve? _____

Thank you!

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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