



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

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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 (St. Serapion)

Holy One, we beg you, make us truly alive.

PRELUDE

INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

ALL **O taste and see that the LORD is good!**

ONE Happy are those whose strength is in You, O God

ALL **Happy are those who take refuge in God!**

ONE O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you!

ALL **O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God!**

+ OPENING HYMN - #130 (Hymnal) "Let Every Christian Pray"

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!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

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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

Awesome God, the grave could not hold your Son, alleluia!
You have conquered death, alleluia! You raised Jesus to rule
over all principalities and powers of heaven and earth, alleluia!
Jesus, you call us to new life, and we joyfully answer "yes!" You
gave us your life; now, we offer our lives to you. We sing your
praises. We dance with your Spirit. Let our joy be a sign of love,
of mercy, of compassion for all the world to see, to the glory of
your name, Amen!

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 12:46-50

While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

SERMON

"Happiness"

Pastor Mark Greiner

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.

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 More About Jesus (verses 1 and 3, SOZ 66)



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

All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in God! *Psalm 34.8*

One Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed!

One Because we are all warmly welcome to this feast:

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love, Source of Life, Living Word:

You are creative and self-giving.

Nothing exists that does not find its source in you.

You never leave us nor forsake us.

Through fear-filled days and aching nights

when the powers of death have done their worst,

even when we turn away from you, you are with us;
Your presence never fails us.

We praise you for Jesus Christ,
risen to life, to transform us anew.
With the women at the tomb,
we raise the strain of gladness.
Hallelujah! Life is stronger than death!

The day of resurrection has come, scattering fear and gloom.
And so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place,
and with angels and archangels,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
and together we proclaim:

**All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,
who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers:
loving what he loved
living what he taught, and
seeking to be his faithful servants
in this now, in each now, in every now.
In this meal we remember Jesus, living to the fullest.
In our own flesh, we remember Jesus' love, Jesus' friendship, Jesus'
teaching,
his dying, and his rising to life again.
In sharing this meal, we too embody the great paschal mystery:

All Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

+ CLOSING HYMN #53 (SOZ) "*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION (adapted from Kimberly Bracken Long)

May the mercy of God ground us,
the love of Christ take root in us,
and the Holy Spirit grow in us,
that we may lovingly live
"thy kingdom come: on earth as it is in heaven."

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Acts 10:44-48 and Psalm 98 or Genesis 35:9-15 and Psalm 101; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Liturgist: Elder Pamela Gessesse

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 Summer 2024 Lessons is “Hope in the Lord.” You are cordially invited to join in on May 12th discussion “Reckoned as Righteous” Romans 4. Please dial **(267) 807-960 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

LITERARY BOOK CLUB - Please join us for the following discussions. We meet at 1:30 pm via Zoom. To join us please contact Dr. Shirley Logan at 301-935-5173 for the Zoom link.

May 5th --Belonging: a Daughter's Search for Identity through Loss and Love, by Michelle Miller.

NEXT STEP IN OUR CAT STUDY! Reaching our Neighbors Workshop
(on using the Mission Insight tool)
Monday, May 13, zoom 7-8 pm. Register here.
<https://thepresbytery.org/ncp-events/understanding-the-congregational-assessment-tool-cat-registration/>

PENTECOST SUNDAY: For the first three weeks leading up to Pentecost Sunday we are asking that you wear something **Red.**

PRAYING LIKE JESUS (THE PSALMS): BIBLE STUDY: This week we will be studying Psalm 90. Join us every Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm via zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89996811489?pwd=xksxVa0O8PayAL61GACkx1rXN6hOgf.1> Phone in: 301 715 8592
Meeting ID: 899 9681 1489 Passcode: 867481

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 names of persons who should be added to the sick-and-shut-in list or if you have updates on anyone listed.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday Morning Bible Study sessions will be via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time. Please join us for an interesting discussion. The Zoom meeting information is in the E-mail to the congregation, or you can call the church office or Ruby Webb for the Zoom ID and Passcode.

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **826 1188 5094**; Passcode: **728796**

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Deacon Joseph Witherspoon on May 1, 2024. We will let you know when more information is available.

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:

NORTHEASTERN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrates

May
BIRTHDAYS



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)

STAFF

Ministers

Pastor (Stated Supply)

Director, Chancel Choir/Organist

Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir

Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir

Administrative Assistant

Sexton

All the people of the church

Pastor Mark Greiner

Dr. Laddie Bell

Ms. Jennifer Allen

Kathy Cuff

Randall Timbers

Ministries of Session

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Buildings & Grounds

Christian Education

Clerk of Session

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Technology Committee

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Denise Hodges

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Shawn Thomas

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