



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

October 6, 2024 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

"Joy is the simplest form of gratitude." Karl Barth

PRELUDE

INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ THE GOSPEL IN MANY TONGUES John 3:16-17

Leader For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Leaders In Ibo, The Uduma Family

People **Thanks be to God!**

Leader In French, Deacon Kimberely Bowling-Lewis

People **Thanks be to God!**

Leader In Spanish, Ian Thomas

People **God so loved the world; thanks be to God!**

+ OPENING HYMN #464

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison from Uruguay):

Lord, you placed me in the world to be its salt. I was afraid of committing myself, afraid of being stained by the world. I did not want to hear what "they" might say. And my salt dissolved, as if in water. Forgive me, Jesus. Lord, you placed me in the world to be its light. I was afraid of the shadows, afraid of the poverty. I did not want to know other people. And my light slowly faded away. Forgive me, Jesus. Lord, you placed me in the world to live in community. Thus you taught me to love, to share in life, to struggle for bread and for justice, your truth in my life. So be it, Jesus...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Galatians 5:1)

ONE Together we declare the Good News

ALL For Freedom Christ has made us free! 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!**

+ 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

THE EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, **who for the sake of the joy** that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-12

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus

said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON **"The Kingdom of God on Earth Begins with Joy"**
quote of Karl Barth

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Black Presbyterians United Charter)

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 # 430 (Hymnal) "Come Sing, O Church in Joy!"



The Lord's Table

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The Invitation (from Scotland's Iona Community)

Christ came to us proclaiming peace—
peace to all those are near,
peace to all who are far away.
In Christ's body we are joined together.
In Christ's body we are made one.

The Thanksgiving

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.

We give thanks that you have prepared this rich feast for us—
a feast of joy, a banquet of grace for all the nations and peoples of the
world, a sign of the day when you will swallow up sin and death forever.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Jesus showed your compassion to the hungry crowds—
providing an abundant meal with just a few loaves and fish,
extending your covenant care to all the peoples of the earth.
With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the bread,
and when he had blessed it, broke it and gave it to the disciples,
saying: Take, eat. This is my body. Do this, remembering me.
With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the cup,
saying: This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood.
Drink of it, all of you. Do this, remembering me.
Remembering your grace to us, O God,
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
as we share this joyful feast.

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.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup;
make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
By your Spirit, whet our appetites for that glorious day of celebration
when your children will hunger and thirst no more
and you will wipe away every tear from our eyes.
Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we rejoice! We praise You with Thanksgiving:
You our Life; You our Hope; You our Joy!

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering)

Help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you,
the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by your own hand,
that we may extend your arms of peace to a world at war.
This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, Amen.

+ CLOSING HYMN #40

"Joy to the World"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving

let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Semicontinuous: Job 1:1; 2:1-10 and Psalm 26;
Complementary: Genesis 2:18-24 and Psalm 8; Hebrew 1:1-4:
2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

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 2024 Lessons is "Worship in the Covenant Community." You are cordially invited to join in on October 13th, discussion "A Plea for Deliverance," Psalm 22, Daniel 3. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB **Book selections for 2024**

Today, October 6th – *Swing Time*, by Zadie Smith

November 3rd – *Our Secret Society: Mollie Moon and the Glamour, Money, and Power Behind the Civil Rights Movement*, by Tanisha Ford

December 1st – *The Swans of Harlem: Five Black Ballerinas, Fifty Years of Sisterhood, and Their Reclamation of a Groundbreaking History*, by Karen Valby

PSALMS BIBLE STUDY RETURNS, Wednesdays 7-8 pm via zoom.
All are welcome!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89124536900?pwd=wuzRGTe47y5PYOI6a3SeQ5Egu1jar6.1>

Oct 16	Psalm 35	Pastor Mark Greiner
Oct. 23	Psalm 44	Elder Cynthia Gervais
Oct. 30	Psalm 96	Pastor Mark Greiner
Nov. 6	Psalm 127	Elder Denise Hodges
Nov. 13	Psalm 23	Pastor Mark Greiner
Nov. 20	Psalm 13	Elder Angie Hemphill

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Come join us in Celebrating Dr. Bell's 30 plus years of Music Ministry at an afternoon reception on Sunday October 13th. Save the date!

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.

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

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!!! Are you good with fundraising, planning events, or getting the word out? The 50th Anniversary Committee invites you to join one of our subcommittees to help plan our events for next year. Fill out the attached card and return it to one of the committees leads or send an email to NEPC50thAnniversarySteeringCommittee@groups.outlook.com

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**



DEEPEST SYMPATHY

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Mrs. Lilla S. Midgette on October 1, 2024. Let's keep the Midgette and Jones family in prayer.



REMEMBER OUR SICK & SHUT-IN



Please fill out the information below and send it to

NEPC50thAnniversarySteeringCommittee@groups.outlook.com

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Glynis Pegram-Higgs or Jennifer Allen. We look forward to hearing and working with you.

Northeastern Presbyterian Church
50th Anniversary
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Name:

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Select a committee to serve:

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 Sexton
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