



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

The Celebration of Holy Communion

September 6, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Northeastern Presbyterian Church

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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 (Cornel West)

You can't talk about truth without talking about learning how to die because it's precisely by learning how to die, examining yourself and transforming your old self into a better self, that you actually live more intensely and critically and abundantly....

That's why love is so inseparable from any talk about truth and death, because we know that love is fundamentally a death of an old self that was isolated and the emergence of a new self now entangled with another self, the self that you fall in love with.

PRELUDE

INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (United Church of Canada)

One We are not alone; we live in God's world.
We believe in God:

All **Who has created and is creating; who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new;**

One Who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:

All **To celebrate God's presence; to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil;**

One To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death,
All **God is with us. We are not alone.**
Thanks be to God. Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN #487 (Hymnal) "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND RECONCILIATION (Unison)

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection, You gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death.

Awesome God you, made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. In our loving, in our hurting, in our longing for help, we pray silently:

SILENT PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Romans 8:35, 37-39)

One Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

All **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through God who loves us.**

One I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All **Thanks be to God! 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 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 (unison)

God of Compassion, you look upon our frailty with love and understanding. Your love goes even to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. Holy Spirit strengthen us to be bold and brave in witnessing for peace. Receive our offerings and use our lives to be your mercy in the world, as we walk in the way of Christ crucified and resurrected. Amen

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 15:51-58

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. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts

on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:
'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'

'Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING John 12.20-26

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

SILENT REFLECTION

SERMON "Admitting Death Into Life" 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 #404(Hymnal) "Precious Lord"



SEEKING A CHURCH HOME? INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

This is the table of God on which is set symbols of love and hope
and to which the Holy One calls all who want to share in that life.

So come – whether your faith is strong or weak,
whether your hope shines brightly or is dimmed.
Come, ready to receive – for all are welcome at this feast of love.

One The Lord is with you.

All And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Generous God whose story and song are now and always
the hope of the world:

We praise you for the stories of creation and incarnation,
redemption and resolution – the unending words of love.

We rejoice in your song of yearning and calling,
waiting and welcoming, gathering and cherishing –
the eternal music of hope.

And we join our voices now in the love and adoration that creation
sings back to you.

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

This bread is a symbol of hope, it holds a story of dying and rising,
of breaking and sharing, of nourishment and strengthening,
of being more than enough.

It is both the story of what it is in itself
and the story of which it reminds us –
that, on the night before his death,
Jesus took bread and broke it with friends, saying
“Take and eat, do this for the remembrance of me.”

This wine is a symbol of hope, it holds a story of dying and rising,
of pouring and sharing, of refreshment and renewal,
of being more than enough.

It is both the story of what it is in itself
and the story of which it reminds us –
that, on the night before his death,
Jesus took wine and poured it for friends, saying
“Drink this cup, poured out for you and for all.”

And we too are a symbol of hope, for we too hold a story
of death and rising, of old and new, of offered life
taken into the hands of God, who wastes nothing,
and becoming more than enough.

It is both the story of who and what we each are
and the greater story of which we are a part – the ongoing story
of God’s reign, God’s ongoing creation, God’s life on earth.

And so, as we do in this place what Christ did in an upper room, send
down your Holy Spirit on
us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that the story of hope – of
death and rising of new life
and the fruit of the kingdom – may continue on in us, and through us.

Together we declare, great is the mystery of faith:

All Dying, Christ destroyed our death.
Rising, Christ restored our life.
Christ will come in glory

God, the source of all hope, offers to us now these signs of hope
and invites us to share in their story.

The bread of life.

The cup of hope.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bread of Life, You feed us; You fill us; You nourish us; You sustain us; You love us. You befriend us. Holy Spirit, now send us to feed the hungry, to speak hope, to be justice, to love boldly as the Power of the Risen Christ, Amen

+ CLOSING HYMN #276 (Hymnal) "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION *Behold Our End (St Augustine's Hymn)*

Sung to the tune of Michael, Row the Boat Ashore

All shall be the great Amen, alleluia!

Behold our end, which is no end, alleluia!

We shall rest and we shall see, alleluia! (x2)

We shall see and we shall know, alleluia! (x2)

We shall know and we shall love, alleluia! (x2)

We shall love and we shall praise, alleluia! (x2)

All shall be the great Amen, alleluia!

Behold our end, which is no end, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Exodus 12:1-14 and Psalm 149; Complementary: Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Liturgist: Elder Cynthia Gervais

Greeter: Mrs. Gloria Harris



October 4, 2026

**Pastor Greiner's Farewell
Worship
Reception to Follow**





The Nominating Committee is Seeking Church Leaders for the Class of 2027?

The Nominating Committee has begun its search for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee, as well as positions on the Nominating Committee. Please consider nominating yourself or other members who are willing to serve Northeastern and who have agreed to have their names submitted. The nomination period closes on October 25, 2026, at 1 pm. If you have any questions, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members listed below.

Nomination Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Nominee _____

Phone _____

Leadership Position _____

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

Thank You

Nominating Committee Members

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BOOK SELECTIONS FOR 2026

September 6th --- You've Been Chosen by Cynt Marshall

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: Effective July 1, 2026, The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will be in recess until October 2026.

ZOOM MEETING ID: The ZOOM MEETING ID for our worship services is: Meeting ID: 876 1357 9552; Passcode: 295504

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**

**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)





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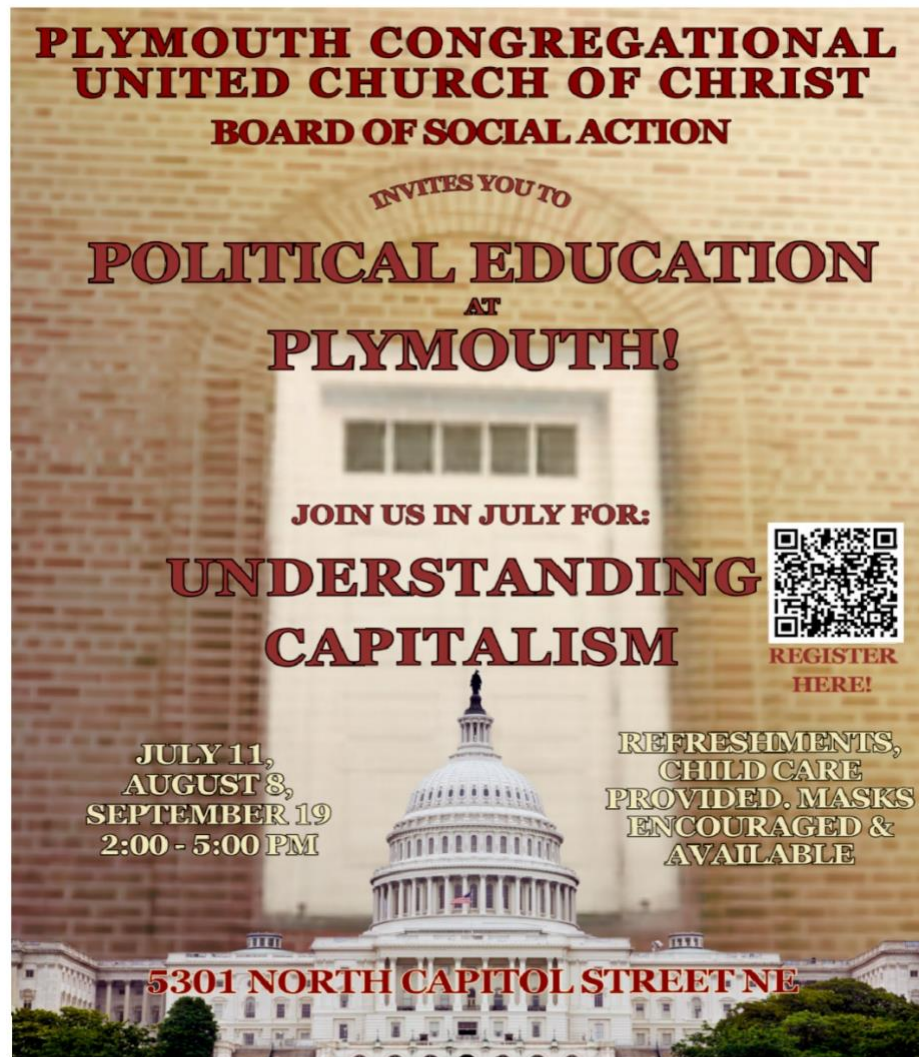
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Session one July, 11, 2026	Overview of capitalism: history, principles, and global impact
Session two August 8, 2026	Discussion of its benefits and challenges, including inequality and environmental concerns.
Session three September 19, 2026	Reflection on Christian teachings about wealth, poverty, and economic justice. "Enslavers' Bible" – White Christian Nationalism

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