

# "WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY, AND JESUS IS LORD"

#### **PENTECOST**

June 8, 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

#### **Quote of the Day (Henri Nouwen)**

Without Pentecost the Christ-event - the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus - remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now.

#### **PRELUDE**

+ INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

#### + CALL TO WORSHIP Images of a Pentecost Church

One On the day of Pentecost all the Lord's followers were together in one place. (Acts 2:1)

All Jesus said, "Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

One Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other, whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, any gender you are. (Galatians 3:28)

All My house will be known as a house of worship for all nations. (Isaiah 56:7)

One They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9-10)

All They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

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

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us be open to God who seeks us, find us, restores us:

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison, Eastern Orthodox Church)

Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, teacher of the humble, judge of the arrogant. Come, hope of the poor, refreshment of the weary, rescuer of the shipwrecked.

Come, most splendid adornment of all living beings, the sole salvation of all who are mortal.

Come, Holy Spirit, have mercy on us, imbue our lowliness with your power, meet our weakness with the fullness of your grace.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew the whole creation!

Forgive us, for sins done on our behalf, for our benefit, or with our tax dollars...

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One** For God so loved the world, God so cherishes us, that God's Beloved gave his life for us.

All That would not perish, but that we would have life abundant! For this awesome gift, we praise God! Amen.

**ALL Thanks be to God!** 

**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

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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!

#### **+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (a PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

#### THE FIRST EPISTLE READING Acts 2 (selected verses)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

...this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my servants, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Pastor Greiner** 

#### THE SECOND EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:1-8

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Daring, Listening" 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### **SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?**

+ CLOSING HYMN - #315 (Hymnal) "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

#### **WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR**

#### + BENEDICTION

Go into all the world in peace; have courage;

Hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering; Honor all people, love and serve the Lord, Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### **POSTLUDE**

#### PRAYER ELDER

#### **Elder Cynthia Gervais**

**Lectionary**: Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 and Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;

Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 21:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Liturgist: Deacon Glen Grier Greeter: Elder Patricia Young

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENTION NORTHEASTERN**! As part of our social concerns and outreach objectives, we have begun our <u>annual water & diaper drive</u>, for our homeless. *However*, there is a slight change. We are concentrating our efforts on collecting lunchables, crackers, and food snacks along with the water!!

There are <u>significant food insecurities</u> in our homeless areas, and they are in dire need of food. Please help us with supplies or donations! The <u>deadline for donations is June 15th</u>. If you're in need and assistance, please contact Shawn Thomas, Jennifer Allen, or Patricia young for more information. Our community needs our help! Thank you Northeastern!!

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 2025 Lessons is "Sacred Altars and Holy Offerings." You are cordially invited to join in on June 15<sup>th</sup> discussion "Abraham Makes An Offering," Genesis 22:1-19. Please dial (267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800 to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

<u>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE</u> is sponsoring a trip to <u>Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum</u> to see the exhibit <u>We Gather at the Edge: Contemporary Quilts by Black</u> Women Artists" on Sunday, June 8th. Meet after church today.

**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 <a href="https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/PCUSA/home">https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/PCUSA/home</a>

#### NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB

#### **Book selections for 2025**

Literary Club - Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm for the following lively book discussions.

July - Lovely One: a Memoir, by Ketanji Brown Jackson

August - **<u>Dream Count: a Novel</u>**, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

**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.

**MORNING BIBLE STUDY**: Please join us via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time for Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Join us for in- church office for the Zoom meeting information.

# 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: <a href="https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/stated-clerk-and-executive-director-joins-other-national-faith-leaders-public-support-sanctuary">https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/stated-clerk-and-executive-director-joins-other-national-faith-leaders-public-support-sanctuary</a>

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

**DEEPST SYMPATHY**: Service arrangements for Beryl Elaine Wade are: 10 am visitation; 11 am Homegoing service (family requests limit of an hour); 12 pm Repast. Let's continue to keep Dr. Clarence Wade and family in our prayers.

#### 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:

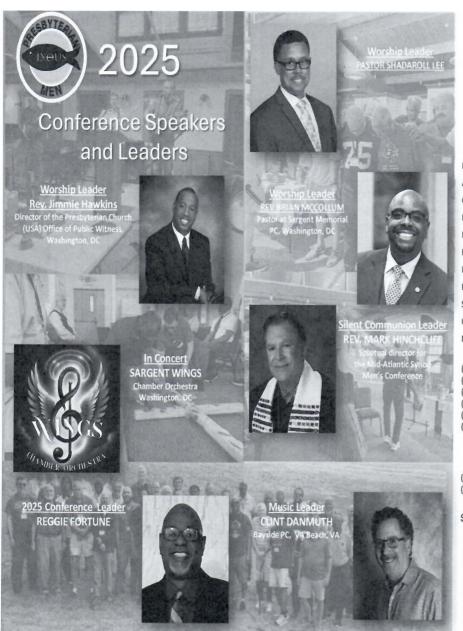
- Worship
- Witness
- Learn
- Grow
- Nurture
- Serve



## 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)





### **REGISTRATION FORM**

2025 Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men's Conference July 18-20, 2025

Register on-line	www.midatlanticmen.org / PayPal Availab
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Pastor (Stated Supply)

Director, Chancel Choir/Organist Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir

Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir

Administrative Assistant

Sexton

**Assistant Sexton** 

#### **Ministries of Session**

Budget & Fiscal

Buildings & Grounds

Christian Education

Interpretation & Stewardship

Personnel

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Technology Committee

Nominating

Clerk of Session

President of Corporation

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Mr. Kyler Spencer

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Angela Hemphill

**Shawn Thomas** 

Angela Hemphill

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Shawn Thomas/ Co-chair Patricia Young

James Haggins

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1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof, Mary Allen, Ruby Webb

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