



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

Women’s History Month (Hymns by Women);

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026 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 (Toni Morrison)

(A friend to Toni Morrison) "This is precisely the time when artists go to work... not when everything is fine, but in times of dread. That's our job."

(Toni Morrison adds) ...this is precisely the time when artists go to work. There is no time for despair, no place for self-pity, no need for silence, no room for fear. We speak, we write, we do language. That is how civilizations heal.

PRELUDE

+ INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (by Marian Wright Edelman)

One Do you have a vision of God's peace?

All "The streets of the city shall be full of children playing in the streets." *Zechariah 8:5*

One Do you have a vision of God's peace?

All "The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." *Micah 4:3*

One Do you have a vision of God's justice?

All "I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities

and inhabit them." *Amos 9:14a*

One

Do you have a vision of God's justice?

All

"See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together, a great company they shall return here."

Jeremiah 31:8

One

Have you glimpsed God's justice?

All

"I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime." *Isaiah 65:19-20*

One

Do you have a vision?

All

Yes, we have a vision! Let us gather now to seek God's vision for the people of our world, and God's guidance as we work to pursue.

+ OPENING HYMN #485 (Hymnal)

"To God be the Glory"

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION (James 5:13, I Peter 5:7)

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Cast all your cares on Jesus, because he cares for us. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison, Psalm 130, Contemporary English Version)

From a sea of troubles I call out to you, Lord. Won't you please listen as I beg for mercy? If you kept a record of our sins, no one could last long. But you forgive us, and so we will worship you. With all my heart, I am waiting, Lord, for you! I trust your promises. I wait for you more eagerly than a soldier on guard duty waits for the dawn. Israel, trust the Lord! God is always merciful; God has the power to save you. Israel, the Lord will save you from all of your sins...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
We are freed and forgiven!

All Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Elder Denise Hodges

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

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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, from the Waldensian Church of Italy)

O God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, we thank you that we may be together to hear your word of life and hope. We are all equal before you. You know our life in its deepest recesses. You have not forgotten us; you love us, and again and again you fill the empty hands which we stretch out towards you. Through the suffering and death of your Son Jesus Christ, you took our darkness and fear upon yourself in order that we might know light and joy. Thanks be to God, Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST GOSPEL READING John 11:3-7, 20-27

So, the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE SECOND GOSPEL READING

John 11:33-45

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So, the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So, they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Resurrection is a Team Sport!" 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 #564 (Hymnal) "O, Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION

by Joy Cowley

May the mystery of God enfold us,
may the wisdom of God uphold us,
may the fragrance of God be around us,
may the brightness of God surround us,
may the wonder of God renew us,
may the loving of God flow through us,
may the peace of God deeply move us,
may the moving of God bring us peace.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER ELDER

Elder Cynthia Gervis

Lectionary: Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 95; Roman 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Liturgist: Elder Denise Hodges

Greeter: Deacon Glen Grier

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 Winter 2025-2026 Lessons is “Enduring Beliefs of the Christian Faith.” You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, March 15th, discussion on “Helping Neighbors in Need,” Deuteronomy 15:1-11; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 10:25-37; JAMES 1:27; 2:14-17. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

“EXPECTING RESURRECTION” theme to prepare for Easter. Please meditate on Matthew 28:1-15; on Easter Sunday, we’ll ask you, “What does Resurrection mean to you.”

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>

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB **Book selections for 2025**

LITERARY CLUB - Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm every first Sunday for the book discussions.

April 5th ---- **Kin**, by Tayari Jones

May 3rd --- **Harlem Rhapsody**, by Victoria Christopher Murray

June 7th --- **Rootless: a Novel**, by Krystle Zara Appiah

July 5th ---- **Uncommon favor: Basketball, North Philly...**, by Dawn Staley

August 2nd --- **I Hope You Find What You're Looking For**, by Bsrat Mezghebe

September 6th --- **Let Us March On: a Novel**, by Shara Moon

PER CAPITA OFFERING **Northeastern** members connect with our entire Presbyterian Denomination through the annual Per Capita offering. This offering supports the much-needed governance and administration of the church both locally and nationally. **Please give your \$51.28 offering by Easter.** (Northeastern must pay that amount for every member on our rolls, so your annual offering truly supports our shared ministry.)

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: 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.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: On Sunday, March 29, 2026, NEPC will celebrate Women's History Month by displaying photos of women who have made an impact in their lives.

Please submit a picture along with one or two sentences sharing why this woman has been meaningful to you. Let us honor and celebrate the women who have shaped our faith, families, and community.

Submission deadline: March 22, 2026.

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.

HARRIET TUBMAN TOUR (PLUS BIRDING!)

Cost: \$65

Date: April 23, 2026 Thursday, 2-6 pm

Place: Cambridge, MD

Info: <https://delmarvabirding.com/birding-tubman-2026/>

Register at dmvbirds@gmail.com (put April 23 Tubman tour in subject line) Register ASAP as the tour fills quickly.

<https://delmarvabirding.com/store/thurs-apr-23-birding-tubman-byway/>

THE MEN'S COUNCIL AT SARGENT MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

is excited to announce the historic 74th Annual Men's Communion Breakfast, taking place on Sunday, March 22nd, 2026, from 7:00 AM to 9:30 AM in Hewlett Fellowship Hall.

Starting in 1952 and every year since, the men of Sargent and the greater National Capitol Region have come together to praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, advance the causes of family, freedom, equality, personal responsibility and education.

For the last several years, our breakfast theme has centered around opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics with an emphasis on satellite and space technology.

Today's demand for young professionals knowledgeable in artificial intelligence, satellites and space technology is growing at light speed.

To respond to this high demand, the Men's Council asked Mr. Donald Frank, Chief Operating Officer of Vantage Systems Inc., to be our guest speaker. Donald Frank is a part of a team of pioneers providing engineering services for spaceflight projects.

This historic event promises inspiration and fellowship and is open to all men. Please reach out and invite the men and boys in your family, neighborhood, church, schools and workplace.

Young boys and students of all ages, currently enrolled in school, can attend for free. All other men, we ask a small donation of \$10 to cover expenses.

You can pay by check, cash or the following Apps:
Zelle, Venmo, PayPal, or Cash App

GOD Bless you! We look forward to seeing all of you at the 74th Men's Communion Breakfast.

-Victor Samuel

NORTHEASTERN
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WHAT TO EXPECT

EACH **TWO-HOUR WORKSHOP** (10:30 AM–12:30 PM) WILL INCLUDE: A

- GUIDED CREATIVE MEMORY EXERCISE LED BY A TRAINED FACILITATOR
- A SUPPORTIVE SPACE FOR RESIDENTS AND CAREGIVERS
- PROFESSIONAL PORTRAITS OF PARTICIPANTS
- AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR FAMILY'S STORY

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ATTEND WITH A CAREGIVER SO WE CAN COLLECT BOTH STORIES AND PHOTOGRAPHS. SELECTED PORTRAITS AND STORIES WILL BE FEATURED IN A PUBLIC ART EXHIBIT IN JUNE IN CELEBRATION OF ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH. THE WORKSHOPS WILL BE FACILITATED BY **CHRISTINA PRATHER, MD**, CLINICAL DIRECTOR OF THE **GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (GWU) INSTITUTE FOR BRAIN HEALTH & DEMENTIA**, AND **LESLIE FREEMAN DAVIDSON, PHD**, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL RESEARCH AND LEADERSHIP AT THE GWU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES.

ABOUT DEMENTIA STORIES DC

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- **RAISES AWARENESS** OF DEMENTIA IN WASHINGTON, DC
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The Worship and Music Committee will be taking orders for Easter Lilies beginning March 8th through March 29th. The cost of the Lilies will be approximately \$8.00 to \$12.00 (The final price will be determined later).

Lilies will be available for pick-up immediately following worship service on April 5th.

Please fill-out the information below and return it to the church office mailbox located in the Breezeway or e-mail it to admin@nepc-dc.org.

_____ Easter Lilies

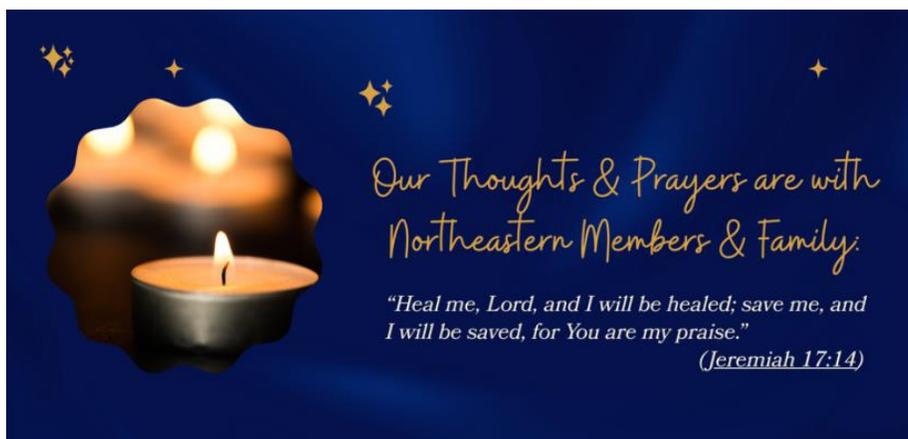
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NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

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**



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