



**“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*

INTROIT

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Finding Miracles in Today's World

Leader: Come, people of God, for the Lord is still doing marvelous things.

People: We come to worship the God whose power and love never fail.

Leader: Open your eyes and hearts to the miracles God is working among us each day.

People: We come expecting God's presence, God's grace, and God's transforming power.

Leader: The same God who created the heavens and the earth is present with us today.

People: We believe that nothing is impossible with God.

Leader: Let us bring our joys, our burdens, our questions, and our faith before the Lord.

People: We trust that God hears our prayers and continues to work miracles in our lives.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of yesterday, today, and forever.

All: We lift our hearts in praise to our miracle-working God. Let us worship the Lord with gladness! Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN:

"Expect A Miracle"

<https://youtu.be/inm2hLURG8cQg?is=tfv4iHoE2S1HZvNV>

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come to confession not because we believe we are bad people, but because we know there are areas of our lives that stand in need of God's healing touch. And God, who is more ready to forgive than we are to confess, will hear us with a loving ear, ready to heal any brokenness within us or between us. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and Merciful God,

We come before You with humble hearts, confessing that too often we fail to recognize Your presence and Your power at work in our lives. We become distracted by the troubles of this world and focus more on our problems than on Your promises. We confess that we sometimes doubt Your ability to do more than we can ask or imagine.

Forgive us when fear replaces faith, when worry overshadows hope, and when we rely more on our own understanding than on Your unfailing wisdom. Forgive us for overlooking the quiet miracles of Your grace—the gift of each new day, the love of family and friends, the strength to persevere, the comfort of Your Spirit, and the transforming work You are doing within us.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Fill us with gratitude, deepen our faith, and empower us to live as people who expect and celebrate Your miraculous work every day.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News!

Our God is rich in mercy and abundant in steadfast love. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new. The greatest miracle is not only what God does around us, but what God does within us through His amazing grace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old has passed away, and the new has come. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our hearts are renewed, and our hope is restored.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

"We Need a Mircale"

<https://youtu.be/ZuhtZ5PMOyg?is=zW4pL9294S9E24A0>

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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)

Gracious and Generous God,
Every good and perfect gift comes from You, and with grateful hearts we bring these offerings before You. We thank You for the countless ways You continue to work miracles in our lives—providing for our needs, strengthening our faith, comforting us in times of sorrow, and filling us with hope through Jesus Christ.

Receive these gifts as an expression of our love, gratitude, and trust in You. Bless them and multiply their impact, that they may become instruments of Your grace, bringing hope to the discouraged, comfort to the hurting, food to the hungry, and the good news of Your saving love to all who seek You.

Teach us to be faithful stewards, giving not reluctantly but joyfully, knowing that You can do far more with what we offer than we could ever imagine. May our generosity bear witness to Your abundant mercy and become part of the miracles You are working in our church, our community, and throughout the world.

We dedicate these gifts and ourselves to Your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 4: 22-27

²² Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord: Israel is my firstborn son. ²³ I said to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me." But you refused to let him go; now I will kill your firstborn son.'"

²⁴ On the way, at a place where they spent the night, the Lord met him and tried to kill him. ²⁵ But Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin, touched his feet with it, and said, "Truly you are a bridegroom of blood to me!" ²⁶ So he let him alone. It was then that she said "a bridegroom of blood," because of the circumcision.

²⁷ The Lord said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." So he went, and he met him at the mountain of God and kissed him.

SERMONIC SELECTION

"Waymaker"

https://youtu.be/29IxnsqOkmQ?is=e54_f0ijLgWjgUUX

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:46-54

⁴⁶ Then he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you^[a] see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹ The official said to him, "Sir,^[b] come down before my little boy dies." ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live."^[c] The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." ⁵³ The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live."^[d] So he himself believed, along with his whole household. ⁵⁴ Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

SERMON

"Sharing their Spiritual Journey"

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.**

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

✚ CLOSING HYMN

"Miracles on Miracles"

https://youtu.be/wAEVlv23jJg?is=_chHnrygrvp0cX7H

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION

Go into a world of abundance, with eyes open for the miraculous workings of our God, and as you go, may the blessing of our triune God, creator, redeemer and sustainer, be with you always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 and Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b;
Complementary: 1 Kings 19:9-18 and Palm 85:8-13; Romans
10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Liturgist: Elder Angela Hemphill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST SCHEDULE: The 2nd – 4th Sundays we will be online. If you have a favorite worship music video, please share with Pastor Greiner (pastor mfg@gmail.com), today so we can worship with them this summer.

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

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: As another school year approaches, we're excited to support our local students and give them the best possible start. Northeastern Church will be collecting school supplies for Bunker Hill, Thomas Stone, and Brookland Middle. Donations of supplies can be brought to the church now through August 15th, while monetary contributions are welcomed until August 12th. For monetary gifts, please note "school supply drive" in the memo section of your check or CashApp transaction. If you have any questions or need more information, reach out to Jennifer Allen or Katrin Jones. Together, let's empower our students and help them succeed!

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**

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Session three September 19, 2026	Reflection on Christian teachings about wealth, poverty, and economic justice. "Enslavers' Bible" – White Christian Nationalism

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

In loving memory of Mrs. Dorothy Williams, we are saddened to announce her passing on July 30, 2026. Her funeral is August 13, 2026, here at Northeastern. Visitation is at 10:00a.m. and funeral will follow at 11:00 a.m. Let us keep her family in prayer.

**THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN
MEMBERS & FAMILY:**



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Interpretation & Stewardship
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