



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

MEN’S DAY

June 9, 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

PRELUDE

+ INTROIT ***"Godly Men"*** **The Men's Choir**

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (The "Son of Man" in the Gospels)

ONE Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?'

ALL **'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'**

ONE The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

ALL **For the Son of Man did not come to be served; he came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people."**

ONE As they were gathering* in Galilee, Jesus said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.

ALL **Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. Amen.**

+ OPENING HYMN #293 (Hymnal) "This is My Father's World"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Who is Jesus to us but mercy and grace and forgiveness and peace? For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses but was in all ways tempted as we are. So with assurance can answer when Jesus invites us "Come unto me all who are weary and heavily burdened, and I will give you rest." Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Astonishing God of all creation, you created us in Your image.
Forgive our sins against one another.

For our sins against men, women and all adults:
refusing to honor each other's tenderness, vulnerability and struggles.

Heal our sight when we cannot see You in one another.

silent prayer

For our sins against children:

Not listening to them: their wisdom, their strength, their insight.
Let us welcome their imagination through which You, O God,
make a way out of no way.

Heal our hearts to delight in children

silent prayer

For our sins against ourselves:

When we can no longer see your Image in our own selves;

When we harbor shame and guilt rather than trust that you have washed us and made us clean;

When we cannot quite claim the abundance of Your forgiveness;

Heal our souls, from the inside out, with your Mighty Mercy.

silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is more love in God than there is sin in God.

Rejoice in the Good News of the Gospel

ALL In Christ, I am, you are, we are, freed and forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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 "How Great Thou Art" The Men's Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE OFFERING "You Can't Beat God's Giving" The Men's Choir

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Washington, DC 20018

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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 OF PRAISE

(unison, from the African American Heritage Hymnal)

How awesome is the Lord Most high, the great King over all the earth. God is on the move! All who serve the Lord will be blessed! O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Regal power and Sovereign Majesty is the name of our God. God is in this house. God regions with power and love! Our God is an awesome God, Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SERMONIC SELECTION "Seek Ye First" The Men's Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Pastor Greiner

THE GOSPEL READING Genesis 1:1-2:4 (Message Version)

Reading number 1 - Genesis 1:1-5 Shawn Thomas

Reading number 2 - Genesis 1:6-8 William Hymes

Reading number 3 - Genesis 1:9-13 Jordan Gessesse

Reading number 4 - Genesis 1:14-19 William Douglas

Reading number 5 Genesis 1: 20-23 Charles Barber

Reading number 6 - Genesis 1:24- 2:1 Theodore Powell

Reading number 7 - Genesis 2:2-4 Ernest Harris

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON 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.

✦ **CLOSING HYMN #53 (SOZ) "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

✦ **BENEDICTION (From the PCUSA "Brief Statement of Faith")**

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

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.

POSTLUDE

Lectionary:	1 Samuel 8:4-11(12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15) and Psalm 138; Complementary: Genesis 3:8-15 and Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
Liturgist:	Mr. Glen Grier
Greeter:	Elder Denise Hodges

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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 2024 Lessons is “Hope in the Lord.” You are cordially invited to join in on June 16th discussion “Empowered Servants,” Romans 15:1-13 . Please dial **(267) 807-960 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

CELESTIAL CHOIR REHEARSAL The Choir will rehearse on Thursday, June 13th and June 20th at 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY INPUT REQUESTED

Sahara Market LLC (1901 Michigan Avenue NE) is applying for both a class "B" wine and beer store and class "C" restaurant alcohol licenses., for buying wine and beer, buying takeaway/delivery OR dining outside until at least 12 AM, and dining inside until at least 2 AM.

Information and portal for community input (comments due by June 20) are here <https://www.anc5b01.com/priorities/alcohol-licensing>

This information was provided by our Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for our ANC District 5B01.

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

July 7th - *I Am Debrah Lee: a Memoir*, by Debrah Lee

August 4th - *Medgar and Myrlie: Medgar Evers and the Love Story that Awakened America*, by Joy-Ann Reid

September 1st – *Thicker than Water: A Memoir*, by Kerry Washington

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

NORTHEASTERN SHAPES SUMMER WORSHIP MUSIC

In July & August, we will be worshipping online (except for one communion Sunday a month.) Please send worship music video suggestions to Pastor Greiner today to Pastormfg@gmail.com

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S RETREAT: July 19-21 Massanetta Springs, VA. Enjoy the Fellowship of NEPC Men and men from our region. Be inspired. Be blessed. Elder Nachee Miller will drive us in the church van together. Pastor Greiner is one of the featured speakers. Questions? Contact Nachee Miller at nacheem@yahoo.com or 301.213.5437 and for more information click below <https://www.midatlpresmen.org/programs/mens-conference20.cfm>

Please keep Elder Nachee Miller and the Presbyterian Men in prayer during their annual mission trip to Kenya.

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.

SAIL AWAY WITH US RETIREMENT PARTY:

Rev. Bernice Parker-Jones
Saturday, September 7th at 10:45 a.m.
Odyssey Cruise
580 Water Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

<https://thepresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Sail-Away-with-us-Retirement-Party-1.pdf>

SAVE THE DATE: Celebrate Dr. Bell's 30 years of Music Ministry on Sunday October 13, with morning worship and afternoon reception. Save the date!

SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 4 - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FAMILY DAY! On **Sunday, August 4th** following in person Communion Sunday service, Christian Education will sponsor **Family Day**. This will be our one-day Vacation Bible School Day of adventure with activity booths fun, and food. More information to be shared soon.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday Morning Bible Study sessions will be via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time. Please join us for an

interesting discussion. The Zoom meeting information is in the E-mail to the congregation, or you can call the church office or Ruby Webb for the Zoom ID and Passcode.

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **826 1188 5094**; Passcode: **728796**

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**



OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY



REMEMBER OUR SICK & SHUT-IN

"Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me, and I will be saved, for You you are my praise." ([Jeremiah 17:14](#))



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
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Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir

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All the people of the church

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Dr. Laddie Bell

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Clerk of Session

Evangelism and Outreach

Interpretation & Stewardship

Personnel

Social Concerns & Peace-Making

Technology Committee

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