



15th Sunday after Pentecost

Northeastern Presbyterian Church

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September 18, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service by Zoom



Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

WELCOME

INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP - (Together)

Leader: God is good ...

People: All the time!

Leader: And all the time ...

People: God is good!

ALL: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN - (# 464 Hymnal)

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and loving will forgive us. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A brother or sister is lying in the street, and we pass right by. We don't look at them, don't speak to them, don't touch them, don't think about them. We who profess to know the saving grace and healing power of Jesus' life, death and resurrection don't say or do a thing. Forgive us, God. And help us to do better. Much better. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the Good News! Christ was born, Christ lived, Christ died, Christ rose and Christ reigns!

People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation: the old life has gone, and new life has begun. Thank you, Jesus! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, God. Send us now the enlightening power of your Holy Spirit, that we may receive your Word in faith and love. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Elder Angela Haggins

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

PASSING THE PEACE

(Please those who have been vaccinated and are wearing mask)
(phones unmuted to greet one another in love)

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

Many: And also, with you! **Peace be with you!**

SHARING OUR TESTIMONIES

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OFFERTORY SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord, You have provided for all our needs for all these years. We know you love a cheerful giver and in spite of our circumstances help us to be conscious of your provision. All that we have belong to you Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 113

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

²Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and for evermore!

³From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

⁴The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!

⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,

⁶who looks far down
upon the heavens and the earth?

⁷He raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.

⁹He gives the barren woman a home,

making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

SERMONIC SELECTION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 3:1-11

3 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. **2** And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. **4** Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." **5** And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. **6** But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,^[a] stand up and walk." **7** And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. **8** Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. **9** All the people saw him walking and praising God, **10** and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. **11** While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished.

**This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks Be To God**

MESSAGE

"Pick Up Lines"

Rev. Todd Sutton

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

A SHORT MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Hear Our Prayer”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in Unison)

⁹ Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And 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 – (#369 Hymnal)

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me ”

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Semicontinuous: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9; Complementary: Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113; Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Liturgist: Elder Angela Hemphill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITERARY CLUB SELECTION: The Literary Club selection for **October 2nd** will be **Miss Pearly's Girls**, by ReShonda Tate Billingsley and November 6th selection is **Finding Me: a Memoir**, by Viola Davis. Please join our lively discussions at 1:00 pm via Zoom.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY group will meet via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time. Please join us for an interesting discussion. The Zoom Meeting ID for September 13, 2022; September 20, 2022, and September 27, 2022, is listed below.

Meeting ID: 990 9795 5270

If you use your phone for this Zoom meeting, call 1(301)715-8592 from the DC area and follow the prompts.

THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will continue 9:00a.m. via Conference Call. Dial-in Number (267) 807-9601; Access Code: 828-160-800.

REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT IN: Remember the sick and shut in. While visiting them is still not the safest way, there are other ways to reach out to let them know that they are very much in our hearts, minds, and prayers. Sending a card, email, text, or calling them will most assuredly brighten someone's day. If you know of anyone who should be included on our Sick and Shut-in list, contact the church office with the name or names.

THANK YOU

Thank you, my Northeastern Family and friends. I am deeply grateful for your kindness and sympathy during my time of loss. The cards, phone calls and prayers were greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless you all.

Deacon Randall Timbers

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of Mrs. Ethel Walker on September 11, 2022. She will be funeralized here at Northeastern on September 24, 2022; the Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Funeral will follow at 11:00 a.m.



THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is now accepting names of persons for possible inclusion in the state of nominees to fill offices of elder, deacon, trustee, and members of the 2023 nominating committee. The nomination period will close October 11, 2022. Nomination packets, which include officer duties and nominating form, are available online, in the narthex, and church office. Please remember, these are the persons who assist in the management, guidance, support efforts and operation of our church. We are ready to receive your nominations which also include self-nominations.

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**



Carolyn Mundy, Irving Harris, Annie Marie Hill, Alexandra Brown, Michele Peters, Kathy Cuff, Robert Davis, Willie Keaton, Jr., Ethel Thomas, Arris Simmons, Angela Hemphill, Monika Nixon, and Kyler Spencer.

If your birthday is not listed contact the church office.

Our 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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