



**Northeastern Presbyterian Church**

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**11-4 pm/Wednesday 11-6pm Bible Study 6:30pm**

November 27, 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 Celestial Choir**

**INVOCATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One:** Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed ...

**All:** **The night is far gone, the day is near.**

**One:** God draws closer and closer ...

**All:** **Let us worship the Lord.**

**THE ADVENT WREATH (Liturgist)**

On the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, we rejoice in the great gift that is our in Jesus Christ. To mark these days, we light the candles of the Advent wreath. The candles signify that Jesus is the Light of the World. Each Sunday, we light an additional candle. Then on Christmas Eve, we light all of the candles including the Christ candle. As we do, we rejoice that Christ has come to us and will come to us.

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Liturgist, Congregation & Candle Lighter)**

On this first Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus and his promised coming again, we light the candle of hope.

Advent means coming, and we light this candle as a sign of Christ's coming into the world and his coming again in time.

**We are preparing ourselves for the days when 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 any more.**

Let us imagine that day and work for that vision as we walk in Jesus' light.

**ADVENT PRAYER** (Rev. Sutton & Congregation)

**God, in the birth of the baby Jesus we were given great hope for this hurting world of ours. Renew us in that hope during this season of Advent that we may watch closely and wait expectantly for our Lord and Savior's coming again, our hope for the world. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN - #9 (Hymnal)**

***"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"***

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Just before Jesus began his earthly ministry, the people of Jerusalem and all Judea went out to his cousin John to be baptized in the Jordan River. The Baptist called out: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." So the people went, confessing their sins. As do we. Let us pray ...

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Forgive us, God. In Jesus, you give us a new way of living, yet we stubbornly stick to our old way of doing things. In Jesus, you give us new life, yet we continue to cling to that which leads to death. Forgive us, God, and help us to repent. Help us to turn away from sin and turn toward you. Help us walk in your light. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the Good News! *Christ was born*, Christ lived, Christ died, Christ rose, Christ reigns and *Christ is coming again!* **Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation: the old life has gone and new life has begun. Thank you, Jesus! Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**(Please warmly honor social distance.)**  
***(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 Celestial Choir**

## **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**We might not hear this Scripture for some time, but ...*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising."***

*When they saw that the star had stopped, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they kneeled down and worshipped him. And then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

**At this time in our service we can do the same as those learned scholars of old. We can come before Jesus, and worship him with our gifts. Would the ushers please come forward ...**

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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 DEDICATION**

Your gifts, God. From your people. For your work. In your world. Amen.

## **WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 1:18-25 (Liturgist)

#### **The Birth of Jesus the Messiah**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah<sup>i</sup> took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son;<sup>i</sup> and he named him Jesus.

### **SERMONIC SELECTION**

**The Celestial Choir**

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 1:1-17 (Rev.Sutton)

#### **The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah**

**1 An account<sup>[a]</sup> of the genealogy<sup>[b]</sup> of Jesus the Messiah,<sup>[c]</sup> the son of David, the son of Abraham.**

**<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup> and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, <sup>4</sup> and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup> and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of King David.**

**And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, <sup>7</sup> and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph,<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>8</sup> and Asaph<sup>[e]</sup> the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, <sup>9</sup> and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup> and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos,<sup>[f]</sup> and Amos<sup>[g]</sup> the father of Josiah, <sup>11</sup> and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.**

**<sup>12</sup> And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup> and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup> and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, <sup>15</sup> and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, who bore Jesus, who is called the Messiah.<sup>[h]</sup>**

**<sup>17</sup> So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah,<sup>[i]</sup> fourteen generations.**

**This is the Word of the Lord!**

**Thanks be to God!**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Your Word is a lamp to our feet and light to our path, God. Send us now the illuminating power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear your Word. Amen.

**SERMON HYMN #1(Hymnal)**

***"Come, Thou-Long Expected Jesus"***

**SERMON**

***"Ancestry Bible"***

***Rev. Todd Sutton***

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**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!"**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (in Unison)

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. <sup>1</sup>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 - #23** (Hymnal)

***"Angels We Have Heard on High"***

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

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**FELLOWSHIP**

**Lectionary:** Isaiah 2:1-5 and Psalm 122; Roman 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

**Liturgist:** Deacon Valerie McCray

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** of Northeastern Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, December 11, 2022, following the worship service.

**INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP:** Please support the shoe drive fundraiser for Northeastern Presbyterian Church being sponsored by the I&S Committee. We are asking you to donate new or gently worn shoes (Women's, Men's, Children's) from now until December 28th. The collection boxes are located by the elevators on the main level of our church. Your donation is tax deductible and documentation for tax purposes is available by the elevators as well. Thank you and let's start collecting!!

**LITERARY CLUB SELECTION:** Literary Club invites you to join in our always lively discussions of the following books. We know some of you are reading along with us, so please join in via Zoom at 1:00 pm., 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays only. All are welcome.

December 4th - **We Are Not Like Them**, by Christine Pride  
January 1st, 2023 - **Black Cake**, by Charmaine Wilkerson

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will meet via Zoom at 11:00AM. Please join us for an interesting discussion. The Zoom Meeting ID for the Month of November 2022 is listed below.

Meeting ID: 818 9344 9981  
(CONTACT RUBY WEBB FOR THE REQUIRED PASSCODE)

If you use your phone to dial in to the Tuesday Bible Study Zoom meetings, call 1(301)715-8592 if you are calling from the DC area and follow the prompts.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** – The Northeastern Church Adult Sunday School Class convenes Sundays at 9:00 a.m. via conference call. Please dial in at **(267) 807-9601; Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in lively conversations with church members.

**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.

**UPDATING THE CHURCH DIRECTORY:** If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or would like to add an e-mail address since the last published directory which was in 2019. Please send your new information to the church office via phone (202) 526-1730 leave a message or email: admin@nepc-dc.org

**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**



Arnica Downing, Thelma Jones, Iris Burnell, Mozella Harris, Katrin Jones, Felicia Lightfoot, Elizabeth Fleming, Patricia Young, Faye Waters and Wyman Jones, Jr.

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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