



First Sunday in Advent

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Worship Service by Zoom and In-person



Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

WELCOME

INTROIT

"I Say Yes Lord Yes"

The Celestial Choir

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: This is the season of holy waiting.

Many: We wait for the One who will tear open the heavens and come down to save us.

One: We watch for the day when God's name will be made known among the nations.

Many: We wait in the shadows for the Light of the World to appear.



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Elder James
and Deacon Angela
Haggins

OPENING HYMN

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,

let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn."

Holy God, could it be true? Are you about to do a new thing to make our hearts sing? Even in a weary world when so many are tired and tired of being tired?

Forgive us for singing the same old song of cynicism. Forgive us for keeping quiet instead of speaking truth, for standing back instead of stepping up. Strengthen our hearts in holiness that we would increase and abound in love for one another and all of your creation. In the name of the One who is to come again, we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from the Confession of 1967)

"All who put their trust in Christ face divine judgment without fear, for the judge is their redeemer." Therefore, be at peace; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENT

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

PASSING THE PEACE

(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

ANTHEM SELECTION

"Feeling Good"

The Celestial Choir

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

GOSPEL READING:

Luke 21:25-36

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things

have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

SERMONIC SELECTION *"Praise is What I Do"* **The Celestial Choir**

SERMON: *"Get Ready"* Elder Cynthia Gervais

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from inclusive language version of The Confession of 1967) : (*Unison*)

The risen Christ is the savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations. The same Jesus Christ is the judge of all people. His judgment discloses the ultimate seriousness of life and gives promise of God's final victory over the power of sin and death. To receive life from the risen Lord is to have life eternal; to refuse life from him is to choose the death which is separation from God. All who put their trust in Christ face divine judgment without fear, for the judge is their redeemer.

THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY SELECTION *"Everyday is a Day of Thanksgiving"*

The Celestial Choir

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

Shine your light and love upon these gifts and these givers,
O God. We offer ourselves as offerings, trusting that your
spirit of power can make us instruments of your healing
and wholeness. Through Christ, we pray, amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)

CLOSING HYMN

"Lord Make Us More Holy"

Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy,
until we meet again:
holy, holy, holy,
until we meet again.

Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving,
until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving,
until we meet again.

Lord, make us more faithful;

Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful,
until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful,
until we meet again.

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lectionary: Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonian 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Liturgist: Elder Denise Hodges

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANGEL TREE: Angel tree launch will be this Sunday. We are helping 5 families from the following schools: **Anne Beers, Bunker Hill, Brookland, LaSalle-Backus, and Thomas Stone.** We will be providing the children gifts and the families food for the Christmas Holidays. You can help by selecting a child on our signup genius link and purchasing the gifts yourself or writing a check to Northeastern Presbyterian Church (please put Angel tree in the memo line) and we will do the shopping. All monetary donations must be in by Sunday, December 3rd. All gifts must be to the church by Thursday, December 9. The signup link will be on our webpage at nepc-dc.org and will be sent to your e-mail. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jennifer Allen or Katrin Jones. Help E&O help others during the holiday season.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will be held Sunday, December 12, 2021, following the worship service.

GROUP BIBLE STUDY: Please join us on Tuesdays at 11:00 am on Zoom. Contact Ruby Webb if you have questions.

LITERARY CLUB SELECTIONS; Literary Club selections:

Dec. 5th, 2021 - Feeding the Soul, by Tabitha Brown
Jan. 2, 2022 --Summer on the Bluffs, by Sunny Hostin

Please join us on Zoom at 1:00 pm for our lively discussions.

REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT IN: Remember the sick and shut in. With the Pandemic, many days of inclement weather, and other obstacles preventing us from visiting one another, a phone call, email, text, or card goes a long way to show others how much you care. So bring sunshine and warmth to someone's day by reaching out. 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.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL: Join Sunday morning Adult Church School each week at 9:00 a.m. via conference call.

The new instructions for the Sunday Adult Church School Class before worship are:

Dial-in number - (267) 807-9601 (new number)

Access code - 828-160-800 (no change)

Please pass the word to those interested in participating in the Adult class discussions.

THE TECHNOLOGY NEWS: Website: Have you visited our NEW nepc-dc.org website? If you missed a Sunday, you can hear the sermon. If you need prayer, there is a prayer request page. Your picture may be there!! Check it out. If you have suggestions or items you would like to see or put on the site, please fill out the contact sheet for the technology team. Coming soon—Facebook, Instagram and Youtube! You will never miss the happenings at NORTHEASTERN!! We are looking for volunteers to help with pictures and information or be a part of the NEPC CARES TEAM. Contact a Technology member for more information.

Zooming - Each week we are learning more and getting better. Although you are on zoom, you can participate in the service! If you want to read scripture, let us know. Be sure to unmute yourself when we are passing the peace and type any prayer concerns in the chat function. Please let us know how we can make it even better.

Streaming - Soon we will be launching Facebook live, Instagram and our YouTube channels. You can watch the entire service or rewatch at your leisure.

Volunteers - We need volunteers to help with our Technology. It is not hard and is easy to learn. You can observe any Sunday. Learn something new!!

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**



1-Arnica Downing, 3-Thelma Jones, 4- Iris Burnell,
Mozella Harris , 9- Katrin Jones, Felicia Lightfoot,
14- Elizabeth Fleming, 21-Patricia Young, 23-Faye
Waters 30-Wyman Jones

If your birthday is not listed contact the church

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"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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