



Second Sunday *of* Advent

and Holy Communion

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

December 7, 2025 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

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

**+ THE LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE Deacon Charles
and Ruby Webb**

One We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
 "Advent" means coming. We are preparing for the days
 when:

**All The nations shall beat their spears into pruning
 hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war anymore.**

One The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie
 down w
ith the kid, the calf and the lion together, and a little child shall lead
 them.

**All The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the
 desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus, it
 shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and
 singing.**

One The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is
 with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him
 "Immanuel", God with us.

All Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**+ OPENING HYMN #2 Hymnal "Come Though Long Expected
Jesus"**

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

The Chancel Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE OFFERING

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2112 Varnum St., NE
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!**

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Jesus, Light of the world, you shine so brilliantly that no shadow or night can overcome. Receive these gifts as our love offering to you. Let them be as light, shining your Good News:

freeing captives, healing sight for the blind,
setting the oppressed free,
proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor.

Make us bold in exulting your Grace, so every moment of our lives is a Love Offering. Rejoicing, we pray: [Amen](#).

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

SERMON

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.

+ ADVENT COMMUNION HYMN #198 SOZ "Soon and Very Soon"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Nicene Creed)

One The Lord be with you,

All and also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One We are an Advent people,
longing for God's reign to be fulfilled.

We praise you, Emmanuel, God among us:

**All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

One Emmanuel, Jesus, we give you thanks and praise.

**All We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of
God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not
made, of one Being with the Father; through him all
things were made. For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

One Emmanuel, Jesus, we give you thanks and praise.

**All For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he
rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended
into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

One Emmanuel, Jesus, we give you thanks and praise.
All We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

One And so with all who love and serve you, we join our voices in the chorus of Heaven:

All We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

One Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that as we eat and drink, we may know we are truly in your Living Presence, O God, Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Abundant God, Joyful God, Resurrecting God, God who ever draws us from death to life:

You feed us, nourish us, redeem us, fill us.

Now set our feet to dancing, and send us forth, that your Joy in us may proclaim hope to all we meet, and shine your light, Amen!

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

+ CLOSING HYMN #29 (SOZ) "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ ADVENT BENEDICTION

One: In whom do we live and move and have our being?

All: Jesus, the joyous living Christ!

One: Northeastern, who are we?

All: We are blessed, so we bless!

One: Even when the world's people are naked and poor,

All: We bless children with the Angel Tree.

One: Even when the world is filled with fear,
All: We bless, sharing courage.
One: Even when the world is in despair,
All: We bless, sharing hope.
One: Even when the world is living lies,
All: We bless, sharing truth.
One: Even when the world is sick with sorrow,
All: We bless, sharing comfort.
One: Even when the world is violently warring,
All: We bless, sharing peace.
One: Even when the world is not fair,
All: We bless, forging justice.
One: Even when the world is cruel.,
All: We bless, shaping mercy.
One: So all God's children can thrive:
All: We bless with Jesus' love. Amen!

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Isaiah 11:1-10 and Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthews 3:1-12
Liturgist: Elder Cynthia Gervais
Greeter: Mrs. Gloria Harris

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANGEL TREE DONATIONS are due today. For any questions, please reach out to Jennifer Allen, Katrin Jones, Denise Hodges, or Pam Gessesse.

"THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS will be held immediately after worship on December 14, 2025."

Elders 1- year term

Nachee Miler
Williams Hymes

Deacons 3-year term

Karen Cooper Geathers
Thomas Midgette

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Ministry leaders, only use the format template for all reports please.

Annual Reports are due to Kathy Cuff, Office Administrator (admin@nepc-dc.org) by December 15, 2025.

Ministry Reports ~ Chairs or Co-Chairs to submit reports.

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| • Pastor Report | Pastor Mark Greiner |
| • Clerk of Session Report | Valerie McCray |
| • Budget & Fiscal | Pamela Gessesse |
| • Buildings & Grounds | Charles Barber |
| • Christian Education | Jennifer Allen |
| • Interpretation & Stewardship | Cherie Becton |
| • Personnel | Charles Barber/Co-chair: James Haggins |
| • Worship & Music | Angela Hemphill |
| • Technology Committee | Shawn Thomas |
| • Nominating | Angela Hemphill |
| • President of Corporation | Charles Barber |
| • Social Concerns & Outreach | Shawn Thomas/ Co-chair Patricia Young |
| • Foundry Task Force | James Haggins |
| • 50 th Anniversary Committee | Glynis Pegram-Higgs |

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – The Northeastern Church Adult Sunday School Class convenes Sundays at 9:00 a.m. via conference call. The focus for Fall 2025 Lessons is “Judah, from Isaiah to Exile.” You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, December 7th, discussion on “Our Heavenly Father,” Exodus 34:4-7; Psalm 103:1-5, 10-14; Isaiah 40:27-31; Matthews 6:24-34; John 3:3-6; 4:20-24; 8:40-47; Romans 2:2-11; 8:14-17; 1 John 4:7-16. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

GET INVOLVED, PCUSA OFFICE OF PUBLIC WITNESS.

Sign up here for alerts to faithfully raise our voices in key state and national actions <https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/PCUSA/home>

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB
Book selections for 2025

Literary Club - Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm for the following book discussions.

December 7th -- Happy Land, by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

January 4th, 2026 -- Truths We Hold: an American Journey, by Kamala Harris

February 1st, 2026 -- Worthy, by Jada Pinkett Smith

March 1st ---The Wilderness, by Angela Fourtroy

April 5th ----- Overground Railroad: the Green book and the Roots of Black Travel In America, by Candacy Taylor

THE OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR THE YEAR 2026 are available in the Narthex. Please pick them up at your convenience.

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: Please join us via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time for Tuesday Morning Bible Study. We will have in-depth and exciting discussions as we learn more about people in the Bible called by God. Call the church office for the Zoom meeting information.

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **876 1357 9552**; Passcode: **295504**

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**



	<p>REMEMBER OUR SICK & SHUT-IN</p> <p><i>"Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me, and I will be saved, for You are my praise." (Jeremiah 17:14)</i></p>
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OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:

THE DEADLINE FOR TICKETS TO GALA IS DECEMBER 14, 2025.

Gala Tickets are available now and can be purchased Monday thru Friday, 10:00a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the church office, and on Sundays following worship service. We'd love to see everyone there, so purchase your ticket(s) today.



TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW

**NORTHEASTERN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

50th ANNIVERSARY

Gala

CELEBRATION

Attire: After-five DJ - Pure Ivory (Tom Ivory)

Saturday December 27, 2025
12:00 noon · 4:00 p.m.
\$65 adults \$50 Kids 5-11

Martin's Crosswinds
7400 Greenway Center Dr
Greenbelt, MD 20770



*For more information contact: See Kathy Cuff, Pamela Gessesse
or call the church office at 202.526.1730*

**Plymouth Congregational UCC, 5301 North Capitol St NE,
Washington, DC 20011 would like for you to:**

Save the Date!

Saturday, December 13, 2025 @ 11 am in the Sanctuary

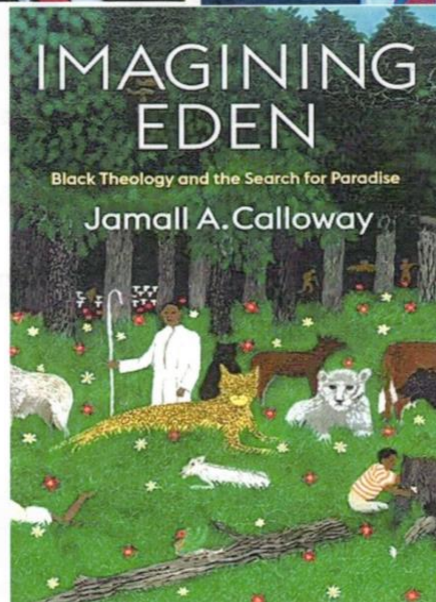
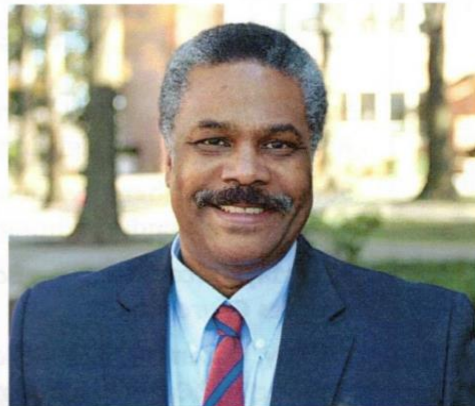
Book Launch Event

A CONVERSATION WITH:

Rev. Dr. Jamall Calloway, Author
Senior Pastor, Plymouth Congregational UCC
&

Dr. Josiah Ulysses Young, III

Professor of Systematic Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.



Moderator: TBD



Seasonal Flower:
Christmas Poinsettia

Name: _____

Number of Flowers: ____

**Name(s) In Which Flowers are to be placed
IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF**

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

December 7 Second Sunday in Advent

- Christmas Sweater Sunday
- Angel Gifts tree gifts due

December 14 Third Sunday in Advent

- Congregational Meeting for the Election of Officers
- Poinsettia Purchase forms due
- Angel Tree Gifts Dedication

December 21 Fourth Sunday in Advent

- Lessons and Carols Worship
- Christmas Joy Offering

December 24 Christmas Eve Service, 5 pm zoom

- Christmas in African American Poetry

December 27 50th Anniversary Gala, noon to 4 pm

December 28 50th Anniversary Worship

- The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, PCUSA Office of Public Witness preaching

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Light 1 st candle Pray for Hope in your life and the World	1 Write down 3 things you hope for and place them in a "Hope Jar."	2 Read Isaiah 9:2-7 and reflect on what it means to wait for light.	3 Call or Visit someone who might need encouragement.	4. Create or decorate an Advent Wreath at home.	5 Do a secret act of kindness for someone today.	6 Send a Homebound person a card of Hope.
7 Light 2 nd candle for Peace . Pray for peace in your heart, home, and the world.	8 Write a note of peace or forgiveness to someone.	9 Spend 10 minutes in silence or meditation.	10 Read Luke 2:8- 14 about the angels announcing peace.	11 Pray for areas in the world experiencing conflict.	12 Make peace with someone you've been distant from.	13 Listen to peaceful Christmas music and reflect on Christ's gift of calm.
14 Light 3 rd candle for Joy . Thank God for reasons to rejoice	15 Write or text a message of joy in Christ.	16 Read Philippians 4:4- 7. What brings you Joy in Christ?	17 Bake cookies or a treat to share with a neighbor or friend.	18 Sing your favorite Christmas carol out loud.	19 Share joyful memories from past Christmases with your family.	20 Go outside and enjoy God Creation – find joy in simple things.
21 Light 4 th for Love . Pray for love to fill your home.	22 Read John 3:16 and reflect on God's greatest gift.	23 Show love. Give someone a big hug.	24 Attend or stream a Christmas Eve service. Light a candle and give thanks for Emmanuel – God with us.	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> Read Luke 2:1- 20. Rejoice and celebrate Jesus' Birth! Share love, laughter and light today.	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Advent Calendar 2025

Staff

Ministers
Pastor (Stated Supply)
Director, Chancel Choir/Organist
Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir
Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir
Administrative Assistant
Sexton
Assistant Sexton

All the people of the Church
Pastor Mark Greiner
Dr. Laddie Bell
Mr. Joshua Jenkins
Ms. Jennifer Allen
Ms. Kathy Cuff
Mr. Randall Timbers
Mr. Kyler Spencer

Ministries of Session

Budget & Fiscal
Buildings & Grounds
Christian Education
Interpretation & Stewardship
Personnel
Worship & Music
Technology Committee
Nominating
Clerk of Session
President of Corporation
Social Concerns & Outreach
Foundry Task Force

Elders

Pamela Gessesse
Charles Barber
Jennifer Allen
Cherie Becton
Charles Barber/Co-chair: James Haggins
Angela Hemphill
Shawn Thomas
Angela Hemphill
Valerie McCray
Charles Barber
Shawn Thomas/ Co-chair Patricia Young
James Haggins

DEACONS

Glen Grier
Valencia Hawkins
Katrin Jones, Moderator
Brenda Kuznof
Bishetta Merritt, Vice Moderator
Blossom Roach
Amanda Sargent
Penny Thomas
Randall Timbers
Charles Webb

SENIOR USHERS

1st, 4th Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof, Mary Allen, Ruby Webb
3rd, 5th Glynis Higgs, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse, Stephanie White

JUNIOR USHERS

2nd, Pamela Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse, Ava Kennedy, Cecil Nixon, Chidera Uduma
Priya Young