



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

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Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

INTROIT

"Till Victory is Won"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVIN4IAJ_EU

INVOCATION CALL TO WORSHIP

One Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."
(Luke 15:1-2)

ALL The Son of Man can to seek out and to save the lost (Luke 19:10)

One Finding the lost sheep, the shepherd celebrates:
'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep" (Luke 15:6)

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One Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. (Matthew 5:6)

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OPENING HYMN

"This Is The Day"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wY8bSQdFA58&list=PLWV_xo3zG1BUCFeH4tdGdR0NJDmBzZxrA&index=2

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison, from James 5:7-10) O

God, Fountain of life; we praise you.

Remind us how faithfully Trustworthy You are.

You give us every good gift we need for abundant living.

Release us from grasping for possession, power or position. Free us from anything that dethrones You from our hearts by consuming our time, energy and attention.

Restore us to the sweet hour of prayer in communion with you,

Forgive our anxious hearts that wander far from Home.

Renew our confidence in You.

So fill us with Divine love that we overflow with Love.

Lead us to live our lives joyfully in your presence, through Jesus our Redeemer...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God promises never to leave us or forsake us. Rejoice! Christ Jesus frees and forgives you and me.

All Thanks be to God!

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!**

THE OFFERING

Use your bank's online bill-paying options

Mail your check to the church

2112 Varnum St., NE

Washington, DC 20018

Go to nepc-dc.org

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DOXOLOGY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFDqrSCJOq4&list=PLmbjTLDIEplJpHES5HrMKX03kkyY4RGa9&index=75>

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

O God, thank you for earth, our home: whispering winds, tall trees, green grasses, fragrant fields.

We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and can share the consolations of touch.

We bless your name for letting us behold all this beauty! For each new dawn that reminds us that in Christ, we are a new creation: Alleluia.

Even as the whole creation groans for redemption,

Even us our county is rent by grief and injustice, even so:

Let our living, may our giving, manifest kindness, grace, praise and mercy. In Jesus name, Amen and amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE HEBREW BIBLE READING:

Isaiah 59:1-2, 7-11

See, the Lord's hand is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.

Rather, your iniquities have been barriers
between you and your God, and your sins have
hidden his face from you so that he does not
hear. Their feet run to evil, and they rush to
shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts
of iniquity, desolation and destruction are in
their highways. The way of peace they do not
know, and there is no justice in their paths.
Their roads they have made crooked;
no one who walks in them knows peace.

Therefore, justice is far from us, and
righteousness does not reach us; we wait for

light, and lo! there is darkness; and for brightness, but we walk in gloom. We grope like the blind along a wall, groping like those who have no eyes; we stumble at noon as in the twilight, among the vigorous as though we were dead. We all growl like bears; like doves we moan mournfully. We wait for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us.

SERMONIC SELECTION

"Come Jesus Come"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GI_qr2BrC4&list=RD0GI_qr2BrC4&start_radio=1

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So, he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Seeking Zacchaeus"

Or the

Biblical case for Reparations

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.

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

CLOSING MUSIC "My Help Is In The Name of the Lord"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWydssGbUBc&t=439s>

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION (Henri-Frederic Amiel – 1885)

Life is short, And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who make
the journey with us.

So... be swift to love, and
make haste to be kind.

And the blessing of God, who
made us, who loves us,
and who travels with us be
with you now and forever, Amen

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Genesis 25:19-34 and Psalm 119+:105-112; Complementary:
Isaiah 55:10-13 and Psalm 65: (1-8) 9-13; Roman 8:1-11;
Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

Liturgist: **Deacon Kimberley Bowling-Lewis**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE is seeking your help in funding two (2) major repair/replacement projects. The Sanctuary Emergency Exit Door located in the hallway opposite the chancel steps to the breezeway AND the Sanctuary Blower Unit that circulates fresh and cooled/heated air for the sanctuary pew spaces. Until funded we have limited emergency evacuation and no air-conditioning in the sanctuary. The funding needed is \$10,200 for both repair/replacements. If you can kindly designate to the Building Fund Account – Emergency Door/Blower Unit in your giving. Thanks in advance for Your Heart Led Faithful Giving.

COME WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP with our possible new church partners **Sunday July 26, 10 a.m. worship at Plymouth Congregation UCC**

ADDRESS 5301 North Capitol St NE
Washington, DC 20011
(parking and entrance in back)

ATTEND IN PERSON OR ONLINE

Streaming Links: [Watch Service Live Hereb](#)
[Facebook.com/PlymouthChurchDC/](https://www.facebook.com/PlymouthChurchDC/)
[YouTube/PlymouthCUCC](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUCC)

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DESSERT AND FRUIT POTLUCK SUNDAY: On Sunday, August 2, 2026, Northeastern will warmly welcome Plymouth Church for a special gathering. Following the church service, everyone is invited to join us in the auditorium for a delightful Dessert and Fruit Potluck. We encourage you to sign up using the link below and bring your favorite sweet treats or fresh fruits to share.

If you prefer to contribute financially, donations are appreciated and can be given directly to Elder Jennifer Allen, or made to the church via check or Cash App. Please remember to include "Dessert Potluck" in the memo. To help us organize, kindly sign up or make your donations by July 26.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Elder Allen at 301254-4808 or jennjie@hotmail.com. We eagerly anticipate reconnecting and celebrating with our friends from Plymouth Church!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DADA62EA6FC1-64712070dessertfruit>

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm every first Sunday for the book discussion of the month.

Book selections for 2026

August 2nd --- **I Hope You Find What You're Looking For**, by Bsrat Mezghebe

September 6th --- **Let Us March On: a Novel**, by Shara Moon

JULY – AUGUST SCHEDULE: 1st Sundays Communion – in person (on all other Sundays we will be online). If you have a favorite worship music video, please share with Pastor Greiner (pastor mfg@gmail.com), today so we can worship with them this summer.

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: Effective July 1, 2026, "The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will be in recess until October 2026".

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

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**

THOUGHTS AND
PRAYERS

ARE WITH
Northeastern
Members & Friends



NORTHEASTERN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrates

Summer Birthdays



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

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

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Amanda Sargent
Penny Thomas, **Corresponding Secretary**
Randall Timbers
Charles Webb, **Treasurer**

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1st, 4th Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof, Mary Allen, Ruby Webb

3rd, 5th Glynis Higgs, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse, Stephanie White

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