



**“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

+ *Please stand if able*

QUOTE OF THE DAY (Fyodor Dostoevsky, 1821-1881)

Taking a new step, uttering a new word, is what people fear most.

PRELUDE

"We Shall Overcome"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POx6YFDiac0&list=PLD96xII3SBtQZe98uxxIoArwx4JgMBe_r&index=22

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE Be thou our vision, O Lord of our heart;

Be thou our wisdom, and thou our true Word;

ALL The vision has been written among us, and we can see it!

ONE Be thou our breastplate, our sword for the fight;

Be thou our dignity, thou our delight.

ALL We won't desert the vision.

We won't desert our God, for our God is faithful!

ONE Thou our soul's shelter, thou our high tow'r;

Raise thou us Heav'nward, O Pow'r of our pow'r.

ALL The vision has been written among us, and we can see it!

We won't desert the vision.

We won't desert our God, for our God is faithful!

Praise the Lord!

✚ OPENING HYMN

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=feeUVUo5xBE&list=RDfeeUVUo5xBE&start_radio=1

A Prayer for Responsible Citizenship (Unison, a Presbyterian Prayer for the Nation’s 250th anniversary)

Lord, keep this nation under your care.
Bless the leaders of our land,
that we may be a people at peace among ourselves
and a blessing to other nations of the earth.
Help us elect trustworthy leaders,
contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare,
and thus serve you faithfully in our generation,
to the honor of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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+ THE DOXOLOGY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzFzPx9vXEg&list=PLmbjTLDIEplJpHES5HrMKX03kkyY4RGa9&index=76>

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison, adapted from St. Francis of Assisi)

Praise our God: we whom Jesus calls friends!

Let us honor God, we are faithful, small and great, young and old.

Let us praise and glorify God forever.

Let heaven and earth praise God's glory:

all creatures in heaven, on earth, and under the earth,
the sea and everything in it.

Let us praise and glorify God forever. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:19-22

So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE HEBREW BIBLE READING

Ezra 3:8a, 10-13

In the second year after their arrival at the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua son of Jozadak made a beginning, together with the rest of their people, the priests and the Levites and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity. They appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upwards, to have the oversight of the work on the house of the LORD.

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the LORD with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, 'For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever towards Israel.'

And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION SOLO

"Precious Lord"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NB2mjMozUnE&list=RDNB2mjMozUnE&start_radio=1



The Lord's Table INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The Thanksgiving

One Alleluia! God is here,
All **God's Spirit is with us.**
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 God thanks and praise.**
One Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
All **We praise you for all your works.**
One Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven,
All **In us, with us, and through us.**
One Give us this day our daily bread,
All **Jesus, you feed us your very self. Thank you.**
One And forgive our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors,
All **Lord have mercy.**
One And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
All **Christ have mercy.**
One For yours in the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever and ever, so we sing together in thanksgiving with
those who went before us, with saints and martyrs,
evangelists and prophets. With all the creatures of earth
and heaven, we join in never-ending praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest**

ONE Blessed are you, most Holy, in Jesus Christ,
who came among us as a servant and a friend
to reconcile us to yourself.
We thank you for that life of love,
the good news of your reign,
and the promise of a banquet
where all your children shall be free.
Spirit of All Life, move among this bread and this cup and
make us mindful of our oneness with all creations, so this
meal of simple substance may become a true communion
with the Risen Christ, who makes every tomorrow possible.
In Christ's name we declare the mystery of our faith:

All **Dying, Christ destroyed our death.
Rising, Christ restored our life.
Christ will come in glory. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison, Revelation 7:12)

Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God, forever and ever, Amen!

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

+ CLOSING MUSIC

"Oh Freedom"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Od7MNz_SEUk&list=RDOd7MNz_SEUk&start_radio=1

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Now may the God of peace,
who through the blood of the eternal covenant
brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great Shepherd of the sheep,
equip you with everything good for doing his will,
and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION ON FINANCES AND OUR FUTURE

Lectionary: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Psalm 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13; Complementary: Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14; Roman 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19; 25-30
Liturgist: Elder Charles Barber
Greeter: Mrs. Gloria Harris

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: SANCTUARY BLOWER UNIT & EVACUATION DOOR CONTRIBUTIONS

- Thank you for Your Heart Led Faithful Giving. To date \$9,000 has been pledged or contributed to this cause. We've ordered repair parts for the Blower Unit to restore air conditioning. Parts are expected in next 3-5 days. Repairs should be completed shortly after. Thanks to all contributors to the Building Fund, donations from Presbyterian Men and Capital Campaign. We are within \$1,100 of achieving our goal of \$10,100. Again thanks - Buildings & Grounds Committee

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

July 5th ---- **Uncommon favor: Basketball, North Philly...**, by Dawn Staley

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**

UPDATE ON PROPERTY, FINANCES AND OUR FUTURE: Today, after worship service please remain for Congregational Conversation on property, finances and our future.

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
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Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir
Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir
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All the people of the Church
Pastor Mark Greiner
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Mr. Randall Timbers
Mr. Kyler Spencer

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Buildings & Grounds

Christian Education
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Personnel

Worship & Music
Technology Committee

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Bishetta Merritt
Thomas Midgette
Amanda Sargent
Penny Thomas, **Corresponding Secretary**
Randall Timbers
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