



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

June 28, 2026 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*

QUOTE OF THE DAY "Where life is precious, life is precious."
Ruth Wilson Gilmore, scholar and prison abolitionist

PRELUDE

+ INTROIT

The Celestial Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Rex Hunt)

One Jesus invites us to a way of celebration, meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.

All Let us walk Christ's way, with joy.

One Jesus beckons us to risk transformation, letting go of who we think we are.

All Let us walk Christ's way, with peace.

One Jesus challenges us to listen to the voices of those long silenced.

All Let us walk Christ's way, with hope.

One Jesus points us to a way of self-giving, where power and status are overturned.

All Let us walk Christ's way, with faith.

One Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross, and resurrection, dying and being born anew by God's Spirit.

All Let us walk Christ's way, with love.

+ OPENING HYMN 130 (Hymnal) "Let Every Christian Pray"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Today. Every day. Every moment. Let us pray, without ceasing, not so much with our lips, but with our yearning for God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Compassionate God,
You are more ready to hear than we are to pray.
You are more ready to forgive than we are to confess.
You invite us to open our hearts to you in prayer,
but we close ourselves to you and follow other paths.
Again and again, you draw us close, but we keep turning away.
Lord, teach us to pray. In your light may we see our shadows.
Jesus, Lead us into Life.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's mercy to us is an ever-flowing stream: abundant, refreshing, cleansing. Let Christ quench your thirst. Drink deeply of Christ's life-giving waters.

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!**

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Celestial Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE OFFERING

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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)

Awesome God, the grave could not hold your Son, alleluia!
You have conquered death, alleluia! You raised Jesus to rule
over all principalities and powers of heaven and earth, alleluia!
Jesus, you call us to new life, and we joyfully answer "yes!" You
gave us your life; now, we offer our lives to you. We sing your
praises. We dance with your Spirit. Let our joy be a sign of love,
of mercy, of compassion for all the world to see, to the glory of
your name, Amen!

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE HEBREW BIBLE READING 1 Kings 17:1; 18:42-45

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, 'As the LORD the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.' So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; there he bowed himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees. He said to his servant, 'Go up now, look towards the sea.' He went up and looked, and said, 'There is nothing.' Then he said, 'Go again seven times.' At the seventh time he said, 'Look, a little cloud no bigger than a person's hand is rising out of the sea.' Then he said, 'Go and say to

Ahab, "Harness your chariot and go down before the rain stops you." ' In a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind; there was heavy rain. Ahab rode off and went to Jezreel.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Celestial Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE EPISTLE READING

James 5:12-18

Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'Yes' be yes and your 'No' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Prayer is What Endurance Looks Like"

Second Sermon on James

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.

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

+ CLOSING HYMN #394 (Hymnal) "There is a Balm in Gilead"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ UNISON PRAYER (St. Augustine of Africa adapted)

**Lord, watch over those who sit vigil over the sick,
those who weep for others;
send your angels to watch over those who sleep.**

Care for the sick, O Lord.

Give rest to the tired.

Bless those who are dying.

Give relief to the sufferers.

Have mercy on the afflicted.

Protect the joyous.

Do this, our Lord, out of your love for your children, Amen.

HEALING PRAYER and ANOINTING WITH OIL

You are invited to come forward to pray for healing

POSTLUDE

PRAYER ELDER

Elder Nachee Miller

Lectionary: Genesis 22:1-14 and Psalm 13; Complementary: Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Roman 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Liturgist: Elder Angela Hemphill

Greeter: Elders James and Angela Haggins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – The Northeastern Church Adult Sunday School Class convenes Sundays at 9:00 a.m. via conference call. The focus for Summer 2026 Lessons is “The Testimony of Faithful Witnesses.” You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, July 5th discussion on “The Believing Centurion, A Gentile,” Matthew 87:5-13. Please dial **(267) 807-9601** **Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

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.

HEALING SERVICE, TODAY, JUNE 28 AT THE END OF WORSHIP:

Please come for anointing with oil with personal prayers for healing.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB **Book selections for 2026**

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

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**

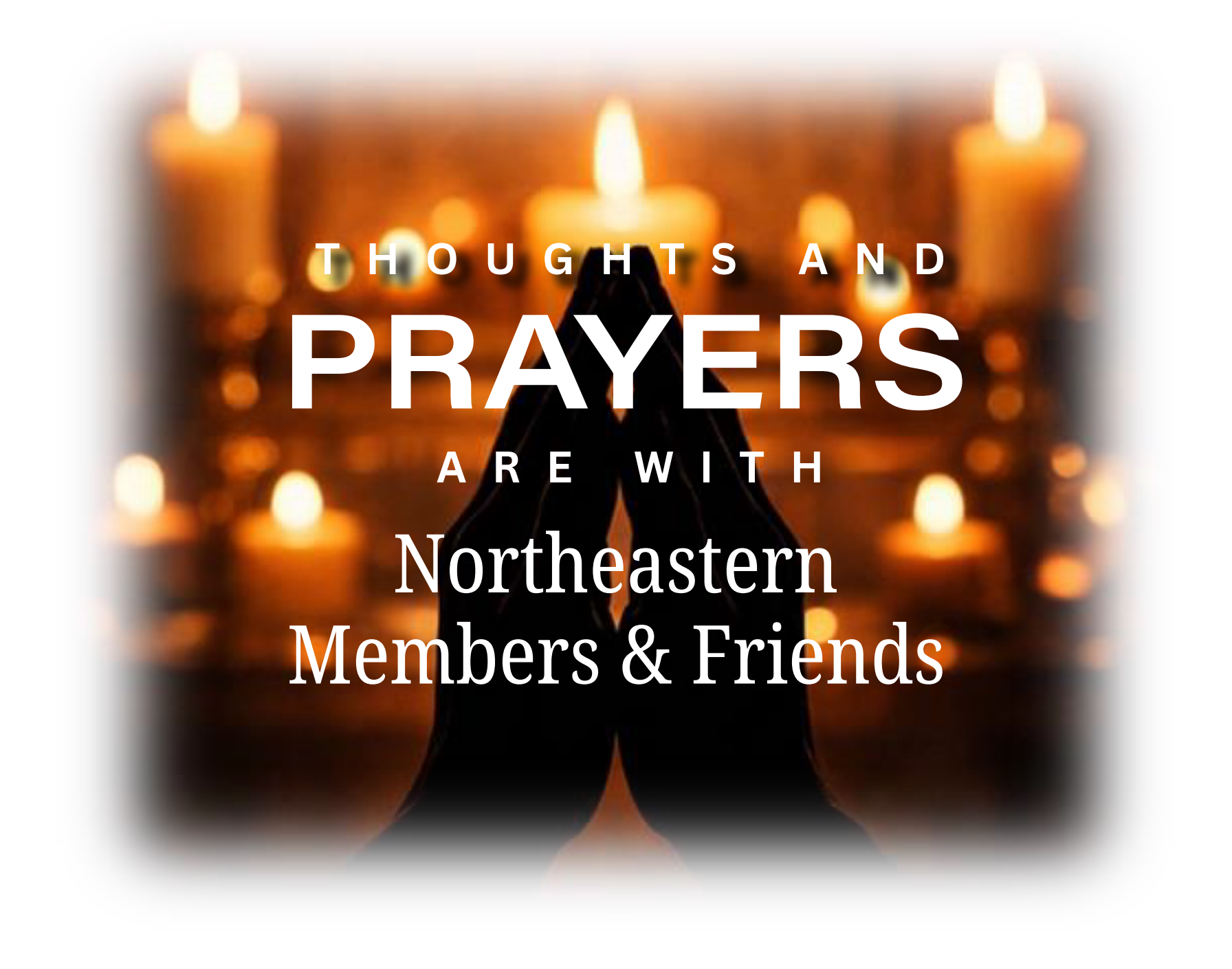
UPDATE ON PROPERTY, FINANCES AND OUR FUTURE: On July 5th after worship service please remain for Congregational Conversation on property, finances and our future.

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
Members & Friends



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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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Ministries of Session

Budget & Fiscal
Buildings & Grounds

Christian Education
Interpretation & Stewardship
Personnel

Worship & Music
Technology Committee

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Social Concerns & Outreach

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Randall Timbers
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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

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