



**“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

PRELUDE

+ INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Today's Word of Lent is John 3:14-27. It includes the very well-known verse, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" God's love for us endures forever. How have you shared that love to others?

Let us worship God,

ONE: When we are lost in the wilderness,

MANY: God's steadfast love endures forever.

ONE: When we complain about our problems,

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

ONE: When we ignore abundant provisions,

MANY: God's steadfast love endures forever.

ONE: When we sneak around in the dark,

MANY: God's steadfast love endures forever.

ONE: When questions loom and faith falters,

MANY: God's steadfast love endures forever.

In this time of worship, God, may we release our failures and rest in your love.

+ OPENING HYMN - # 485 (Hymnal) "To God Be the Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The faithfulness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. The mercies of God are new every morning. Beloved, confession of our sin before God is an act of trust in the goodness of God. In confession, we draw near to our maker in candor, knowing that nothing can be hidden from God. let us confess our sin, first in unison, and then in silence...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity.

Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us live as though we do not trust your goodness.

Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people....

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Hebrews 10:16-18

ONE: "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

MANY: 'I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,'

ONE: and he adds,

MANY: 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin."

ONE: Believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

PASSING THE PEACE

(Please warmly honor social distance.)
(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

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

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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

As you gave to us the greatest gift, Jesus Christ, inspire us to continually give to you the best that we have to offer. For we pray in the name of the One who gives us life abundantly. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. **5** The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." **6** Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. **7** The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So, Moses prayed for the people. **8** And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." **9** So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Gervais

SECOND READING John 3:14-21

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. **19** And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. **20** For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be

exposed. **21** But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "We Are So Loved!" Elder Cynthia Gervais

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which 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.

+ CLOSING HYMN - #71 (SOZ)

"Love Lifted Me"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION

Go into the world sure of the goodness of God.
Remember the promises that God has kept.
Be mindful of the ways that God has provided.
Keep your eyes on the cross of Jesus Christ,
and the new life that is offered to us all,
and may the grace, mercy, and communion
of our God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
bless you and those you love,
both this day and every day hereafter.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Numbers 21:4-9 and Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22: Ephesian 2:1-10; John 3:143-21
Liturgist: Elder Angela Hemphill
Greeter: Mrs. Bishetta Merritt

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 2024 Lessons is “Hope in the Lord.” You are cordially invited to join in on March 17th discussion “Defending Our Faith.” 1 Peter 3:8-17. Please dial **(267) 807-960 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT will be held on Saturday March 30, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. This is for children 2 yrs. to 5th grade. We are in need of wrapped candy, plastic eggs and volunteers!! All candy/egg donations need to be in church by March 24th. Please reach out to Jennifer Allen or Denise Hodges if you can donate and/or volunteer.

C.A.T. SURVEY RESULTS DISCUSSION, March 17, 5-6 pm on zoom with Presbytery the Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, the Director of Congregational Development and Mission for National Capital Presbytery.

CHURCH ENVELOPES are available in the Breezeway. Please pick-up as soon as possible.

EASTER SUNDAY - bring a copy of your Homegoing service (worksheet available on our website), to dedicate it to Celebrate Resurrection.

EASTER LILLIES - Worship and Music Committee will be ordering Easter Lillies. If you are interested in purchasing a plant(s), Please see Elder Angela Hemphill, price is not available at this time. Forms are located in the Narthex.

LITERARY BOOK CLUB - The Literary Club invites you to join our Zoom discussions of the following books at 1:30 pm on the following dates.

April 7th --- **“The Girl With the Louding Voice”: a Novel,**
by Abi Dare

MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER AND WORSHIP

Thursday March 28, bring your favorite soup to share. Northeastern will supply drinks and bread. Gather in the auditorium for setup 5:45. Fellowship dinner from 6-7 pm. 7 pm worship in the sanctuary. **Worship theme: John 13 and Jesus' Farewell.**

PER CAPITA FOR 2024 is \$48.56.

PRAYING LIKE JESUS (THE PSALMS): BIBLE STUDY: This week we will be studying Psalm 103. Join us every Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm via zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89996811489?pwd=xksxVa0O8PayAL61GACkx1rXN6hOgf.1> Phone in: 301 715 8592
Meeting ID: 899 9681 1489 Passcode: 867481

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 names of persons who should be added to the sick-and-shut-in list or if you have updates on anyone listed.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday Morning Bible Study sessions will be via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time. Please join us for an interesting discussion. The Zoom meeting information is in the E-mail to the congregation, or you can call the church office or Ruby Webb for the Zoom ID and Passcode.

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **826 1188 5094**; Passcode: **728796**

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**



REMEMBER OUR SICK & SHUT-IN

"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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