



**“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

One: God has sent redemption to us
and made with us a covenant.
Holy and awesome is God's name.

All: Praise the Lord!

+ OPENING HYMN - #442 (Hymnal) "The Church's One Foundation"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of mercy and grace,
we are meant to praise you and give thanks
to you always.
We confess that we do not live out of
constant gratitude.
We harbor resentment for what we lack.
We blame you; we blame others.
We doubt your compassion, even your power.
We find it hard to give ourselves away to you,
or to others,
in generous expressions of gratitude and praise.

Forgive us, we pray,
for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us
joyful thanksgiving.
Heal us and restore us so that we may return to you
with a right spirit.
Help us to live holy and joyful lives,
befitting people you love and save.
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: In the waters of baptism,
we have died with Christ
and we have been raised with him to new life.
Nothing in life or in death can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
In Christ we are forgiven and set free
to live in praise and thanksgiving!

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 Chancel 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)

Loving God, you so desired us that you sent your Son for us. You became flesh to renew the Divine Image in us. Jesus, you humbled yourself to exalt humankind. Fulfill your likeness in us. Bring us at last to rejoice in beholding your beauty. For united in the Spirit with all the saints, we glorify your grace and offer ourselves to you, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Nachee Miller

Sovereign God,
though we are bound by many tethers,
your Word is not chained.
Set us free by this Word
let loose in the world.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
make us worthy of your approval:
workers of the gospel,
unashamed and unafraid to share
the truth made known to us.
In Christ Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 2:8–15

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Remain Faithful”

Elder Nachee Miller

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 - #37(SOZ) "God Be With You"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lectionary: Exodus 32:1-14 and Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Complementary:
Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9;
Matthew 22:1-14

Liturgist: Deacon Glen Grier



The Nominating Committee is Seeking Church Leaders for the Class of 2027?

The Nominating Committee has begun its search for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee, as well as positions on the Nominating Committee. Please consider nominating yourself or other members who are willing to serve Northeastern and who have agreed to have their names submitted. The nomination period closes on October 25, 2026, at 1 pm. If you have any questions, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members listed below.

Nomination Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Nominee _____

Phone _____

Leadership Position _____

If not a self-nomination, has the nominee agreed to serve? _____

Thank You

Nominating Committee Members

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee continues its focus on two major replacement/repair projects. Currently we're asking for price proposals to replace the 38-year-old HVAC unit that supplies cool and heated air for most of the sanctuary building spaces. Proposals are due mid-October 2026. The Committee plans to make a recommendation at Session's regular meeting that month. Proposers have said manufacturing and installation will take 6-8 weeks once a proposal is accepted (late November – mid-December).

The Committee has investigated alternate ways to cool/heat the sanctuary using portal cooling/heating equipment but found it cost prohibited due to added expenses for temporary equipment and upgrades to the building's existing electrical system to power.

The other project is to repair our 25-year-old Education Building elevator. A recent service inspection has found three (3) major repairs are needed to improve elevator service. Price proposals have been requested for these repairs. Our elevator service company has said proposals will be available within the next few days for to allow Session to make a decision.

The Committee will continue to keep you updated on these major replacement/repair projects in the weeks ahead.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm every first Sunday for the book discussion of the month. Book Selection for November 2026 is:

"Let Us March On," by Shara Moon

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: The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group has begun. Come join us at 11:00 a.m. for group discussions on Bible stories, people in the Bible and how the word of God applies to our lives.

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

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Members & Friends



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