



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

October 18, 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

PRELUDE

+ INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather in the presence of the Lord, for God is our refuge, our strength, and our ever-present help.

People: We come with grateful hearts, ready to worship and praise our faithful God.

Leader: Let us lift our voices in thanksgiving and open our hearts to the Word of God.

People: We come seeking wisdom, peace, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with joy, reverence, and thanksgiving!

All: We worship God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the source of our hope, and the giver of everlasting love. Let us worship God!

+ OPENING HYMN - # 482 (Hymnal) "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious and merciful God, we come before You acknowledge that we have not always lived according to Your will. We have sometimes allowed fear to overcome our faith, impatience to replace understanding, and our own desires to take priority over the needs of others.

Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have failed to show compassion, speak words of kindness, or extend grace to those around us. When we have turned away from Your guidance, draw us back into Your loving presence.

Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us. Help us to walk in faith, serve with humility, love without judgment, and reflect Your light in all that we do.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news! God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and given the opportunity to begin again.

People: Thanks be to God! In Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

Leader: Believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Let us go forth in peace, strengthened by God's grace and guided by the Holy Spirit.

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)

Gracious and generous God, every good and perfect gift comes from You, and today we return a portion of what You have so faithfully provided. Receive these tithes and offerings as an expression of our gratitude, our trust, and our love for You.

Bless these gifts and those who give them. Multiply them for the work of Your kingdom, that they may bring hope to the

discouraged, comfort to the hurting, food to the hungry, and the good news of Jesus Christ to all who seek You. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm one (unison)

(From Psalms for Praying by Nan Merrill)

Blessed are those who walked hand in hand with goodness,
Who stand beside virtue,
who sit in the seat of truth;
For their delight is in the Spirit of Love,
and in Love's heart they dwell day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water, that yield fruit in due
season, and their leaves flourish;
And in all that they do, they give life.
The unloving are not so;
They are like dandelions which the wind blows away.
Turning from the Heart of Love they will know suffering and pain.
They will be isolated from wisdom;
for Love knows the way of truth, the way of ignorance will perish.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of Your Word. Quiet the distractions of the world and help us hear Your voice speaking to us today. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, grant us understanding, strengthen our faith, and guide us in the path You have prepared for us. May Your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, leading us closer to You and to one another. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:13-17

¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example,

that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers^[a] greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The Master's Example, Call to Serve"
Elder Angela Hemphill

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 - #315 (Hymnal) "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lectionary:	Exodus 33:12-23 and Psalm 99; Complementary: Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13); 1 Thessalonian 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
Liturgist:	Elder Jennifer Allen
Greeter:	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

ARE WITH

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