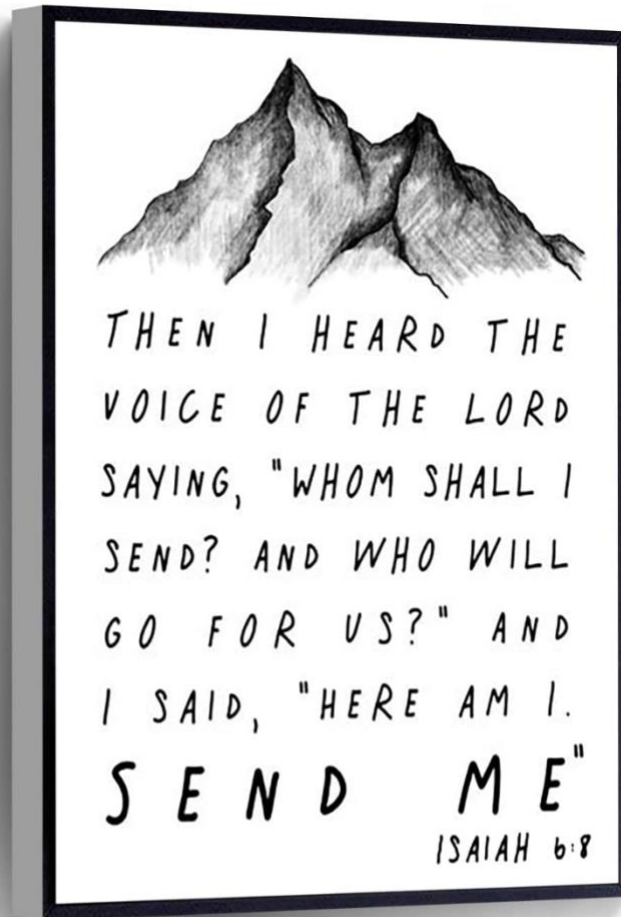




**“WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY,
AND JESUS IS LORD”**

September 13, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have come to worship God, the living God,

Many: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

One: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

Many: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

One: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

Many: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!

OPENING HYMN #138 (Hymnal) "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison (Isaiah 6, John 3)

We know much about earthly things, but so little about heavenly things. We stand in your presence, O God, but fail to see the hem of your robe in our midst—much less your presence, far above, upon the throne of heaven. We do not often see your seraphim in flight around your throne. We do not often hear their voices or feel the very foundations about us tremble at their loud praise. Open our lives to your mystery, power, and glory. Open our lives to you, O Holy One.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 29, John 3)

One: Today we will hear of heavenly things that can transform our lives forever. We will hear of God's miraculous presence with us and among us and for us.

All: In God's temple, let all of us say, "Glory!"

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

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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 (John 3, Romans 6)

It is only because of Jesus Christ that we are bold enough to call you Father and Mother, O Sovereign of the Universe. We do so now, to remind ourselves of our many sisters and brothers, your many children, who need hope and care. Use our gifts to reach others with the story of your great love for our world. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST READING Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

SERMONIC SELECTION

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Cynthia Gervais

THE SECOND READING Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I

am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

SERMON

"Cleansing Ember"

Elder Cynthia Gervais

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. And 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 #525 (Hymnal)

"Here I Am, Lord"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION

May you go forth from this place with your eyes opened to the holiness of the Lord, whose glory fills the entire earth.

May the one who forgives and cleanses your heart touch your lips with holy fire, taking away your guilt and equipping you to speak truth.

And as you hear the voice of the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?", may you respond with bold and willing hearts: "Here am I. Send me!"

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen
Amen.

PRELUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Exodus 12:1-14 and Psalm 149; Complementary: Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Liturgist: **Deacon Glen Grier**

Greeter: **Kathy Cuff**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR GREINER FAREWELL WORSHIP. October 4, 2026, we request your presence at the Farewell Worship Service for Pastor Mark Greiner. Reception to follow.

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 are being updated.

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.

TOWNHALL DISCUSSION after worship, September 27, 2026. Session will be updating us on next steps for our congregation.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Effective July 1, 2026, The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will be in recess until October 2026.

WELCOME BACK POTLUCK after worship, September 20, 2026. Please bring your favorite food dish to share.

ZOOM MEETING ID: The ZOOM MEETING ID for our worship services is: Meeting ID: 876 1357 9552; Passcode: 295504



October 4, 2026

**Pastor Greiner's Farewell
Worship
Reception to Follow**





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

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**

Deepest Sympathy

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of
Mrs. Miriam Pegram on September 8, 2026.

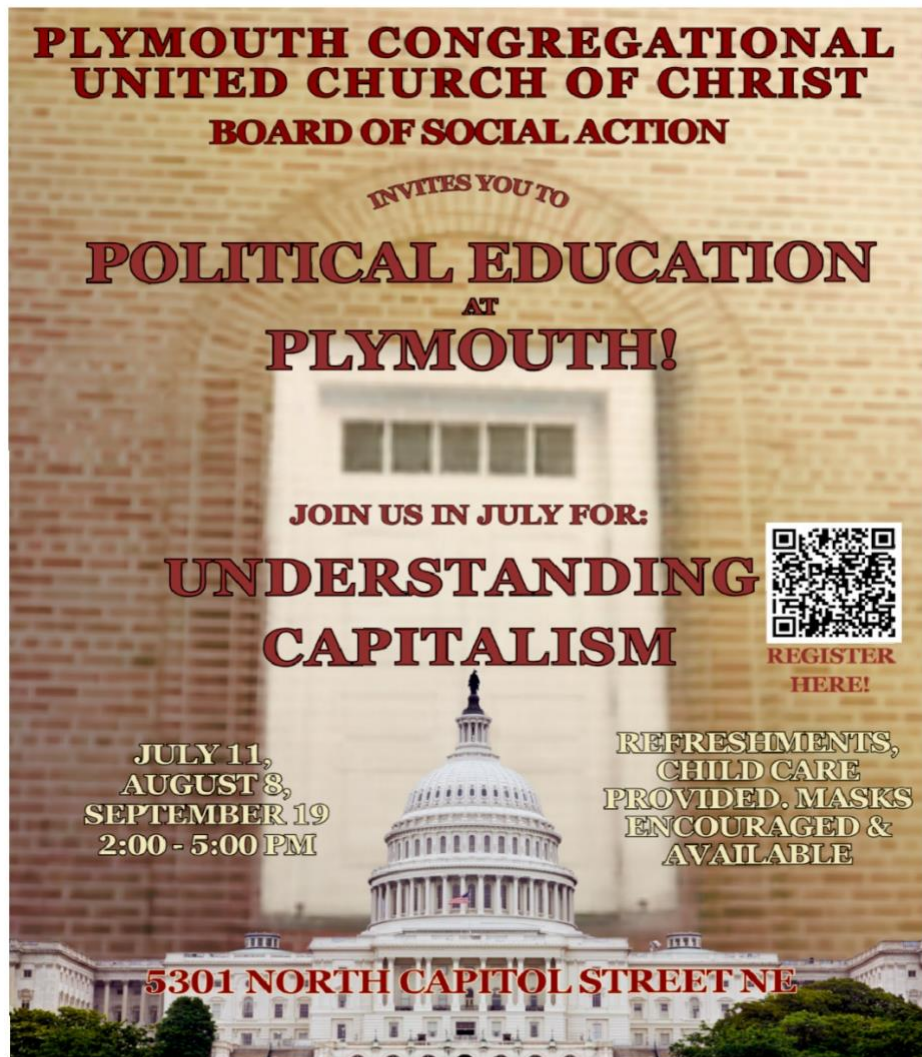
Funeral arrangements are pending.

Please keep the family in prayer

**THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH
NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:**



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Session one July, 11, 2026	Overview of capitalism: history, principles, and global impact
Session two August 8, 2026	Discussion of its benefits and challenges, including inequality and environmental concerns.
Session three September 19, 2026	Reflection on Christian teachings about wealth, poverty, and economic justice. "Enslavers' Bible" – White Christian Nationalism

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