



**“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*

QUOTE OF THE DAY

John 12:24

(Jesus said): Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

PRELUDE

+ INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 107)

ONE O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

ALL **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

ONE Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom
God has redeemed from trouble.

ALL **And gathered in from the lands, from the
east and from the west, from the north and
the south.**

ONE Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way
to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their
souls fainted in them.

ALL **Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord
who delivered them from their distress, and
led them by a straight way till they reached a
city to dwell in.**

ONE Let all thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, for
God's wonderful works for all humankind.
ALL **For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the
hungry with good things!**

**+ OPENING HYMN - #403 (Hymnal) "What A Friend We have in
Jesus"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

In Jesus Christ, you call us to be builders of the city of God.

Forgive us, Lord, when we seek only our private good.

Forgive us, Lord, when we simply accept the brokenness our human
cities and towns.

Forgive us, Lord, when our greed leads us to amass more than we need.

Open our eyes that we may see, glimpses of truth you have for us all.

Open our ears, help us hear you call.

Open our hearts to treasure the things of God, and so we may love you,
our neighbors, and ourselves joyously, without reserve...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (from More Light Presbyterians)

The One who breathed life into our lungs continues to be present
with us. God who has made us reflective of God's own image, has
forgiven us all and made us new creations.

Therefore, since our sins are forgiven, let us go forth with love and
peace, honoring and upholding the dignity of all we meet, knowing
we see reflections of God's image all around.

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!**

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)

God of all cities and towns, of all fields and forests, of streams and oceans, whose presence in our world we celebrate in Jesus Christ: help us hear your call and answer with faithful obedience. In each place you lead us this week, lead us to deeper faith, fuller trust, and greater responsiveness. May we extend to all we meet the good news of your love in Jesus Christ. Receive these offerings from our life's work and turn them into blessings, glorifying you and serving our neighbors with these gifts, for we offer them in grateful obedience to you, Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 30:15, 18

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:
In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.
But you refused...

Therefore, the LORD waits to be gracious to you;
therefore, God will rise up to show mercy to you.

For the LORD is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for God.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 21:12-19

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So, make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Yes, And..."

Pastor Mark Greiner

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 #369 (Hymnal) "I'm Gonna Live So God Can
Use Me"**

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ BENEDICTION (Henri-Frederic Amiel – 1885)

Life is short, And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.
So... be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
who made us, who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever, Amen

POSTLUDE

PRAYER ELDER

Elder Cynthia Gervais

Lectionary: Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Complementary:
Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8; Philipians 1:21-30;
Matthew 20:1-16

Liturgist: Elder Jennifer Allen

Greeter: Elder Valerie McCray

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.

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:

October --- The Street, by Ann Petry

November --- 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.

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 has been postponed until further notice.

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

SERVICES FOR Mrs. Miriam D. Pegram will be on Monday, September 21, 2026, here at Northeastern. The visitation will start at 10:00 a.m. and the funeral at 11:00 a.m. Reception following interment.

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**



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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

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



Staff

Ministers
Pastor (Stated Supply)
Director, Chancel Choir/Organist
Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir
Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir
Administrative Assistant
Sexton
Assistant Sexton

All the people of the Church
Pastor Mark Greiner
Dr. Laddie Bell

Ms. Jennifer Allen
Ms. Kathy Cuff
Mr. Randall Timbers
Mr. Kyler Spencer

Ministries of Session

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Buildings & Grounds

Christian Education
Interpretation & Stewardship
Personnel

Worship & Music
Technology Committee

Nominating

Clerk of Session
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Foundry Task Force

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James Haggins, Co-chair
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Deacon Katrin Jones, Co-chair
Cherie Becton, Chair
Angela Hemphill, Co-chair
Valerie McCray (non-Session member)
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James Haggins

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Amanda Sargent
Penny Thomas, **Corresponding Secretary**
Randall Timbers
Charles Webb, **Treasurer**

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3rd, 5th Glynis Higgs, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse, Stephanie White

JUNIOR USHERS

2nd Pamela Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse, Ava Kennedy, Cecil Nixon, Chidera Uduma, Priya Young

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore, will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you never leave me to face my perils alone.

Thomas Merton
Thoughts in Solitude