



“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 Celestial Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 84)

One How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All **My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

One Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

All **Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

One For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

All **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

One For the Lord God is a sun and shield; God bestows favour and honour. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All **O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

+ OPENING HYMN - #354 (Hymnal)

"Guide My Feet"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, I confess I have withheld myself from you.

Call me out of hiding... {silent prayer}

Jesus, I confess I have withheld myself from my neighbors,
fearing my heart will break if I open myself to my neighbors'
wounds.

Open me into compassion... {silent prayer}

Spirit of God, we confess we are afraid to let you love the world
through us -- how You may change us, what you may ask of us,
where you may send us. Nevertheless, we ask, release us from
our fear.

Love through us.... {silent prayer}

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rejoice abundantly! In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and freed
to love.

ALL Thanks be to God, Amen!

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 Celestial Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE OFFERING

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Washington, DC 20018

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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

THE SCRIPTURE READING Acts 20:17. 22-38

From Miletus Paul sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them:

And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace.

'And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. Therefore, I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore, be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."'

When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Celestial Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE HEBREW BIBLE READING

Ecclesiastes 3

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, God has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before God.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Good Grief"

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 - #525 (Hymnal)

"Here I am Lord"

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

Lectionary: Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Complementary:
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13;
Matthew 21:23-32

Liturgist: **Elder Angela Hemphill**

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: The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will resume October 6, 2026.

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

Thank You

Thank you, Pastor Greiner, Elder Cynthia Gervais, Deacon Board, Mr. Randy Timbers and our Northeastern Family and Friends. If you sent a prayer, a lovely card, made a call, gave us a hug, or dropped off some food it did not go unnoticed. If we did not get to acknowledge everyone rest assured, we notice you and we thank you for helping us give our mom the greatest sendoff ever. May God continue to bless you all. Thanks again Northeastern!

The Family of Miriam D. Pegram

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



1-Carolyn Mundy; 2-Irving Harris; 5- Michele Peters;
11-Kathy Cuff, Robert A. Davis, Jr.; 20-Ethel Thomas;
21-Angela Hemphill, 24-Monika Nixon; 28-Kyler Spencer;

If your birthday is not listed contact the church office.



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

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:

Homebound Members

Mrs. Rosalyn Cephas, The Plantation, 820 S. McNeill St., Carthage, NC 28327 (Hospice Care)
Mrs. Fannye Corley, 8601 Manchester Rd., 308, Silver Spring, MD 20901, 3-585-0345, 2/316-974
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Mrs. Eleanor Wood, 1712 Buchanan St., NE, Washington, DC 20018 2/529-7515

Prayer List

Mr. William Allen, 3705 Walnut Lane, Suitland, MD 20746 (Usher Mary Allen's husband)
Dr. Laddie Bell, 5505 Tinkers Creek Place, Clinton, MD 20735
Mr. Ashton Brown, Elsada Peter's nephew, 24118 Rosalia Ct, Richmond, Tx. 77406.
Dr. Geonard Butler, 14609 Silverstone Dr., Silver Spring, Md 20905, (301)989-8429
Elder Cynthia Gervais, 4507 Garfield Street, Hyattsville, MD 20781, (202)744-2605
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Awa Sargent (Amanda Sargent's granddaughter)
Mrs. Mary Smoot, 3103 Viceroy Avenue, Forestville, MD 20747, 301-568-7512



"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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Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir
Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir
Administrative Assistant
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All the people of the Church
Pastor Mark Greiner
Dr. Laddie Bell

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

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1st, 4th Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof, Mary Allen, Ruby Webb

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

It helps, now and then, to step back
and take the long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of
the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete,
which is another way of saying
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.
This is what we are about:
We plant seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something,
and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders,
ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.

Bishop Ken Untener (1979)
in honor of Archbishop of El Salvador, Oscar Romero