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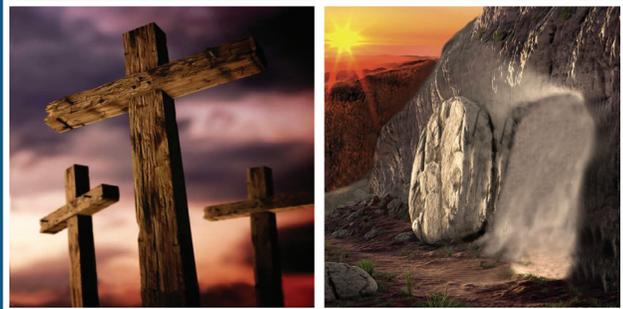
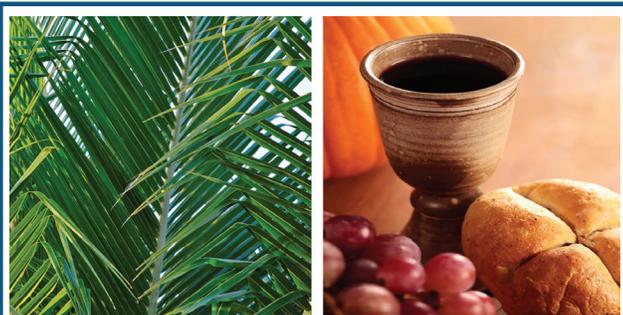
NORTHEAST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | PCA

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

(Why don't you invite a friend?)

Childcare for infants through age four is provided for all services during Holy Week.



PALM SUNDAY, April 14

Preschool and Nursery offered.

All adult & student classes cancelled.

9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Easter Cantata "Crown Him"
with Chancel Choir & Celebration Orchestra

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 18
(Music presented by Chancel Choir)

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

7:30 p.m., Friday, April 19, "Name Above All Names"
(Music presented by REACH worship band)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

NEPC Kids & Nursery offered for 5th grade & younger.
All adult & student classes cancelled.

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Resurrection Celebration
with Chancel Choir, Celebration Orchestra
and REACH worship band

ABSENT FROM THE BODY

In memory of

WILLIAM EMORY "BILL" JONES (90)

September 5, 1928 – December 21, 2018

NEXT NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a member or in learning more about Northeast Presbyterian Church? Then come join us four times in March. We will offer a four-meeting opportunity in which we will share who we are as a church and as a denomination, what our cardinal beliefs are and how we hope to help you become more the person God has called you to be through both community & discipleship. Each of the four sessions (or lessons) will be offered two times every week in order to accommodate the challenging working and travel circumstances of you who worship with us. Each session will be offered on Sundays beginning March 10 at 11:15 and on four Wednesday evenings beginning March 13 at 6:30 p.m. You may sign up on the church website (nepresbyterian.org/join) or on a Sunday worship bulletin tear-off. Love to have you come explore with us! Next New Members Class after this one will be offered in the fall.

A MESSAGE FROM BROOKE TURNER



At the end of February, I will have completed my season as Women's Ministry Director of NEPC. I will be returning home to be a full-time mommy of my three children, Sam, Selah and Hannah. It has been such a joy to serve on staff these years. I am immeasurably grateful to the Lord for how well you have loved and served our family as we have walked through a difficult season. Thank you for your continued prayers and for being God's instruments of grace in my life.

PASTORS

Dr. George Crow
Senior Pastor

Rev. Eric Walter
*Pastor of
Congregational Care*

Rev. Josh Desch
*Pastor of Community
and Discipleship*

Rev. Jason Pittman
*Pastor of Next Generation
Ministries*

* **Rev. John Ropp, Jr.**
Pastor of Visitation

* *Part-time*

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:45 a.m.
Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m.
TRADITIONAL
WORSHIP

Sunday School
for All ages

11:15 a.m.
CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

Sunday School
for All Ages

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AVERAGES

(NOV 2018–JAN 2019)

Traditional – 414

Contemporary – 205

Total Average – 619

Christmas Eve – 1,258

MEMBERSHIP

Communing – 1,359

Non-Communing – 240
(Active Members' Children)

Total Active – 1,599

(as of February 27, 2019)

THE LORD GIVETH

Congratulations & God's richest blessings to:

- **Ruth Anne Hamilton**, born November 8 in Ft. Campbell, KY, to **Drs. Plyler & Mary Jones Hamilton** (& grandparents **Dr. Ben & Lindsay Jones**).
- **Charles "Charlie" Martin Campbell** born December 12 to **Ryan & Megan Campbell**.
- Marriage of **Joel Earl Johnson, Jr. & Kristen Leigh Vigrass** (daughter of **Jim & Mitzi Vigrass**) on December 28 at The Farm at Ridgeway, SC.

- Marriage of **Benjamin Jones** (son of **Dr. Ben & Lindsay Jones**) & **Emily Gilson** January 12 in Boston.
- **Col. (Ret.) W. Thomas Smith, Jr.** on receiving our state's highest award, the *ORDER OF THE PALMETTO*, in January.
- Marriage of **Austin Bailey** (son of **Gilly & Terri Bailey**) & **Emily Hall** in Beaufort, SC, February 23.



ADULTS

Conferences can be powerful spiritual experiences for Christians

In early February, the Men's Ministry hosted the No Regrets Men's Conference (via live-stream in the Sanctuary, as well as live worship and small group breakout time). Over 120 men participated. In addition to NEPC, there were men from ten other churches in the Midlands, and a few from out of state. Keynote speakers included pastor-author Gordon McDonald, chancellor of Denver Seminary and longtime pastor of Grace Chapel in Lexington, MA. The theme of the conference was Relentless, with a focus on God's relentless pursuit of sinners, and our call to have a relentless pursuit of Him. It was a powerful weekend of fellowship and growing. Also, black and white Christians came together to proclaim that we are all one family in Christ, and that our similarities are so much greater than our differences.

In late February, the Women's Ministries of NEPC and Saint Andrews Presbyterian hosted their conference, Better than Eden, featuring well known speaker and author Nancy Guthrie. There was an incredible turnout at NEPC, with over 465 women from all over the Southeast coming together for two days of spiritual growth and fellowship.

Did you and/or your spouse, attend one of these conferences? If not, you should plan to attend our men's and women's conferences next year. Conferences can be powerful spiritual moments in the life of a Christian. Many Christians came to first know the Lord at a conference. There is also a certain energy and excitement, no doubt the presence of the Holy Spirit, that comes when Christians from diverse backgrounds and experiences unite around a common theme. While we shouldn't chase "mountain top experiences" as Christians, if and when they do come, they are sweet and potentially life transforming occasions where we see and savor the Lord Jesus in especially clear and powerful ways. Conferences are also great events to invite friends and family members to. Hope to see you next year!



LIFE EVENTS 2018



Below are some of the most significant events that took place during 2018 in our church membership. We ask God's continued joy on those who had reason to rejoice this past year, and we pray His continued strength and encouragement with those suffering loss.

BIRTHS (10)

Gabriel Elias Buzzard, January 10
Sawyer Reid Goins-Buckland, March 9
Micah Lawrence Dojaquez, March 23
Crosby Edwin Bell Eckstrom, March 25
Brenley Elizabeth Lybrand, June 1
Grady Thomas Roberts, July 16
Samuel Hayes Powell, September 7
Olivia Jane Sanders, October 24
Sawyer Woods Larck, November 3
Ruth Ann Hamilton, November 8

BAPTISMS (7 total)

Infant and Young Child (3)

Harrison Hayes Smith, March 4
Crosby Edwin Bell Eckstrom, December 2
Samuel Hayes Powell, December 23

Middle and High School (2)

Jacintha Shearlyn Ravindran, June 30
Joseph Andrew Ravindran, June 30

Adult (2)

Timothy John Shoenfelt, June 17
Susanna Jane Holthaus, November 25

MARRIAGES (10)

Justin Lucy and Emily Gifford, February 11
Will Dorris and Lindsay Pemberton, March 10
Derek Bowers and Celeste Rogers, March 17
Kyle Turner and Katelyn Miller, April 14
Stephen Bell and Sydne Youmans, May 18
Thomas Purvis and Elizabeth Baxter, June 9
Geoff Mahoney and Michelle Faber, September 2
Aaron Peterson and Lauren Hamilton, September 14
Dwayne Jones and Star Graham, September 22
Benjamin Carson and Kelsey Sawyer, October 20

DEATHS (24)

David Jackson Watkins (87), January 7
William Laverne Turner (73), January 9
Ivan Jay Warren (91), January 17
Agnes Bothwell Evans (100), February 7
William Earl Perkins (86), February 19
Curtis Baker Haig, Jr. (75), February 20
William Albert Steiger (70), March 2
Mary Francis Wester (87), March 5
Wilson Henry Lear, II (90), March 8
Martha Nelle Fluellen (83), April 5
Danielle Anjanette Hoshaw (51), April 14
Carolina Ayala Lea (94), April 22
Carolyn Floyd Weir (92), May 11
Jean Frazier Hutchinson (85), June 18
Kenneth Robert Walden (69), July 15
Justin Vaughn Turner (40), August 25
Frances Cook Watkins (81), August 29
Patricia Senn Breivik (79), September 15
Dian Latshaw Sutton (89), September 23
Phyllis Moore-Wood (75), October 1
Lloyd S. Liles (92), October 31
Julia Winifred Quinn Vereen (91), November 5
Doris Simpson Little (86), November 18
William Emory Jones (90), December 21



THANK YOU BRIAN!

We have been truly blessed to work with Brian Gafgen over these past 13 years. He has been there for us to act with a servant heart in the day to day operations at the church. We will miss him dearly but had an opportunity to celebrate him and pray over him as he takes on a new venture.



**PRAYER & SEND OFF FOR PASTOR DESCH'S
STUDY TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND.**



WOMEN

Maria Currey becomes Director of Women's Ministries on March 1



We are women sharing life together – gathering to worship our Lord, growing in His Word while fostering lifelong friendships, and going out with linked hands and hearts to build His kingdom. These are the oil and perfume of Proverbs 27:9 that make the heart glad. These are the “sweetness of a friend with earnest counsel” who encourages us in God’s steadfast love and faithfulness. Brooke lovingly and valiantly carried the torch as Women’s Ministry Director. Receiving it now means to “run with endurance the race set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.” – Hebrews 12:1–2. Thus, the passing of the leadership torch from one beloved servant to another. The sacred privilege is to rightly handle the Word of truth, doing the work of an evangelist, fulfilling ministry callings in the strength of Christ Jesus. Holding up the light of Christ for all to see and follow!

Reflections from Maria Currey,
Women’s Ministry Director and torch-bearer

Save the Date . . . Ladies Spring Tea! **Saturday, April 6 ~ 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** **Speaker: Cathy Crow**



Ladies, has it been a while since your beautiful china has seen the light? Please pull out your cups and saucers and help us decorate and host a Spring Tea table. If you are inspired to serve in this way, please contact Tara Fox, tfox@nepres.com or 451-4649 for further details. A delicious spring tea spread will be provided for each table.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

GRIEF SHARE® Grief Recovery Support Group



**New Session begins
Wednesday, March 13
6:00 pm, Room A-205**

Contact: jropp@nepres.com or 451-4655

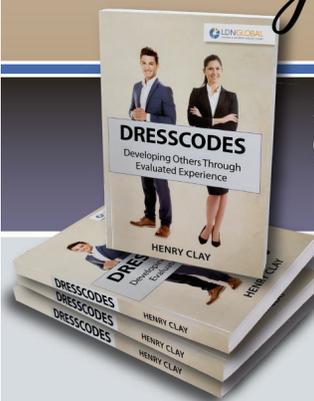
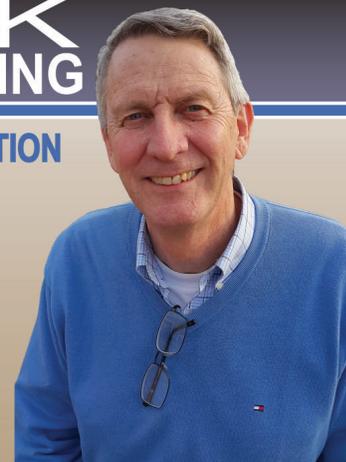


LAMPPOST

BOOK AUTOGRAPHING

A SPECIAL CELEBRATION
OF NEPC'S OWN

Henry Clay



**Sunday, March 17
9:30 am-12:30 pm
Lampost Atrium**

**Don't miss this special
chance to celebrate the
release of Henry Clay's
new book!**

For more information, contact lwright@nepres.com or 451-4627



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Ladies Freedom Project

Wait a minute . . . why is Ladies Freedom Project on the Missions and Outreach section? Yes, Ladies Freedom Project technically falls under the domain of Women's Ministry, but is very much a missions oriented ministry, whose purpose is to serve women in Africa. Led by Susie Necker, ladies meet the first Tuesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (but come for any amount of time they can) and enjoy fellowship together, while they trace, cut, trim, pin, turn and stitch fabric. If you'd like to join us, we'd love to have you . . . NO sewing experience is needed. Questions? Contact Susie Necker, ssnecker@gmail.com or 445-8726.



MUSIC

The spring season is always an exciting one in the Music Ministry as we move toward Easter. In both traditional and contemporary services, we've been singing a new hymn, "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery" (by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa and Michael Bleecker), which includes these especially powerful lyrics:

*Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope!
Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when he comes.*

We hope you'll join us for our Holy Week Services, beginning with the Easter Cantata on April 14, as we behold together the mystery of our Lord's sacrifice by His death on the cross and His resurrection which is our eternal hope!

With bittersweet hearts, the Music Ministry pays tribute to our beloved **Maria Currey**, who will be moving down the hall on March 1 to assume the role of Director of Womens Ministries. Maria has been an incomparable asset to NEPC Music for many years, not only because of her enormous musical talent, but also because of her heart for worship and her encouragement of the Body of Christ. We look forward to watching how God will use Maria for His glory as she follows His leading to the helm of the Womens Ministries! Will you pray with us for the person that God has set apart to step into her shoes here at NEPC Music and the Northeast Arts Academy. As always, if you want to find out more about any of our teams and how you might join our community, visit nepresbyterian.org/music.



KIDS

Kids Easter Celebration

7th APRIL playground basketball court area **12:15 to 2pm**

Families of Elementary, Preschool and Nursery children are invited to join us after church for lunch, fellowship games and EGG-cellent fun!

Accepting filled Easter Egg donations in the Kids area! Donations due by April 3.

Cost \$10.00 per family
RSVP by April 3 on our website

Contact:
ewebb@nepres.com



STUDENTS

Looking Back

Parent U was a wonderful evening of learning, eating and fellowship. Guest speakers Audrey Mallard and Laura Edwards talked to parents and grandparents about stress, anxiety and depression in the lives of their kids and teens.



Looking Forward

Coming this summer . . .

the edge
middle school camp

FOR THE NATIONS
refugee outreach

DALLAS, TEXAS
HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

We have two exciting summer opportunities for students! The Edge, for all rising 6th-9th graders is June 17-21. HS Mission trip, for all rising 10th-graduating seniors is July 21-27. For information, check out our website: nepresbyterian.org/students.



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A Musical Celebration of the Easter Story



Crown Him

Easter Cantata
Palm Sunday, April 14
9:00 and 11:15 am

presented by Chancel Choir and Celebration Orchestra



Save the Date!
VBS 2019

June 24-28
9:00 am-12:00 noon

Registration begins May 1
nepresbyterian.org/vbs