



First Presbyterian Church of  
**NORTHPORT**

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022



#### Our Mission Statement

First Presbyterian Church of Northport is a welcoming community that invites all people to learn about and respond to the Word of God as found in the Old and New Testaments. Our mission is to be shaped by, proclaim, and live out the good news of Jesus Christ. We are committed to supporting the spiritual development of our congregation by feeding the spiritually and physically hungry, caring for the sick and lonely, nurturing children, and reaching out to those in need in our local and global communities.

**FOUNDED 1785**

## WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHPORT

- Whether you live in the area, are new to the area, or are visiting from out of town, we are glad you are here.
- Please let us know of your presence by joining our members in signing our Friendship Pad (blue folder in pew).
- If you have any questions about our church, please ask our greeters and ushers (the folks who handed you a bulletin) or visit our website [www.fpcnorthport.org](http://www.fpcnorthport.org).
- Nursery care is provided each Sunday at our 10:00 am worship service, if you need help please ask an usher.
- Parents of young children are invited to pick up a children's worship bag hanging on the wall in the narthex (entryway).
- Everyone is invited to gather immediately after worship for conversation in the Hartt Room.

## HOW TO CONNECT

- Come to worship—we're here every week!
- Watch our LiveStream on our YouTube Channel!
- Join the church!
- Find the most current information on our website ([www.fpcnorthport.org](http://www.fpcnorthport.org)).



Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the church.

The network name is FPCN\_Guest

The password for the guest network is Hartt330

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

In order that we might give our full attention to God during worship, we request that you turn off, or turn to silent mode, all cell phones and pagers and that no flash photography be taken.

**Please welcome our guest organist, Carole Huston.** Carole Huston retired to Long Island to be with her grandsons and her family. She was previously at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean, Virginia for over 18 years. At Lewinsville, she directed a graded choir program for children and was the assistant organist, and eventually became the Director of Music. During her career she served many different congregations in many states from Florida to California. She has two daughters and is happily making a new home in Coram.

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# SUNDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2022

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10:00 AM

## ~We Gather in God's Name~

*The service of worship begins with the music of the prelude.  
Through its power and brilliance, may you feel the majesty and glory of God;  
in its quietness, God's peace.*

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”  
Carole Huston, Organist

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

*from Psalm 95:1-3*

O come, let us sing to the Lord

**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

**Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 396

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

HOLY MANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sin shuts us down and stops us short of hearing of God's Word. Let us open ourselves to hearing God's truth and free ourselves to follow God's path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Eternal God, you call, but we fail to listen. We rationalize our way out of doing what you desire. We excuse ourselves from your work claiming our own inadequacies. You promise to equip us, but we fail to trust you. Transform us. Encourage us. Make us steadfast in faith.**

*(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*We invite you to share a sign of reconciliation and friendship with one another.  
If you are comfortable, turn to those around you and offer a smile or a hand over your heart,  
using the following words:*

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE      “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”      Hymn No. 327, v. 3

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**~We Hear God’s Word~**

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Luke 13:10-17

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON      “Obeying the Third Commandment”      Rev. Rachel Vione

**~We Respond As God’s People~**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)      Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE      Hymn No. 1, v. 1      NICEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

OFFERING

Please give online at [www.fpcnorthport.org](http://www.fpcnorthport.org)

OFFERTORY

“Arioso”

James Rogers

\*DOXOLOGY NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**God of abundance and steadfast love, you provide for us in ways we do not always know or recognize. You have prepared and provided for us since before we were born. Receive these tokens of our gratitude and bless them. May the gifts we return to you provide for others in a way that gives glory to you and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

\*HYMN NO. 265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

DUKE STREET

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

“Toccata in C”

Johann Pachelbel

FLOWER DEDICATION

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Ruth Mies by her family  
Ruth passed away on August 14<sup>th</sup> just two weeks short of her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*Following the benediction, the congregation is invited to depart the sanctuary for coffee hour.  
Those who wish to remain seated for the postlude may do so.*

## **Announcements**

**Stewardship Reminder** -- Please continue to support First Pres during the summer months while you might be away. Online donations may be made at [www.fpcnorthport.org](http://www.fpcnorthport.org)

**Church Summer Office Hours** – The church office will be open Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 - 1:00 from June 13 - September 12.

**School Supplies Collection** --As children are preparing to return to school in September, Mission Ministries will be collecting school supplies to distribute to needy families in our community. For the next several weeks, boxes will be provided in the sanctuary and in the rear entrance to the church to receive your gifts. Backpacks, pens, pencils, filler paper, subject dividers, magic markers, pencil sharpeners, plastic folders, and composition books are requested. Hopefully, this school year will be a relatively “normal” one and your donations will help the kids start out equipped with “all things new”. Backpacks are especially needed this year.

**You pick the hymns Sunday, August 28** – Do you have a favorite hymn you would like to sing in worship? Now's your chance! Please submit your hymn requests to [ktwitchell@fpcnorthport.org](mailto:ktwitchell@fpcnorthport.org) by Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Your selections will be sung in worship on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Save the date!** Our fall kick-off BBQ will be held on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. All are invited to enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and iced tea & lemonade on the patio and in the Hartt Room. All are welcome to attend as we come together again after the summer months. Long Island Softee will provide the ice cream.

**Sunday School Classes Begin on September 11!** All children ages Pre-school- 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Sunday school classes beginning Sunday, September 11. There will be separate classes for Mid-High (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Sr. High (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade) as well. Please contact Elder, Melissa Beyer with any questions.

**Welcome Fran Roberts, Our New Interim Choir Director** -- We are pleased to announce that Fran Roberts will serve as our Interim Choir Director beginning in September. Fran may be familiar to some of you from the days when her children attended Sunday School and Youth Group at FPC. Fran has an extensive music background and is passionate and enthusiastic about church music. Her first Sunday directing the choir will be September 11<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Fran!

**Calling all FPC Singers!** This fall we are reclaiming our lives. For many of you, that means a return to singing that has always made us more alive and more fulfilled as we make worship more meaningful. Have sung in the choir before? Yes? Come on back! No? Maybe it's time. Come to the 7:00 pm Social in the Hartt Room and patio on Thursday, September 8 and enjoy the special moments that only singing can give us. See you there! Fran Roberts & Brenda Clark

**Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, September 18** – All school age children are invited to bring their backpacks, notebooks, or book bags for a special beginning of the school year blessing. The blessing will take place during the children's sermon in worship on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PW Picnic is back!** Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm for adult members and friends to gather together at the Scudder Beach Pavilion. This is a bring-your-own-food and beverage picnic. The Presbyterian Women's ministry will provide desserts for all, as well as ice, water, and cups. Let's be together at the beach! RSVP Diana at 631-292-2147 or 516-991-0114.

**Presbyterian Women (PW) Book Discussion** -- PW will have the next book discussion on Wednesday, Sept. 21st at **12:30 (note time change)** at the home of Peggy Denniston. The book we will talk about is “West With Giraffes” by Lynda Rutledge. Please join in and RSVP to Peggy (631-261-2426).

## Prayers

Joe Winkler, Bob Montusi (Diana Montusi's husband), Sean Tinker (Pegge Strella's nephew), William Koran (Barbara Healy's brother), Pat Jazinski (friend of Sharon Noonan), Maria Abbatiello (friend of the Mercers), Cory Phelan (friend of Kathy Landi), Demetra Innes (friend of Deidre Gehrke), Todd Pierce, Gary Sandel, Justin Yoskowitz, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), **the family of:** Ruth Mies, Ann Dentrone (Frank's mother), **those in Healthcare facilities** – Whisper Woods of Smithtown: Art Shaw, St. Catherine of Siena Nursing & Rehabilitation Center: Ann Deery, **our partner congregations:** Nueva Paz, Cuba and Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana Nueva Vida, Malverne; the Presbytery of Long Island and its staff; the Synod of the Northeast, the Presbyterian Church (USA), its Louisville staff, its missionaries worldwide

**Pastoral Care Concerns** - If you or someone you know is in the hospital or needs a pastoral care visit, please contact the church office to let us know. This will help us to be sure that we are aware of the pastoral care needs of our church members.

If you have a pastoral concern/request, please email Karen at [ktwitchell@fpcnorthport.org](mailto:ktwitchell@fpcnorthport.org). Relaying this type of information in this way will assist us greatly in our efforts to be attentive to the pastoral needs of members of our congregation.

The names of those on our prayer list will remain in the bulletin for six weeks. If, after the six-week period, you would like the name you submitted to remain on the list, please contact the church office with your request. Thank you! (To add or remove your name from this list, please call the church office, 261-6434.)

## Food Pantry News

The Pantry is open Monday-Thursday from 10:00-12:00. If you would like to make food donations to the Pantry, please place your donations in the "Big Blue Bin" near the parking lot entrance of the church Monday-Thursday from 10:00-12:00. If you would like to make a financial donation to the Pantry, please make your check out to "ELC Food Pantry."

## Specific Pantry Needs

The food pantry is in need of the following items: lettuce, cooking oil, laundry soap, paper towels.



### **Contact Information**

#### **Church Office**

330 Main St., Northport, NY 11768

Phone: (631) 261-6434

Email: [office@fpcnorthport.org](mailto:office@fpcnorthport.org)

Website: [www.fpcnorthport.org](http://www.fpcnorthport.org)

#### **Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry**

Phone: (631) 261-4357

#### **Weekday Nursery School**

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your email address to:  
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### **The Staff of The First Presbyterian Church of Northport**

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### **Session**

Marcia Mercer (Clerk of Session), Melissa Beyer, Pat Bell, Cathy Coleman, Dennis Crowley, Vicki Field, Marilyn Fox, Kim Gilbert, Susanne Haffner, William Heuer, Cindy Mies, Diana Montusi, Fred Mosher, David Ofsharick, Florence Ogg, Anita D'Amico Stambouly

### **Deacons**

Jim Beyer, Marlana Dentrone, Sue Ebert (co-moderator), Jack Fink, Tim Gladding, Carolyn Louis, Krista Mellinger-DeRoma, Jeannie O'Brien, Robin O'Neil Gonzalez, Shelley Pierce (co-moderator), Jeannie Reed, Pegge Strella, Marjorie Sundquist, Tiffany Thomas

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