



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 28th, 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.
- 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).



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.

About Today's Music: Charpentier's "Te Deum" dates back to August 1692 and is famous as a fanfare for the Eurovision TV network. Philip Paul Bliss is an American composer who wrote many well known hymns including the tune for "It is Well, with My Soul". Robert Hebble's hymn arrangement dates back to his time as an assistant to the legendary organist, Virgil Fox.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH, 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

“Te Deum (To God be the Glory)”
Marc Antoine Charpentier

Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

based on Luke 14:11

All who exalt themselves will be humbled

And those who humble themselves will be exalted

God invites us all to the kingdom's banquet

Honored by God's welcome, we gather by grace

*HYMN NO. 23

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

PLEADING SAVIOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God of love and mercy, we confess that we have done that which is wrong in Your sight. We have wronged ourselves by yielding to the desires of our lower nature. We have wronged others by word and deed. We have wronged You, O God, for we have failed to be true to the insights You have given us. We have kept our eyes on this world when You have called us to Christ-like mission and ministry in Your kingdom. We have turned our faces away from injustices and evil when You have called us to encounter the reality of sin and to overcome it. We have hidden behind clichés and slogans instead of searching for Your truth. Cleanse our hearts that we may love You above all else and our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Proverbs 25:6-7 (p. 607, pew Bible)

HYMN NO. 840 “When Peace Like a River” VILLE DU HAVRE

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 14:1, 7-14 (p.77, pew Bible)

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

SERMON “Seating Arrangements” Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) *from Philippians 2:5-11*

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

HYMN NO. 835 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” CLOSER WALK

OFFERING

Please give online at www.fpcnorthport.org

OFFERTORY

“Wonderful Words of Life”

P.P. Bliss
Arr. by Marian Talley

*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)

**Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us; shape us;
send us so that we might be your body in the world you so love. 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. 687

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Arr. by Robert Hebble

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of Michael Dunat by his family.

*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

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.

Save the date! Our fall kick-off BBQ will be held on Sunday, September 11th 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- 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school classes beginning Sunday, September 11. There will be separate classes for Mid-High (6-8th grade) and Sr. High (9-12th 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 11th. 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 18th.

PW Picnic is back! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 17th 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. 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

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Email: office@fpcnorthport.org

Website: www.fpcnorthport.org

Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

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Weekday Nursery School

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