



First Presbyterian Church of  
**NORTHPORT**

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 7<sup>th</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 preacher today Rev. Charles Cary**

Charles (Chuck) Cary served as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Southampton. Prior to that he served as Pastor at Westhampton, Moorings Presbyterian in Naples, Florida, and two congregations in the Chicago area. Chuck is married to Millie, and they have three children and five grandchildren, all of whom live in the Northeast. Chuck has preached at FPC many times. Welcome back Chuck!

**About Today's Music:** The prelude is by Flemish organist and choir director, Joseph Callaerts (1830-1901). You will hear the lyrical tone in his "Pastorale". Mendelssohn, is one of the leaders of the early Romantic period. Today's solo is based upon Psalm 37 and is found in his oratorio, "Elijah". Twentieth century organists and composers Frederick Swann and Gordon Young created arrangements of the tune, St. Anne, which dates from the 1700's.

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# SUNDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 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

"Pastorale"  
Dr. Brenda Clark

Joseph Callaerts

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Joan Armet

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

*from Psalm 50*

The mighty One summons us from sunrise to sunset.

**Out of perfect beauty, God shines forth.**

God calls to heaven and earth, "Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me."

**The heavens declare the righteousness of God,  
the judge of people and nations.**

Let us not forget God, but with thanksgiving as our sacrifice,  
let us be a people of justice.

**We worship the God of our salvation.**

\*HYMN NO. 385

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

OLD HUNDREDTH

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)

**God of Hope and Promise, we confess we do not always believe. We confess our questions and complaints catch up to us. We cannot understand our suffering and the suffering of others. Forgive us when we give up on you and ourselves. Return and restore us to right relationship. Help us to not disengage but remain steadfast in faithful dialogues of grace.**

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God. Amen.

### \*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

Acts 9:1-19

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

### SERMON

"The Power of Confession and Repentance"

Rev. Charles Cary

**~We Respond As God's People~**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and  
nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the  
prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

\*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

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OFFERTORY

“O Rest in the Lord”  
Rich Mooers, Tenor

F. Mendelssohn

\*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)

**Receive these, our gifts, O Lord, and use them to bring good news to those in need of hope  
and renewal. 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. 816

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee” WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Two Settings of “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”  
Arr. by Frederick Swann & Arr. by Gordon Young

Wm. Croft

*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.

**Employment Opportunities** -- FPC is looking for a Director of Children & Youth Ministries. Please see our website for a full job description.

We are also looking for a new Chancel and Westminster Choir Director. Please see our website for the job description.

**Presbyteries in Kentucky, Virginia and Missouri need support** -- The devastating flooding in eastern Kentucky that took the lives of at least 37 people is part of a series of flooding events that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is offering support and prayers for. Presbyterians and other concerned individuals can assist communities impacted by flooding by making donations to PDA. To send a check, please designate DR000191 on the memo line and mail to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. To pay online, use this link: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000191/>.

**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.

**Presbyterian Women (PW) Book Discussion** -- The next Presbyterian Women's book discussion will be on August 10th at 10:30 at the home of Andrea Gladding. The book we will talk about is "The Stationery Shop" by Marjan Kamali. Please RSVP Andrea at 631-757-0488. Please join in on the talk.

**PW Picnic is back!** -- Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 17th at 4 pm to gather at the Scudder Beach Pavillion. 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.

**Support for Ukraine** FPC has offered financial support for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Our Deacons have given \$3000, Mission Ministries has given \$1000, and individuals from the congregation have made donations as well. If you would like to contribute your support, please give online at [www.fpcnorthport.org](http://www.fpcnorthport.org) or at Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at [www.pcusa/disasterassistance.org](http://www.pcusa/disasterassistance.org).

**Give a Book, Take a Book!** Visit the bookshelf in the Hartt Room after worship with books for people to take. Please take a book and bring in a book for the shelf. Books can be on any topic and can be paperback or hardcover. Happy Reading!

## 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:** Ann Dentrone (Frank's mother), Jean Wilson, **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**

Phone: (631) 757-1342

Email: [info@weekdaynorthport.com](mailto:info@weekdaynorthport.com)

Website: [www.weekdaynorthport.com](http://www.weekdaynorthport.com)

 [www.facebook.com/weekdaynorthport](https://www.facebook.com/weekdaynorthport)

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### **The Staff of The First Presbyterian Church of Northport**

Rachel Vione  
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*Director of Weekday Nursery School*

Karen Twitchell  
*Office Administrator*

### **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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