



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 11th, 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.

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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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2022

14th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion Sunday 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	"Adagio" from "Sonata II" Felix Mendelssohn	Dr. Brenda Clark
WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH		Rev. Rachel Vione
MINUTE FOR MISSION	<i>Deacons Blood Drive</i>	Deacon, Tiffany Thomas
CHORAL INTROIT	"Morning Has Broken"	Arr. Roberts

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Lift praises to the name of our God; bless God's name forever!

How great is our God!

From generation to generation, we will sing your praises and speak of your goodness!

Great is our God and worthy of praise!

God, you are just and kind in all your doings!

Great is our God and worthy of praise!

God, you watch over us in love and hear the desperate cries of those who call to you!

How great is our God! Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN NO. 81	"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"	AUSTRIAN HYMN
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy God, we turn from you and frequently lose our way. We get ourselves so turned around by temptations that seduce and steal our hearts. We excuse our mistakes and missteps with arguments that just don't add up. Forgive us. Find us. Restore us as your people.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

***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** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” Hymn No. 582

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

5th grade and younger gather on the chancel steps

HYMN NO. 800 “Sometimes a Light Surprises” SALLEY GARDENS

~We Hear God’s Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 51:1-10 Deacon, Tiffany Thomas
(p.520, pew Bible)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (p. 78, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Old Familiar Story” Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

OFFERING Please give online at www.fpcnorthport.org

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “The Lord is a Mighty God” 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)

**Holy God, how often we take for granted all that we have. How often we fail to recognize how
blessed we are. Take these gifts we give in response to your generosity and use them to further
Christ’s mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REMEMBRANCE

~Holy Communion~

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*COMMUNION HYMN NO. 503 "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation" O QUANTA QUALIA

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS [congregation sings]

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front rows, take a piece of bread, eat it, and then move to the juice filled trays. After drinking the juice, place the empty cup in the tray and return to your pew by the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, a server will come to your pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC "Pieces in D Major and D Minor" from "L'Organiste" Cesar Franck

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Rutter

POSTLUDE "The Church's One Foundation" Samuel Wesley
Arr. D. Hustad

Announcements

Today is our fall Kick off BBQ! All are invited following the worship service 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 resume today! Following the Children's message and Prayer, all children 5th grade and younger are invited to go with their teachers to Sunday school on the second floor. Mid High and Senior High classes will meet during the worship service.

Deacon Blood Drive, Monday, September 19 The Deacons are sponsoring a blood drive at the church on Monday, September 19 from 2:45-7:45. Registration is not required. Please come and donate as there is a shortage of blood on Long Island.

Thank you! To all who donated school supplies for those in need. The backpacks and supplies were given to children and families from YDA and our food Pantry clients.

Next Sunday, September 18 is Cow Harbor. Join your church family and friends for a front-row seat to watch the annual Cow Harbor Day Parade after worship. Our Weekday Nursery School families and teachers will be marching in the parade again this year. Come cheer them on!

Pioneers meet on Wednesday, September 14 -- Senior adults are invited to join our Pioneers for fellowship, fun, chapel, and lunch at 10:00 in the Hartt Room.

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 Saturday, September 17th-- 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, Wednesday, Sept. 21-- PW will have the next book discussion on 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).

Welcome Fran Roberts, Our New Interim Choir Director -- We are pleased to announce that Fran Roberts will serve as our Interim Choir Director. 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!

Men's Wednesday Morning Breakfast -- Each week the Men's Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group meets at 8:15 AM in the village park. In case of rain, we will meet in the Hartt Room. All men of the church are invited to join in! For more information, please email Deacon Tim Gladding at emgeetd@aol.com.

Church Office Hours The church office will be open Monday - Friday from 9:00 - 1:00 beginning on September 6th.

Prayers

Grace Alber (friend of Tiffany Thomas), James T. Skadden (Leah Fink's brother), Bob Montusi (Diana'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:** Carl Josephson (Keith's father), Ruth Mies, Ann Dentrone (Frank's mother), **those in Healthcare facilities** – St. Johnland Rehabilitation: Sonia Padgett, 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

Phone: (631) 261-6434

Email: office@fpcnorthport.org

Website: www.fpcnorthport.org

Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

Phone: (631) 261-4357

Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

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Website: www.weekdaynorthport.com

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