



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 18th, 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.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 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 "Simple Gifts" Dr. Brenda Clark
Arr. B. Portman

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Rachel Vione

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Finance* Elder, Dennis Crowley

CHORAL INTROIT "Morning Has Broken" Arr. Roberts

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *from Psalm 113*

O God, you are righteous
Transform us by your Word!
Your judgments are upright
Transform us by your Word!
Your precepts are unforgettable
Transform us by your Word!
Give us understanding and we will live
Re-form us, reconcile us,
Transform us by your Word!

*HYMN NO. 305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

~ The Sacrament of Holy Baptism ~

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

PRESENTATION

Elder, Kim Gilbert

*The child being baptized today is: Avery Violet Pridlides
Daughter of Rebecca and Michael Pridlides*

HYMN NO. 486, v. 1

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

Please remain seated

***Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.***

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Statement of Commitment

Elder: Jesus Christ commanded us to teach those who are baptized. Let us state our commitment to his child.

All: We joyfully welcome Avery Violet into the church: the family of faith and the body of Christ on earth. We promise to enfold her in our love and offer her support, understanding, and counsel as she grows in faith. As people of God, we promise to teach her the things of Christ, and by our fellowship, to strengthen her family ties with the Household of God.

BAPTISM

BLESSING AND WELCOME

HYMN NO. 486, v. 4

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

KINGDOM

***Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God’s call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.***

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

HYMN NO. 543

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

GREEN TYLER

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 16:1-13

(p. 79 pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“A Troubling Parable”

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
Chancel Choir, Susan Mann, Harp

Arr. G. Martin

*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

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. 318

“In Christ There is No East or West”

ST. PETER

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

J. Rutter

*POSTLUDE

“Music from the Royal Fireworks”

G.F. Handel
Arr. E.P. Biggs

Announcements

Sunday School classes meet 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks today during worship – 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 today.

Today is Cow Harbor Day -- 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!

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.

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).

Pioneers meet on Wednesday, September 28 -- Senior adults are invited to join our Pioneers for fellowship, fun, chapel, and lunch at 10:00 in the Hartt Room.

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. Welcome Fran!

Check out the pictures of our confirmation classes from the last decade. The pictures are posted on the wall by the piano in the Hartt Room. See if you can spot a familiar face or two!

World Communion Sunday, October 2 -- On October 2nd at 10:00 AM we celebrate our worldwide heritage and connection to churches around the world. We will discover that as Presbyterians we are deeply enriched by the unique insights of the many denominations around the world and through celebrating Communion, we are made one in Christ. Members of our sister church, Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana Nueva Vida will be worshipping with us that day.

Annual YDA Wine Tasting, Monday, October 10 -- Spend the day exploring the North Fork with our friends from YDA. Experience VIP wine tastings at Duck Walk Vineyard, Pellegrini Vineyard & Jason's Vineyard. Lunch, pumpkin picking and visiting a local farm stand are all part of the tour. The bus leaves the church parking lot at 9:30 AM and returns at 6:00. Reservations are required by October 3. Please call the church office for more information.

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

Prayers

Grace Alber (friend of Tiffany Thomas), Bob Montusi (Diana's husband), 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, **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

Email: info@weekdaynorthport.com

Website: www.weekdaynorthport.com

 www.facebook.com/weekdaynorthport

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