



First Presbyterian Church of  
**NORTHPORT**

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 25<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.

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## WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHPORT

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one. In our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning -- a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God. We hope you will experience some of the love and warmth of this caring community of faith. Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Rachel Vione, Pastor

- 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

**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. Emmie Arnold** - Rev. Emmie Arnold (she/her/hers) works as a hospital chaplain in Queens and as a preacher and worship leader throughout Long Island. She has worked as a chaplain for pediatric and adult patients in underfunded communities and city hospitals as well as well-resourced and well-known Trauma 1 hospitals. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Princeton Theological Seminary. She also is a traveler (on hiatus); friend and family member to many; writer; and musician.

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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

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

Hymn No. 59  
(Refrain sung twice)

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God’s mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.**

~We Hear God’s Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

(p.736, pew Bible)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Timothy 6:11-19

(p. 210, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“Where We Belong”

Rev. Emmie Arnold

~We Respond As God’s People~

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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 ANTHEM “Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing” G. Young  
Chancel Choir

\*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)

**May we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always a time when more good can be done and we can make a difference. May it be done through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives. 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. 23 “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” PLEADING SAVIOR

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” J. Rutter

\*POSTLUDE “Christus” G. Young

*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.*

**Please be aware that the broadcasted service may include images and video of people in the sanctuary who are present for the service.**

## Announcements

**Sunday School classes resume October 16** – Sunday School will take a break for the next few weeks, but Mary will continue to be in the nursery for the little ones! Students of all ages are invited to worship with their families. Sunday School will be back on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**World Communion Sunday, October 2** -- On October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Rev. Alexander Madrigal and members of our sister church, Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana Nueva Vida will be worshipping with us that day.

**On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, World Communion Sunday**, we will receive the **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. Peace is not just about the absence of conflict, but the presence of justice, and a solution for the world where different races and cultures live in harmony, respecting each other and our environment; a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love. Help us to proclaim the Peace of Jesus Christ to all! Please contribute in the Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering envelopes by mail or in the offering plate on October 2 and speak with anyone on the Peacemaking Ministry team to join us and help bring peace to our world!

**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.

**The Membership Committee** invites you to host a fire pit gathering on the church patio or one in your own backyard. We are also looking for leadership for an October hike. Both are a fun way to get to know others better. Please call Diana Montusi with any questions. 516-991-0114

**Fall is here and** so are the new copies of "These Days – Daily Devotions for Living by Faith" available for October, November & December. Please pick up a copy from the information rack located in the lobby by the back parking lot entryway to the church.

**Relief for our brothers & sisters in Puerto Rico** -- Following the floods and devastation caused by Hurricane Fiona, the best way to offer our support is to pray and support local response efforts through the PDA hurricane relief fund. Down the road, there will be opportunities for long-term recovery and volunteer support. If you would like to make a contribution, please give online to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194/>

**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.

**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!

**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](mailto:emgeetd@aol.com).

## Prayers

Debbie Danley (Barbara Healy's cousin), Pat Reeves, Phyllis Crowley (Janeen & Dennis's sister-in-law), Sean Tinker (Pegge Strella's nephew), 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:** Arthur Allen (Jen Paterson's brother), Carl Josephson (Keith's father), **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](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](http://www.facebook.com/weekdaynorthport)

To sign up for the church email list send  
your email address to:  
[office@fpcnorthport.org](mailto:office@fpcnorthport.org)

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

Rachel Vione  
*Pastor*

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*Weekday Nursery School Custodian*

Frances Roberts  
*Interim Choir Director*

Karen Twitchell  
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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

### **Give Online**

