



First Presbyterian Church of  
**NORTHPORT**

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 4, 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](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. Ralph B. Wright, Jr.** - The Rev. Ralph B. Wright, Jr. is a retired Presbyterian Pastor having served churches in California and New York. His most recent parishes have included Yaphank, Remsenburg, East Moriches and Merrick. He also served churches in transition as pulpit supply for Massapequa, Levittown, Old South Haven. and Mattituck. As a Tentmaker minister, his non-church employment has included service with the Los Angeles United Way and the American Red Cross, as well as serving the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Africa and Europe, and his family's accounting firm in Patchogue. With his accounting and financial background, he has served the Presbytery of Long Island as a member of the Board of Trustees, the Budgeting Committee, The Shepherding Council and the Presbytery's Disaster Assistance Committee.

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# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 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

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"  
Seth Bingham

Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Nancy Winkler, Liturgist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Come let us give thanks to God, for God is good.

**God's love endures forever.**

God gives each of us grace according to the measure of Christ's gift so that his church may be built up in love.

**God's love endures forever.**

It is God's will that we all come to the unity of the faith and acquire the knowledge of the teaching of the Christ.

**God's love endures forever. Together we worship God. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 719

"Come, Labor On"

ORA LABORA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, the Scriptures move us to acknowledge and confess our sins before almighty God with a humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart. Let us now lift our voices in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**You made us in your image and set us in a lush garden as caretakers. When we chose to have it all to ourselves, you tuned our freedom to the toil for survival. When we cried out in our misery, you delivered us from captivity and made covenant to be our sovereign God. By the prophets you called us to return to you and delight in good food without price. You confronted us with the waste of laboring apart from you, and you asked us, "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?" We come to you now asking for forgiveness. Forgive us our sins and our weakness. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

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

\*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**We thank you O Lord that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**We pray for strength to forgive one another. 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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymn No. 39

**~We Hear God’s Word~**

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-11

(p. 720, pew Bible)

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 6:1-10

(p. 191, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Come Labor Together”

Rev. Ralph Wright

**~We Respond As God’s People~**

## A LABOR DAY LITANY

Lord, we serve you by serving one another. The needs of those you love are great. Make us worthy of the task. Fill us with your spirit from above.

**Prosper the work of our hands, which we do for the common good.**

We pray particularly for those who work to heal us. They work with bodies and lives, often broken beyond repair. We feel for those whose sweat and tears are greater than our own. Give them strength to continue their labor of restoring that which has been lost.

**Prosper the work of their hands, which they do for the common good.**

We also pray for those who protect us. For members of our police, fire, and emergency services departments and for those who serve in the military both at home and overseas.

**Prosper the work of their hands, which they do for the common good.**

For the bread of the earth, we give you thanks. We pray for those who till the ground to produce our food, and for those who bring it to market and for those who prepare it for us so that we are not hungry.

**Prosper the work of their hands, which they do for the common good.**

Guide us in our work that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good both here in New York but across America and the world. **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

“We Shall Walk Through the Valley”

Arr. Andrew Gant

\*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)

**Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share.  
May the offerings we present today be used to further your kingdom  
and build your beloved community. 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. 300

“We are One in the Spirit”

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

“America the Beautiful”

Arr. Robert Thompson

*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.

**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 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. Long Island Softee will provide the ice cream.

**Sunday School Classes Begin on September 11!** All children ages Pre-school- 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Sunday school classes beginning Sunday, September 11. There will be separate classes for Mid-High (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Sr. High (9-12<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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. Would you let us know that you are interested by sending an email to Brenda Clark [musica12@verizon.net](mailto:musica12@verizon.net) or leaving a note in the Choir Director mailbox at church? Looking forward to hearing from you. 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PW Picnic is back!** Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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

James T. Skadden (Leah Fink's brother), Sonia Padgett, Joe Winkler, 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** – 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

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

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

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your email address to:  
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### **The Staff of The First Presbyterian Church of Northport**

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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

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