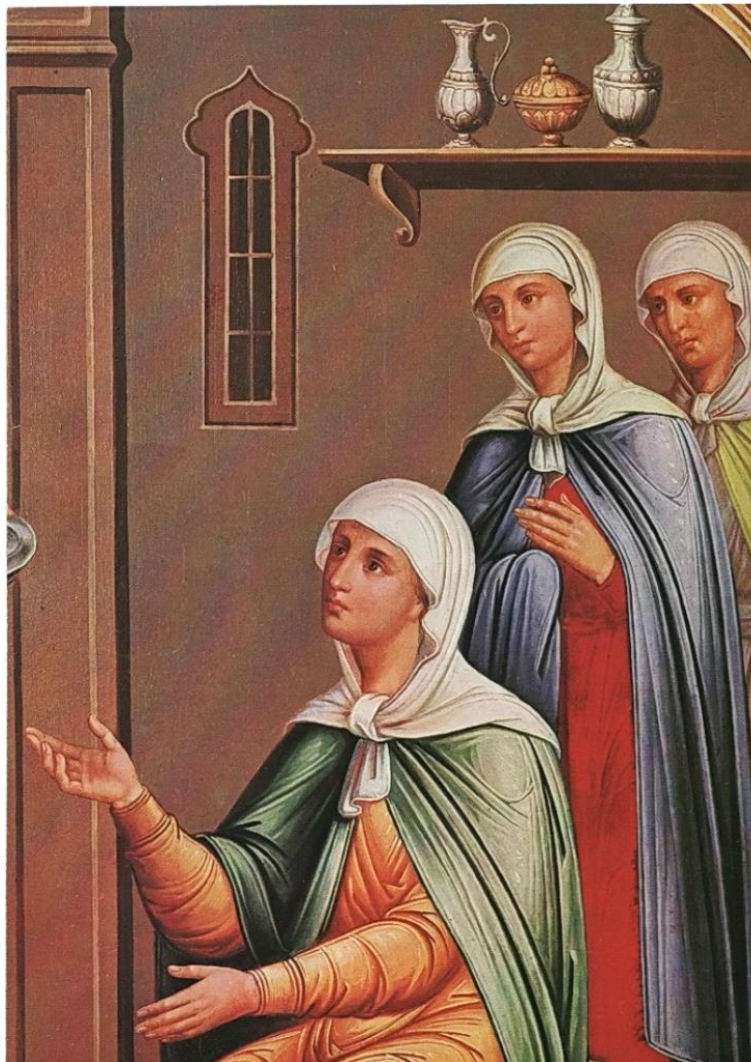




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 16th, 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 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.
- 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

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.

Cover Art – Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge, detail, Palace of the Facets, Kremlin, Moscow, Russia, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57177> [retrieved October 13, 2022]. Original source: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Parable_of_the_Unjust_Judge_\(Granovitaya_palata,_1881-2\)_4.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Parable_of_the_Unjust_Judge_(Granovitaya_palata,_1881-2)_4.jpg) - Brothers Belusov.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Peace, My Friends”

R. Repp

Peace, My Friends **+ 74**
Words and Music by
Ray Repp
F#m

REFRAIN
D E G D F#m
Peace I leave with you, my friends, Sha-lom, my peace, in
E Gm D E G D
all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends.
Bm E G D
I give to you so you can give to others too.---

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

5th grade and younger gather on the chancel steps

HYMN NO. 175

“Seek Ye First”

LAFFERTY

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18: 1-8

(p.81, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“Persistence”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*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 “Lord, Bow Thine Ear to my Prayer” F. Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir Cindy Corso, Soprano Barbara Fusco-Spera, Alto

*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)

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord 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. 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me” KELVINGROVE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Threefold Amen” Traditional

POSTLUDE “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” D. Burton

The flowers in the Sanctuary are dedicated to Krista DeRoma, Leah Fink, Robin O’Neill Gonzalez, and Carolyn Lewis. The rides to the doctor were very much appreciated. With gratitude and thanks, Janet Hennig.

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 Meet Today! Following the Children's Message, all children 5th grade and younger are invited to go with their teachers to Sunday school classes on the second floor. The mid & senior high classes meet on the lower level of the church. Nursery care is provided in the nursery on the second floor.

Blankets needed at Dawn Hill House – The residents of Dawn Hill House here in Northport are in need of new or gently used *twin sized* blankets. If you would like to help, please bring your blankets in to church and place them in the collection box near the parking lot doors.

The Chancel Choir is inviting members and friends of the FPC to join in singing a very special anthem for Reformation Sunday, October 30th. There are two rehearsals: Thursday, 10/20 & Thursday 10/27 starting promptly at 7:30 pm and ending for "Reformation Sunday singers" at 8:00 pm. If you love to sing, please join us for this special opportunity to sing with the choir on a festive Sunday. All Westminster Choir members are specially invited too. Everyone will know and enjoy this tune. The rest is a surprise. Brenda Clark & Frances Roberts

Attention All Committee Chairs – Please submit your 2023 budgets to Financial Manager, Kevin McKerr at kmckerr@fpcnorthport.org by November 1st.

All Saints' Remembrances – On Sunday, November 6th, we will be celebrating All Saints' Day by remembering those who have entered the Church Triumphant this past year. If you have a loved one you wish to have remembered, please contact Karen in the church office (631-261-6434) or email her at ktwitchell@fpcnorthport.org by **Wednesday, November 2nd**.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Book Discussion, Tuesday, October 25 – The next PW book discussion will be about "The Beekeeper of Aleppo" by Christy Lefteri. We will meet at 10 am October 25th at the home of Leah Fink. Please RSVP Leah at 631-757-5325.

Death of Former FPC Member. Maxine Reed passed away on October 10, 2022, in Florida. Expressions of sympathy & condolence can be sent to: Bob Reed, 2915 Little John Road, Winter Park, Florida 32792

The Membership Committee invites you to host a fire pit gathering on the church patio or one in your own backyard. A fun way to get to know others better. Please call Diana Montusi with any questions. 516-991-0114

Relief for our brothers & sisters in Puerto Rico and Florida – Following the floods and devastation caused by Hurricane Fiona and Ian, 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/>

Pioneers meet on Wednesday, October 26th – Senior adults are invited to join our Pioneers for fellowship, fun, chapel, and lunch at 10:00 in the Hartt Room.

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.

Prayers

Catherine Goldenbaum (friend of Paul & Fran Roberts), Debbie Danley (Barbara Healy's cousin), 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), Maria Abbatiello (friend of the Mercers), Demetra Innes (friend of Deidre Gehrke), Todd Pierce, Gary Sandel, Justin Yoskowitz, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), **the family of:** Maxine Reed, Arthur Shaw, Arthur Allen (Jen Paterson's brother), **those in Healthcare facilities** – St. Johnland Rehabilitation: Sonia Padgett, 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

To sign up for the church email list send your email address to:
office@fpcnorthport.org

The Staff of The First Presbyterian Church of Northport

Rachel Vione
Pastor

Brenda Clark
Director of Music & Organist

John Kennedy
Facilities Manager

Kevin McKerr
Finance and IT Manager

Michelle Micucci
Director of Weekday Nursery School

Charlie Morgan
Weekday Nursery School Custodian

Frances Roberts
Interim Choir Director

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

Give Online

