



First Presbyterian Church of  
**NORTHPORT**

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 9<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.**

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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                      Organ Partita on "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee"                      Dr. Brenda Clark  
Mvt. 1, 2 & 4 - K. Fiebig

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

CHORAL INTROIT                      "Surely, the Presence of the Lord is in this Place"                      L. Wolfe

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)                      *from Psalm 66:1-5, 8-9*

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

Say to God,

**"How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.  
All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."**

Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

**Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,  
who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

\*HYMN NO. 804                      "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"                      MARION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)                      *from 2 Timothy 2:8-15*

**Lord of all, Eternally Faithful, we confess that we have denied you. We have hurt others with our wrangling of words. We have acted as if we are ashamed of your truth. Free your word within us, restore our faith. Rebuild what our careless and hurtful words have ruined. We pray this, confident in the one who if we are faithless, remains faithful, Christ Jesus.**

*(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**

“Peace, My Friends”

R. Repp

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

*REFRAIN*

Peace I leave with you, my friends, Sha-lom, my peace, in  
all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends.  
I give to you so you can give to others too.

**~We Hear God's Word~**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 17:11-19

(p. 80, pew Bible)

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

**SERMON**

“Thank You Notes”

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 who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of 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!”**

\*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

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”  
Chancel Choir                      Moriah Heuer, Soloist

K. Medema

\*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)

*from 2 Timothy 2:15; Luke 17:15-16*

**Christ Jesus, Author of our Salvation, we present ourselves to you as your workers, and we  
present our gifts and goods to you for your work, with praise on our lips and thanks in our hearts.  
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. 32

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

J. Rutter

POSTLUDE

“March in B Flat”

E. Duncan

*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

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

**All Saints' Remembrances** – On Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:ktwitchell@fpcnorthport.org) by **Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Peacemaking will be sponsoring a **Hike on Saturday, October 15th at 10:30 am at Veteran's Park behind Bellerose Elementary school in East Northport**. There is plenty of free parking. We will meet at the gate to the wooded area there at the far back end of the parking lot, where there is a map of the trail. We can split into groups if there are enough of us, allowing for hikes at different lengths. Hoping the fall color will be good by then! Rain Date Saturday, October 22. Any questions, email Cathy Coleman at [ccoleman@optonline.net](mailto:ccoleman@optonline.net).

**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.

**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

**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 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/>. There is also an insert in today's bulletin on ways to give.

**Pioneers meet on Wednesday, October 12th** – 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](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), 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 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](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](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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