



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 6th, 2023



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.
- 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 - www.youtube.com/@fpcnorthport
- Follow us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport
- Join the church!
- Find the most current information on our website (www.fpcnorthport.org).

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.

About Today's Music: Members of the soprano section of our Chancel Choir volunteered to present a favorite anthem this summer. The lyrics are from last Sunday's Old Testament reading, Psalm 42. Two hymns round out our service music. Dan Forrest's modern setting of the familiar hymn, "My Jesus, I Love Thee" is presented by soprano, Cynthia Corso as the prelude feature a less familiar though emphatic statement of the trust we can have in God. The postlude feature the stops of the three keyboards of the FPC organ (the choir - soft, the swell - more colorful, the great - most powerful) in a march by Alphonse Maily.

About Today's Cover Art: The 'vision' of Paul Gauguin's painting is not literal, but spiritual. In a letter to Vincent van Gogh (September 1888), Gauguin points to the disproportionate smallness of the cow and the wrestlers in relation to the spectators. Such disproportionality signals, he explains, that the scene is taking place in the women's imaginations. And the women do not need physical organs to see a struggle in the imagination. In their encounter with the place named Peniel/Penuel (from the Hebrew panim, face and el, God)—so-called because there Jacob saw God face to face—the eyes of all would-be spectators are closed or obscured from us. (from <https://thevcs.org/jacob-wrestling-angel/one-who-wont-let-go>).

Cover Art - Gauguin, Paul, 1848-1903. Vision of the Sermon (Jacob Wrestling with the Angel), Scottish National Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58468> [retrieved August 3, 2023]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Paul_Gauguin_137.jpg.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2023

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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

“O God, Our Faithful God”
S. Karg-Elert

Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 42

Come, let us worship our life-giving God, who pours out living water on all who thirst.

Come, all who are hungry and thirsty.

The Lord will provide for our needs.

Come this day to the table of the Lord.

Here we will find welcome and sustenance.

As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God.

Come to this time of gathering and praise.

Lord, we come with open hearts and spirits to receive your gracious gift of love.

*HYMN NO. 23

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

PLEADING SAVIOR

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 and soul and mind and strength. 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.

SILENT PRAYERS

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

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

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

(p. 30, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“Wrestling With God”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“As the Deer”

M. Nystrom, Arr. L. Larson

Soprano Quartet: Cynthia Corso, Kim Gilbert, Moriah Heuer, Libby Yoskowitz

*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)

**Gracious God, this offering is what we have to give you this day. Be it time, talent, or
treasure, we lift these gifts to you. It is through you that all things are made new, and we
ask that you renew our spirit to continue sharing our gifts with the least of us. Amen.**

~Holy Communion~

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 500

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

ST. FLAVIAN

Please remain seated

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS [congregation sings]

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front rows, take a piece of bread, eat it, then move to the juice filled trays. After drinking the juice, place the empty cup in the basket and return to your pew by the side aisles.

If you are unable to come forward, a server will come to your pew. All elements are gluten free.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

D. Forrest

Cynthia Corso, Soloist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 721

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Marche Solemnelle”

A. Mailly

Following the benediction, the congregation is invited to depart the sanctuary for coffee hour.

Announcements

Welcome Colleen Agovino as our new Chancel Choir Director – We are pleased to welcome our new Chancel Choir Director, Colleen Agovino to FPC. Colleen is an enthusiastic music teacher and choral director, who has worked at Commack High School and currently works as a chorus teacher at Commack Middle School. She has a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Duquesne University, and a Masters in Liberal Arts from Stony Brook University. She is a member of ACDA - American Choral Directors Association, NYSSMA - New York State School Music Association, SCMEA - Suffolk County Music Educators Association, NAFME - National Association of Music Education. In addition to her many accomplishments, Colleen brings a passion and enthusiasm as well as a spirit of collaboration to the position. Colleen will begin her work with FPC in mid-August and will direct the Chancel Choir on Sunday, September 10. Welcome Colleen!

Sunday School Classes – Classes are on hiatus through the summer and will resume in September. Nursery care is provided in the nursery on the lower level.

Weekday Nursery School Update – There are a few spots available in our four-year old class for the fall. If you are interested in enrolling your child/grandchild, please email info@weekdaynorthport.com or call 631-757-1342.

Presbyterian Women's (PW) Book Discussion Thursday, August 10th – Please put the next PW book discussion on your calendar to talk about "The Henna Artist" by Alka Joshi. The books are now available to be picked up at Northport Library. The discussion will be held at the home of Andrea Gladding on Thursday, August 10 at 10 am. Please call Andrea at 631-757-0488 to let her know if you are joining in. The book talks are great!

Save the date! Our fall kick-off BBQ will be held on **Sunday, September 10th** 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.

School Supplies Collection – As children are preparing to return to school in September, Youth Directions & Alternatives (YDA) will be collecting school supplies to distribute to needy families in our community. During the month of August, boxes will be provided at the rear entrance to the church to receive your donations. Backpacks, pencils (12 ct.), 3-ring binders, loose leaf paper, dividers, highlighters (yellow, orange, pink), pencil sharpeners (with cover), two-pocket plastic folders (red, blue, green, yellow & orange), post its (3x3), glue sticks, Elmer's glue bottle, child scissors (blunt or point tip), color pencils & crayons (24 ct.), jumbo markers (8 ct.), black sharpies, index cards, and black & white marble composition notebooks are requested. Your donations will help the kids start out equipped with "all things new". Backpacks are especially needed again this year.

The Northport Arts Coalition is excited to announce the installation of a Poetry Path in Village Park later this year. The idea comes from our own Linda Dickman. The coalition is looking for individuals or groups to sponsor the remaining four pedestals and 12 poems. Contact Linda (libearyn@gmail.com) to participate.

Church Summer Office Hours – The church office will be open Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 - 1:00 from June 12- September 11.

Prayers

The Nathan Family (friend of Tom Sundquist), William Koran (Barbara Healy's brother), Greg Farrell (Kathy Landi's friend), Sharon Anderson (friend of the Dickmans), Karen Butler (friend of Marilyn Barker), Linda Siegmann, Sean Tinker (Pegge Strella's nephew), Joe Winkler, Liz Crescenzo (friend of Kathy Landi), Mike Rowley (friend of the Newmans), Justin Yoskowitz, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), **the family of:** Aileen Horton (Diane Lobaugh's friend from England), Grandma Rose (Kristine Blane's grandmother), Brian Murphy (Kristine Blane's stepfather), **those in Healthcare facilities** – 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.)

Anyone who is not able to attend church in person who desires a visit with communion, please contact Pastor Rachel at rvione@fpcnorthport.org.

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 donation box marked "Food Pantry" in 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:

Diapers size 5	Peanut butter & jelly	Rice (1 or 2-pound bags)
Oatmeal, corn flakes, rice krispies	Mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise	Flour, sugar, brown sugar,
Canola & olive oils (small cont.)	Cookies, snack foods, chips	Hot chocolate
Razors, female products, toothbrushes, deodorant	Laundry soaps, dish soaps (small containers)	Pancake mix

Contact Information

Church Office

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Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

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The password for the guest network is Hartt330

Session

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