



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 1st, 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.

World Communion Sunday

Every year on the first Sunday in October, on October 1st this year, Christians around the globe celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that every Christian Church and any denomination that promotes Christian unity are one. On this day, people draw faith and inspiration from seeing that they are part of a community that boasts millions of believers and worshippers. The tradition was begun in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr who was the pastor of Shadeyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA., and was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940.

About Today's Music: We celebrate our oneness with believers around the world through World Communion Sunday. "*Ave Verum Corpus*" - conveys the communion text in music. Today's anthem is a new setting of the John 3:16 text with a sweeping melodic line. The haunting *Adagio* by Edward Elgar ("*Pomp & Circumstance*" composer) relates to the mystery of faith. The Chancel Choir presents a new introit and benediction today as the music of the service concludes with Diane Bish's arrangement of "Morning Has Broken" - a folksong given hymn lyrics by British writer, Eleanor Farjeon.

Cover Art

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 2023

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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

“Ave Verum Corpus”
W.A. Mozart, arr. E.P. Biggs

Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

CHORAL INTROIT

“Gather Us Together”
Chancel Choir

O. Alstott & D. Schutte

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Isaiah 55

From north and south and east and west,

all Creation sings forth your praises!

The mountains and the hills burst into song;

the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Your steadfast love never ceases.

With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

*HYMN NO. 14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

from Habakkuk 1:3; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 12, 14

Holy and Righteous God, amidst the violence and wrongdoing of the world, we struggle to live by faith. We treat suffering with contempt, seek power to serve ourselves, and cowardly shrink from prophetic truth. Gather us again to your table as you gathered the generations before us. Save us from the strife we start, and the contention we create.

Rekindle within us the gifts you have given, revive our sense of your Holy Spirit. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray.

*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.

SILENT PRAYERS

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*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~

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

5th grade and younger gather on the chancel steps

HYMN NO. 686

“God of Our Life”
(Please remain seated)

SANDON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 11:17-26, 33-34

(p. 173 pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“Church Happens When We Gather at the Table”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

OFFERING

Please scan the QR Code on the back page

OFFERTORY

“God So Loved the World”
Chancel Choir Moriah Heuer, Soloist

Robert Vandervliet

*DOXOLOGY NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ’s mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

Announcements

Breads From Around the World – In honor of World Communion Sunday, there will be breads from around the world to sample at coffee hour today. Come and enjoy these special breads.

Sunday School Classes – Classes will not meet today. Students of all ages are invited to worship with their families. Nursery care is provided in the nursery on the lower level.

Today is World Communion Sunday – Christians around the world will celebrate the Lord's Supper. We will also collect our Peace & Global Witness Offering today.

Today we have a Special Speaker – Following worship, we will have a speaker from the Northport Native Garden Initiative. We will learn how to use native plants in our gardens and how doing so helps our environment. This event will take place in the Chapel and is sponsored by our Peacemaking Ministry.

Adult Education Continues Today at 9:00 in the Library. We will continue our series called "Half Truths" by Adam Hamilton which is 5 short video sessions that explore common sayings attributed to the bible and whether they capture the truth intended in the bible text. We will discuss the impact that they have on our interactions with each other and with God. Please join us for coffee, conversation and to endeavor to find a better understanding of our relationship to the bible, each other, and God.

Mission Ministry – Our Mission Ministries have been hard at work giving money to support areas that have been hit by natural disasters and to reach out to those in need. They have given financial support to countries across the world, and right here at home by supporting our food pantry.

All Saints' Remembrances – On Sunday, October 29th, 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, October 25th**.

Youth Group – Save the Date! Sunday, October 22 is the date for our first youth group gathering of the year. All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to join us. Watch your email for details.

Sign Up to be a Liturgist – The Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Hartt Room.

Help is needed with our livestream! We need volunteers to run our livestream equipment on Sunday mornings. Our livestream services have become an important ministry here at FPC and we would like to continue to offer this option to those who cannot worship with us in person. Training will be provided. Please contact Kevin McKerr if you can help.

Please continue to support the church by fulfilling your 2023 pledge. As we approach the fourth quarter of 2023, please be sure to fulfill (or begin), your 2023 pledge to the church. Thank you!

Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, October 11th – Senior adults are invited to join our Pioneers for fellowship, fun, chapel, and lunch at 10:00 in the Hartt Room.

Presbyterian Women's (PW) Book Discussion Tuesday, November 7th – The next PW book discussion will be about *The Paper Daughters of Chinatown* by Heather B. Moore. The talk will take place on Tuesday, November 7th at 10 am at the home of Peggy Denniston. Please call Peggy at 631-261-2426 to let her know if you plan to attend. Please join in; the talks are so enjoyable!

Men's Wednesday Morning Breakfast – Each week the Men's Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group meets at 8:15 AM in Greenlawn Family Restaurant or Northport Park. All men of the church are invited to join in! For more information, please email Deacon Tim Gladding at emgeetd@aol.com

Prayers

Lugenia Gantt, Jeanne Connelly (friend of the Dickmans), Danny Digennaro (friend of the Mercer family), Scott J. Andersen (friend of the Mercer family), The Nathan Family (friend of Tom Sundquist), Greg Farrell (Kathy Landi's friend), Sharon Anderson (friend of the Dickmans), Joe Winkler, Mike Rowley (friend of the Newmans), Justin Yoskowitz, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), **the family of:** June VonVange (family member of The Michels), Aaron Thomas (Tiffany's husband), **those in Healthcare facilities** – St. Johnland Rehabilitation: Violet Olsen; 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:

Pasta sauces	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
Laundry soaps, dish soaps (small containers)	Pancake mix	

Contact Information

Church Office

330 Main St., Northport, NY 11768

Phone: (631) 261-6434

Email: office@fpcnorthport.org

Website: www.fpcnorthport.org

 www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport

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

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Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the church.
The network name is FPCN_Guest
The password for the guest network is Hartt330

Session

Marcia Mercer (Clerk of Session), Melissa Barasch, Pat Bell, Melissa Beyer, Cathy Coleman, Dennis Crowley, Frank Dentrone, Vicki Field, Marilyn Fox, Kim Gilbert, Susanne Haffner, William Heuer, Cindy Mies, Diana Montusi, David Ofsharick, Anita D'Amico Stambouly

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