



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 10th, 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 Cover Art: "Going to Church" – William H. Johnson painted rural scenes inspired in part by his memories of growing up in South Carolina. A family of four ride on an oxcart toward a distant hill, where three crosses mark their physical destination as well as their spiritual home on Calvary. The flat composition, comprised of clashing hues arranged in stripes and color blocks, recalls the story quilts made of scraps pieced together by African American women. For more information on the artist please use this link - <https://americanart.si.edu/artist/william-h-johnson-2486>

About Today's Music: About Today's Music: Welcome Chancel Choir and our new director, Colleen Agovino, as we begin the 2023-2024 season of choral and instrumental music. Included in today's selections are choir favorites by British composers, Francis Atkinson and John Rutter. American composers, Donna Robertson, Daniel Burton, and Gilbert Martin round out our musical offerings with special note of memorial for the souls lost on 9-11-01.

Cover Art Johnson, William H., 1901-1970. Going to Church, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington DC, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58036> [retrieved September 6, 2023]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Going_to_Church,_by_William_H._Johnson.jpg.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2023

15th 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	“Happy the Home When God is There” (<i>St. Agnes Tune</i>) D. Burton	Dr. Brenda Clark
WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH		Rev. Rachel Vione
MINUTE FOR MISSION	<i>Adult Education</i>	Elder Cathy Coleman
CHORAL INTROIT	“O Thou Who Hearest Every Heartfelt Prayer” Chancel Choir	F. Atkinson

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!
This day is God's gift to us.
Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has graciously gathered us together in this place.
Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God is good and faithful. God is worthy of our praise.

*HYMN NO. 394 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory.
Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and
slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings.
We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways.
We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives.
Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day
we might move closer to the people you would us be.**

*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~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

Deacon Carolyn Louis
(p. 1, pew Bible)

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

5th grade and younger gather on the chancel steps

After the message, children are invited to attend Sunday school classes on the lower level of the church.

HYMN NO. 203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

CHEREPONI

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

(p. 20, pew Bible)

SERMON

“Building Community”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

OFFERING

Please scan the QR Code on the back page

OFFERTORY

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Chancel Choir

J. Rutter

*DOXOLOGY NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us,
to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and
the Lord of our lives. Amen.**

~Holy Communion~

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 529 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

UNION SEMINARY

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

"Song of Remembrance"

G. Martin

"He Shall Feed His Flock"

J. Beck

Chancel Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 730

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

GRAND ISLE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Peace I Leave You"

R. Repp

*POSTLUDE

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

D. Robertson

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

Announcements

Welcome Colleen Agovino as our new Chancel Choir Director!

Sunday School Classes Meet Today! Following the Children's Message, all children are invited to attend Sunday School on the lower level. Nursery care is provided in the nursery on the lower level.

Today is our Fall Kick-Off BBQ! All are welcome at the BBQ following worship today. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and sides, plus ice-cream! Come and build community with your church family.

Chancel Choir will be rehearsing on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. We are looking for new members to join in singing with our FPC Chancel Choir this year. Maybe you haven't sung since high school, maybe you listen and enjoy singing from the seats in the congregation, maybe you are looking for a way to deepen your connection with God. Singing with the FPC Chancel Choir could be just what you need to fill your spiritual cup! We would love for you to join us at our rehearsals, along with our returning members, on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the choir room (lower level) with Colleen Agovino and Brenda Clark!

Adult Education is back! – Starting September 17th, Adult Christian Education will meet in the Library at 9 am before church each Sunday. We are beginning with a 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. Any questions, contact Cathy Coleman at 631 266 3020.

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!

Deacon Blood Drive – Thursday, September 28 from 1-7 pm at St. Philip Neri, 15 Prospect Ave., Northport

Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, September 13 – Senior adults are invited to join our Pioneers for fellowship, fun, chapel, and lunch at 10:00 in the Hartt Room.

Thank you! To all who donated school supplies for those in need. The backpacks and supplies were given to children and families from YDA and our Food Pantry clients.

Daily Devotions "These Days" – The new issue of "These Days" for October - December has arrived. Copies are available in the Hartt Room.

Presbyterian Women's (PW) Book Discussion Tuesday, September 19th – Please put the next PW book discussion on your calendar to talk about "The Pull of the Stars" by Emma Donoghue. The discussion will be held at the home of Christine Spiller on Tuesday, September 19 at 10 am. Please call Christine at 631-757-8167 to let her know if you are joining in. The book talks are great!

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

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, Liz Crescenzo (friend of Kathy Landi), Mike Rowley (friend of the Newmans), Justin Yoskowitz, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), **the family of:** Aaron Thomas (Tiffany's husband), Edward Pedersen (Jeanne Meyer's brother), 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

330 Main St., Northport, NY 11768

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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

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your email address to:
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The password for the guest network is Hartt330

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