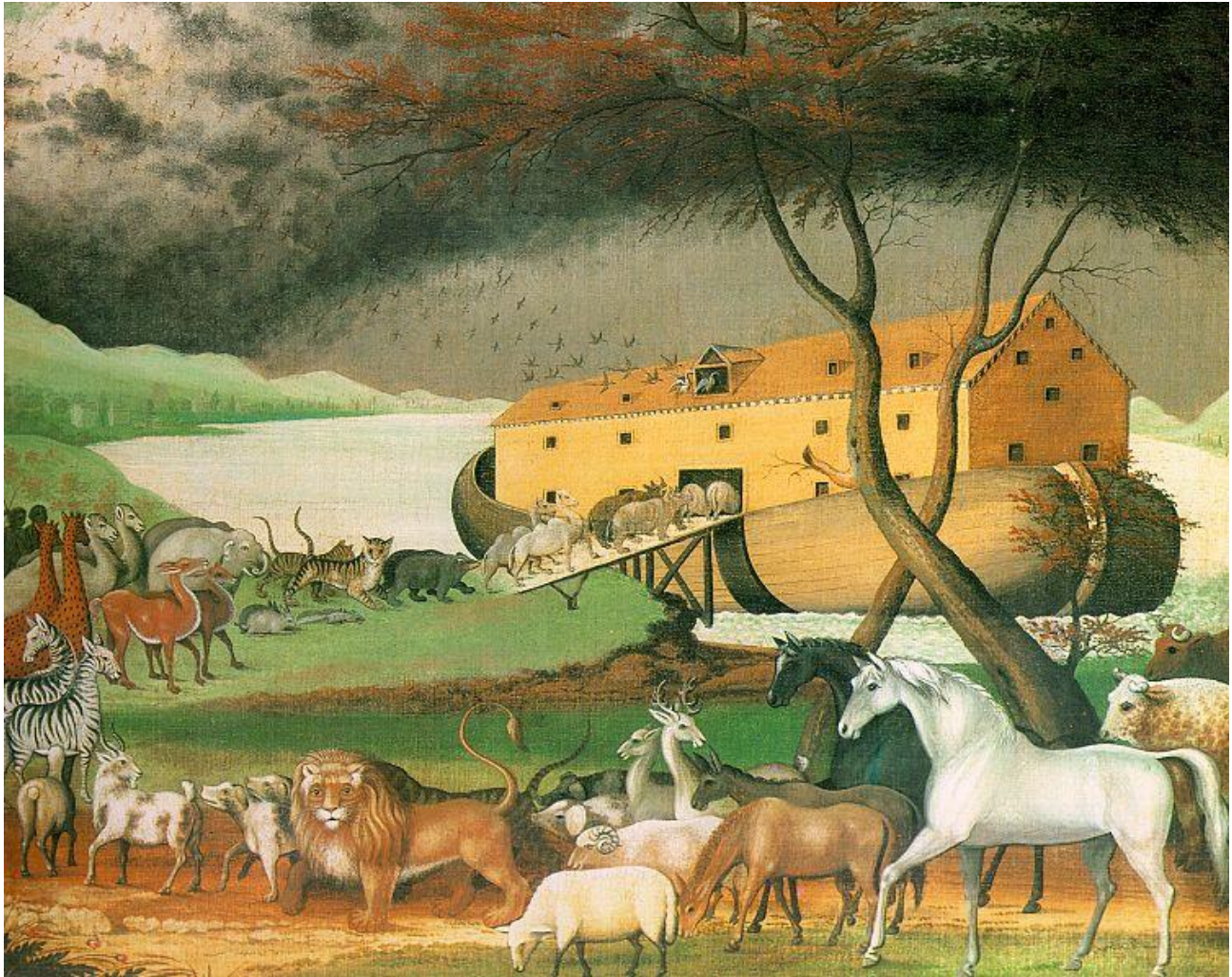




First Presbyterian Church of  
**NORTHPORT**

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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](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 - [www.youtube.com/@fpcnorthport](http://www.youtube.com/@fpcnorthport)
- Follow us on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport](http://www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport)
- Join the church!
- Find the most current information on our website ([www.fpcnorthport.org](http://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:** Noah's Ark - "Although he is now seen as a progenitor of the "naive" style, during his lifetime Edward Hicks (1780-1849) was known only as a devout, impoverished Quaker minister who liked to paint. With a few exceptions, his extant body of work is made up of 62 "Peaceable Kingdom" pictures, based on Isaiah's biblical prophecy. Although these paintings, known for their charmingly wide-eyed and sensuous beasts, use potent color and effective design, they are technically unsophisticated and repetitive in the extreme. But they contain a powerfully serene devoutness--a mood probably expressed in compensation for Hicks's guilt about an avocation viewed as frivolous by other Quakers. As the popularity of folk art boomed in the early 20th century, Hicks's homely visions were popularized and became the focus of scholarly attention..." (review by Douglas Smith of Weekley/Barry).

**About Today's Music:** With the exception of the prelude, today's music features American composers, Owen Alstott, Lloyd Larson, Anna Laura Page, and Henry Cross. Gabriel Faure's prelude is music that is usually set to a stately dance (French composer). The postlude is in the French style. The Chancel Choir's music features selections by composers who have devoted their careers to church music.

**Cover Art:** Hicks, Edward, 1780-1849. Noah's Ark, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54263> [retrieved October 5, 2023]. Original source: [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Noahs\\_Ark.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Noahs_Ark.jpg).

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

19<sup>th</sup> 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

“Pavane”  
G. Faure

Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

CHORAL INTROIT

“Gather Us Together”  
Chancel Choir

O. Alstott

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

*from Psalm 19*

The heavens are telling the glory of God  
**and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
**their voice is not heard.**  
Yet it goes out through all the earth  
**and to the end of the world.**

\*HYMN NO. 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King”  
vs. 1, 4 & 6

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that our confidence is often misplaced. We put our confidence in our abilities rather than in your love. We put our confidence in our belongings rather than in your generosity. We put our confidence in ourselves rather than in you.**

**Forgive us for our misgivings. Redirect us according to your Spirit and your will. Help us to follow your ways and find our freedom in your heavenly calling. Open us to new levels of trust and joy as we press on towards your goal.**

\*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 to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Hymn No. 582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,  
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

~We Hear God’s Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 6:11-22

Elder Frank Dentrone  
(p. 5, pew Bible)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

5<sup>th</sup> 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. 738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”  
*(Please remain seated)*

MARYTON

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

(p. 24, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“One Frustrated Gardener”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

*adapted from Philippians 3*

**I know Christ. I am found in him. Nothing is gained in this life but him. I know the power of his resurrection. I know the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death and I know that, according to his great mercy, we will attain the resurrection from the dead through him.**

\*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 scan the QR Code on the back page

OFFERTORY

“I Have Felt the Touch of God”  
Chancel Choir

L. Larson

\*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)

**God of loving-kindness, we offer our gifts of mind, body, and spirit; time, talent, and  
treasure, in gratitude for what you have given us in Jesus, the Christ, and throughout  
creation. Bless these gifts, given in faithful expectation, and multiply them through what  
others share, so that your goodness, mercy, love, and grace may impact all who are in need.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. 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. 543

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

GREEN TYLER

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“God Be in My Head”

A.L. Page

\*POSTLUDE

“Morceau Brillante”

H. Cross

## Announcements

**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.

**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 29<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, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Ladies of the Church – Firepit Gathering Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Newman's between 6-10 pm. Please bring an appetizer or dessert. RSVP to Claire 631-261-8058 or 516-313-0241.

**Youth Group – Save the Date!** Sunday, October 22 is the date for our first youth group gathering of the year. All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>** – 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](mailto:emgeetd@aol.com)

## Prayers

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** – Carillon Nursing Rehabilitation: Lugenia Gantt; 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](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.)

**Anyone who is not able to attend church in person who desires a visit with communion**, please contact Pastor Rachel at [rvione@fpcnorthport.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@fpcnorthport.org)

Website: [www.fpcnorthport.org](http://www.fpcnorthport.org)

 [www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport](https://www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport)

### 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)

To sign up for the church email list send  
your email address to:  
[office@fpcnorthport.org](mailto:office@fpcnorthport.org)

## The Staff of The First Presbyterian Church of Northport

Rachel Vione  
*Pastor*

Colleen Agovino  
*Chancel Choir Director*

Brenda Clark  
*Director of Music & Organist*

John Kennedy  
*Facilities Manager*

Kevin McKerr  
*Finance and IT Manager*

Michelle Micucci  
*Director of Weekday Nursery School*

Karen Twitchell  
*Office Administrator*



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

## Deacons

Jim Beyer, Janeen Crowley, Helene Dunat, Sue Ebert, Jack Fink, Tim Gladding, Carolyn Louis (co-moderator), Krista Mellinger-DeRoma, Jeannie O'Brien (co-moderator), Robin O'Neil Gonzalez, Jeannie Reed, Robert Spiller, Pegge Stella, Marjorie Sundquist, Tiffany Thomas

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