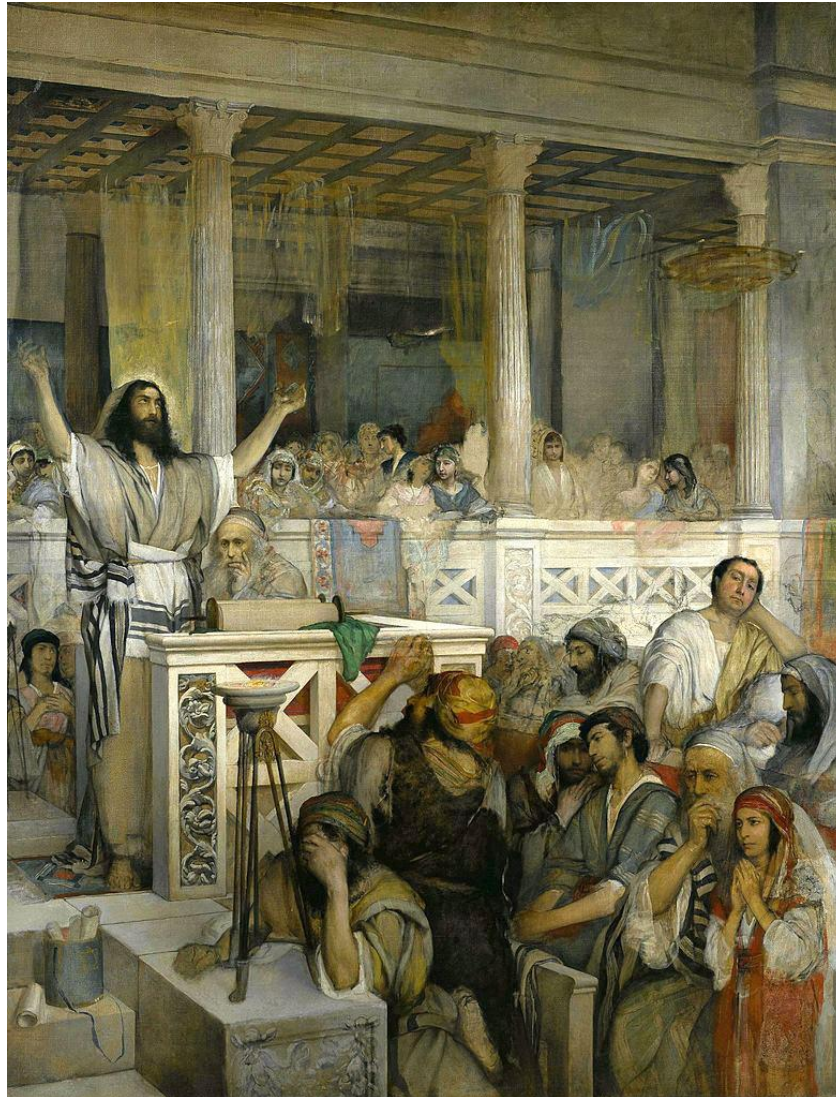




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 28th, 2024



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.
- 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
- Join the church!
- Find the most current information on our website (www.fpcnorthport.org).



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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: Mendelssohn is known for his "songs without words". They are melodies that carry a feeling or a message without lyrics. British composer Joseph Bonnet wrote a series of similar melodies for organ. The Chancel Choir anthem is based on a folk-tune set to music by Isaac Watts in 1707. This modern setting carries the message of hope in God as the unfailing source of strength.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2024

4th Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM

~We Gather in God's Name~

PRELUDE

“Romance Sans Paroles” (Song Without Words)
J. Bonnet

Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME & INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

CHORAL INTROIT

“In the Stillness”
Chancel Choir

S. Beamish

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Praise the Lord! In the company of the saints above and beside us,
let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**Great are the works of the Lord, full of honor and majesty,
whose righteousness endures forever.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful; the work of God's hands are faithful and just.

God's covenant is established forever in truth and justice.

Our redemption is in the name of our Lord.

Holy and awesome is God's name in all the earth!

*HYMN NO. 755

“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”

WEISSE FLAGGEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, we confess there are many times we forget you.

We focus on what troubles us and ignore the help you offer.

We seek wisdom and meaning in the wrong places.

In thoughtless moments, we harm the earth and each another.

Forgive us.

Remind us to live each day focused on your purposes

revealed in Christ who loves us. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Hymn No. 744, v. 1

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**

~We Hear God’s Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 111

Carolyn Louis
(p. 562, 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

HYMN NO. 738

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

MARYTON

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

(p. 35, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“What Is This?”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)**

from Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Jesus Christ is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

*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

“When I Can Read My Title Clear” - *Pisgah Tune*
Chancel Choir

Arr. by S.R. Love

*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, we bring our gifts to you, asking you to bless them so that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine. Bless us, too, so that our lives speak of our choice to follow you, offering others the healing and hope you have offered us. 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. 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“God Be in My Head”

A. L. Page

*POSTLUDE

“Brightest and Best of the Morning”

M. Sedio

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

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

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 Today at 9:00 AM in the Library – In keeping with the tradition of New Years resolutions to improve things in our lives, we will begin a series titled “Renovate, Building a Life with God” by Jacob Armstrong. The series centers on the concept of God renovating our lives, “altering the old you, and creating a new you.” As always, we begin at 9:00 each Sunday morning in the library upstairs. Come join us and learn how “Renovating with God” is a wonderful opportunity for change and improvement in our relationship with God. See you there!

Nominations for Deacons & Elders – The All Church Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Deacons & Elders to serve a three-year term. There is a box in the Hartt Room for nominations, or you can email your nominations to nominating@fpcnorthport.org by February 5th. Your email should include the person's name, his/her involvement in the church and the reason you think he/she would be a good Deacon or Elder. For an explanation of what it means to be a Deacon or Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), please go to www.pcusa.org/elder,deacon.

Parents' Night Out – Our Children's Ministries will sponsor a parent's night out on Friday, February 9th from 5:00-7:00 PM. Childcare will be provided so that parents may enjoy a night out with other parents. Registration is required. Please email Christine Mitchell at cnastos@gmail.com to register.

POLO (Parents of Little Ones) – Parents and Children 5 years old and younger are invited to meet on Sunday, February 25 after worship from 11-12 in Fellowship Hall.

Souper Bowl of Caring 2024! Sunday, February 11 is Super Bowl Sunday (the Bears, Jets & Giants are not in it again this year)! We will collect food for the Food Pantry and share in a soup lunch after worship. Please join us for soup and bring non-perishable items for the pantry.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service – Join us on **Ash Wednesday, February 14th** at 7:00 PM for a powerful and meaningful start to the Lenten season. This contemplative service will include the imposition of ashes – symbolizing our disconnection from God, our need for God's grace, and our desire to grow closer to our Lord. It will also offer communion, as well as a time for prayerful introspection.

Attention Ministry Chairs – Annual reports are due to the church office via email (ktwitchell@fpcnorthport.org) by Tuesday, March 5th. Please keep your report to one page, Times New Roman font size 12 done in Word. Thank you!

2024 Stewardship Update – Thank you to all who have submitted their pledges for 2024. If you have not yet pledged for 2024, please do so either online or in person. There are pledge cards in the pews. You can also call the church office and speak to Financial Manager, Kevin McKerr.

Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour Hosts – In addition to our Ministry Committees who sign up to host coffee hour, we would like to invite members of the congregation to sign up to host as well. The Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Hartt Room.

Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, January 31st – Senior adults are invited to join our Pioneers for fellowship, fun, chapel, at 10:00 in the Hartt Room. For more information, please call Sharon Noonan at 631-368-7545.

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

Prayers

Charlotte Tippie (The Finks' granddaughter), Janet Schultz, David Pontillo, Sean Tinker (Pegge Strella's nephew), John Phelan (Kathy Landi's friend), Danny Digennaro (friend of the Mercer family), Greg Farrell (Kathy Landi's friend), Joe Winkler, Mike Rowley (friend of the Newmans), Justin Yoskowitz, **the family of:** Richard Kranenberg (Ginny's husband & Sue Ebert's father), Jeanne Connelly (friend of the Dickmans), **those in Healthcare facilities** – Carillon Nursing Rehabilitation: Lugenia Gantt; Amber Court Assisted Living in Smithtown: 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

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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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