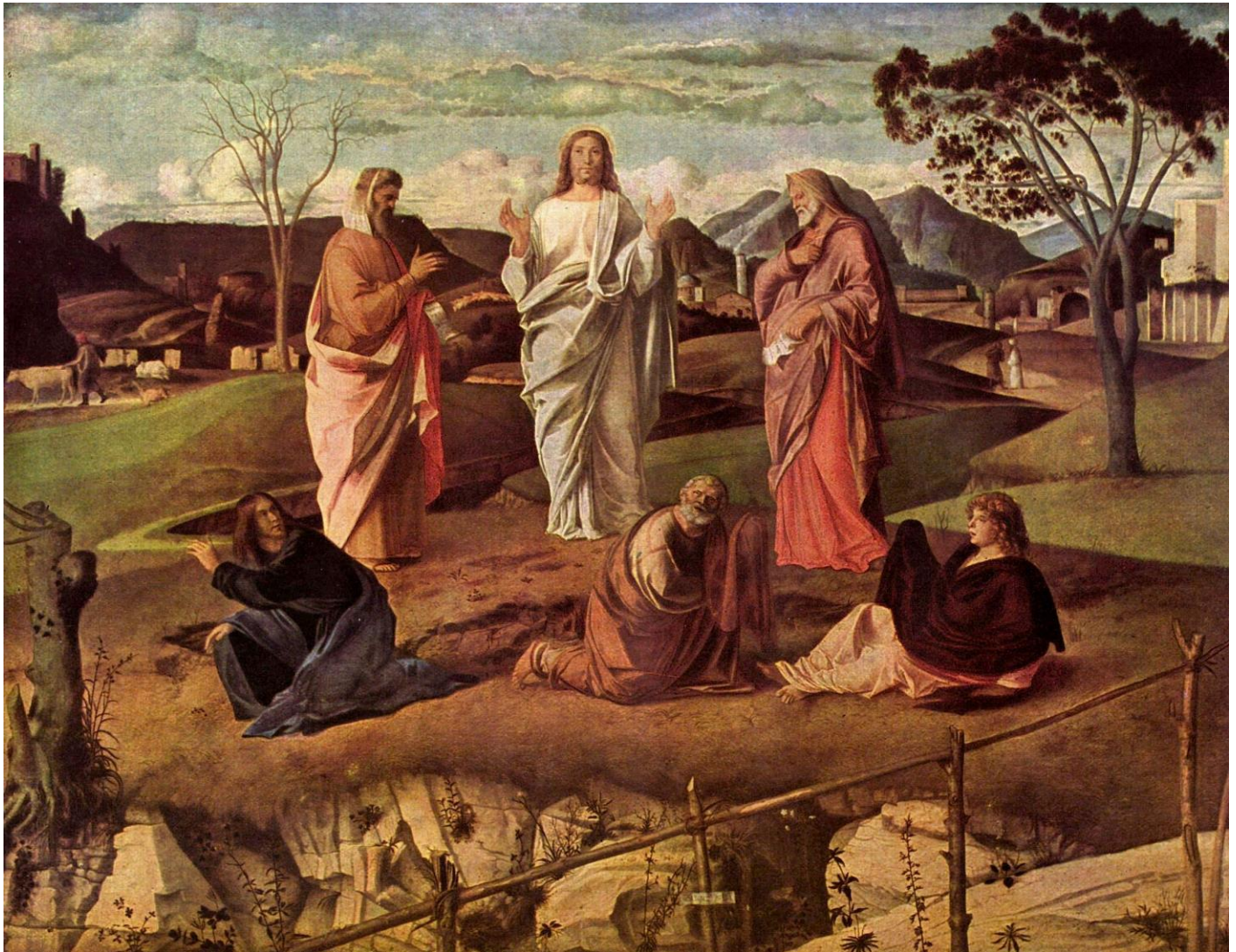




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

Transfiguration of the Lord
February 11th, 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).

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.

Transfiguration of the Lord

The Sunday before Lent is traditionally named "Transfiguration of the Lord." Matthew, Mark, and Luke each tell a nearly identical story about Jesus taking several of his disciples to a mountaintop where he is transfigured. The disciples' vision includes Jesus conversing with Moses and Elijah who represent the Law and the Prophets – the religious tradition of the Old Testament. The story is read on the cusp of Lent because it occurs shortly before Jesus turns toward Jerusalem and the last week of his life, days that are the focus of the forty days of lent, which begins this Wednesday.

About Today's Music: Today's prelude and anthem were written by women composers. Professor Emerita Emma Lou Diemer took a favorite Methodist hymn and arranged it in a lilting hopeful setting perfect as a contrast to the earnest tone of Olive Dungan's setting of the Prayer of St. Francis. British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams' tune for our choral benediction is not as well known in America, but has the same theme of hope and comfort in his composition. Our oldest, chant-like tune is from the 1600's in our choral introit. Celebrated American composer Gordon Young created a fanfare for one of FPC's favorite hymns, better known as "Immortal, Invisible".

Cover Art: Bellini, Giovanni, 1426?-1516. Transfiguration of Christ, National Museum of Capodimonte, Naples, Italy from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=46565> [retrieved February 8, 2024].

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024

Transfiguration of the Lord 10:00 AM

~We Gather in God's Name~

PRELUDE "I Love to Tell the Story" Dr. Brenda Clark
E.L. Diemer

WELCOME & INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Rachel Vione

CHORAL INTROIT "God, Reveal Your Presence" J. Neander

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *based on Luke 9:28-36*

"Listen to him!" Our God cries from the mountaintop.

It is good for us to be here. We bow before our God in worship.

May God's Word sink into our ears.

May our hearts be transfigured, our minds filled with understanding.

*HYMN NO. 189 v. 1, 4 & 5 "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair" DEO GRACIAS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Most amazing God, the mystery of Your radiance surrounds us. Like the disciples of Jesus, we confess our unease with transcendent mystery. Faced with Your splendor, we do not take time for attentive silence as Jesus did, but we evade the holy with busyness — anything to avoid Your power. We also confess those times when we are at ease with holiness, absorbed in prayer and thought, but so in love with Your love that we neglect those in need. As Jesus descended into the valley to work among the poor of the earth, so direct us to our responsibilities. Such is the mystery of Your love, O God, which both overwhelms and attracts.

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 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Hymn No. 620, v.1

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;

ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

~ The Sacrament of Holy Baptism ~

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

PRESENTATION

Elder, Susanne Haffner

*The child being baptized today is: Rory Bernard Fortunato
Son of Kristin & Bernard Fortunato*

HYMN NO. 486, v. 1

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

Please remain seated

***Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.***

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Statement of Commitment

Elder: Jesus Christ commanded us to teach those who are baptized. Let us state our commitment to this child.

All: We joyfully welcome Rory Bernard Fortunato into the church: the family of faith and the body of Christ on earth. We promise to enfold him in our love and offer him support, understanding, and counsel as he grows in faith. As people of God, we promise to teach him the things of Christ, and by our fellowship, to strengthen his family ties with the Household of God.

BAPTISM

BLESSING AND WELCOME

HYMN NO. 486, v. 4

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

Please remain seated

***Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God’s call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.***

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

5th grade and younger gather on the chancel steps

HYMN NO 190

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”
(Please remain seated)

GENEVA

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

(p. 44, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“Turning Points”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn No. 1, v. 1

**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

“Eternal Life”
Chancel Choir

O. Dungan

*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)

With these gifts we proclaim not ourselves but Jesus and commit ourselves to follow a way that leads to love and life. May our sacrifice be witness to our love for each other and the God who loves us all. 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. 192

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

R.V. Williams

*POSTLUDE

“Postlude on *St. Denio*”

G. Young

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Michael Dunat by Helene Dunat

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

Announcements

Lent 2024 at First Pres

Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service with Communion.

Sunday, February 18, 10:00 AM First Sunday in Lent.

Tuesday, February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19 - 6:15 PM "Lent and the Christian Disciple" Soup Suppers at Trinity Episcopal Church. Dinner 6:15 PM. Reflection 7:00PM.

Sunday, March 24, 10:00 AM Palm Sunday Processional, Pancake Breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, March 28, 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service with Communion.

Sunday, March 31, 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Worship Service with Communion.

Souper Bowl of Caring 2024! Today 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.

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 – we will continue with 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." Come join us in the library upstairs at 9 AM each Sunday and learn how "Renovating with God" is a wonderful opportunity for change and improvement in our relationship with God. See you there!

Please pay your per capita for 2024 – The per-capita for 2024 is \$38.90 per person. In essence: Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Text "FPCNPT percap 38.90" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Online - <https://onrealm.org/FPCNorthport/give/percap> or scan the QR Code on the back page.

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.

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

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!

Save the Date! Sunday, March 17 – Annual Congregational Meeting following worship in the sanctuary. We will elect officers and hear the report on the 2024 budget.

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, February 14th – 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.

Prayers

Ruth Catalano (Bob Van Deusen's cousin), Alejandro Beladon (mother is a member of Nueva Vida congregation), Charlotte Tippie (The Finks' granddaughter), Janet Schultz, David Pontillo, Sean Tinker (Pegge Strella's nephew), 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:** Virginia Viette (friend of the Van Deusens), Richard Kranenberg (Ginny's husband & Sue Ebert's father), **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

 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

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



Hartt330

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

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

Give Online



Pay Your 2024 Per Capita

