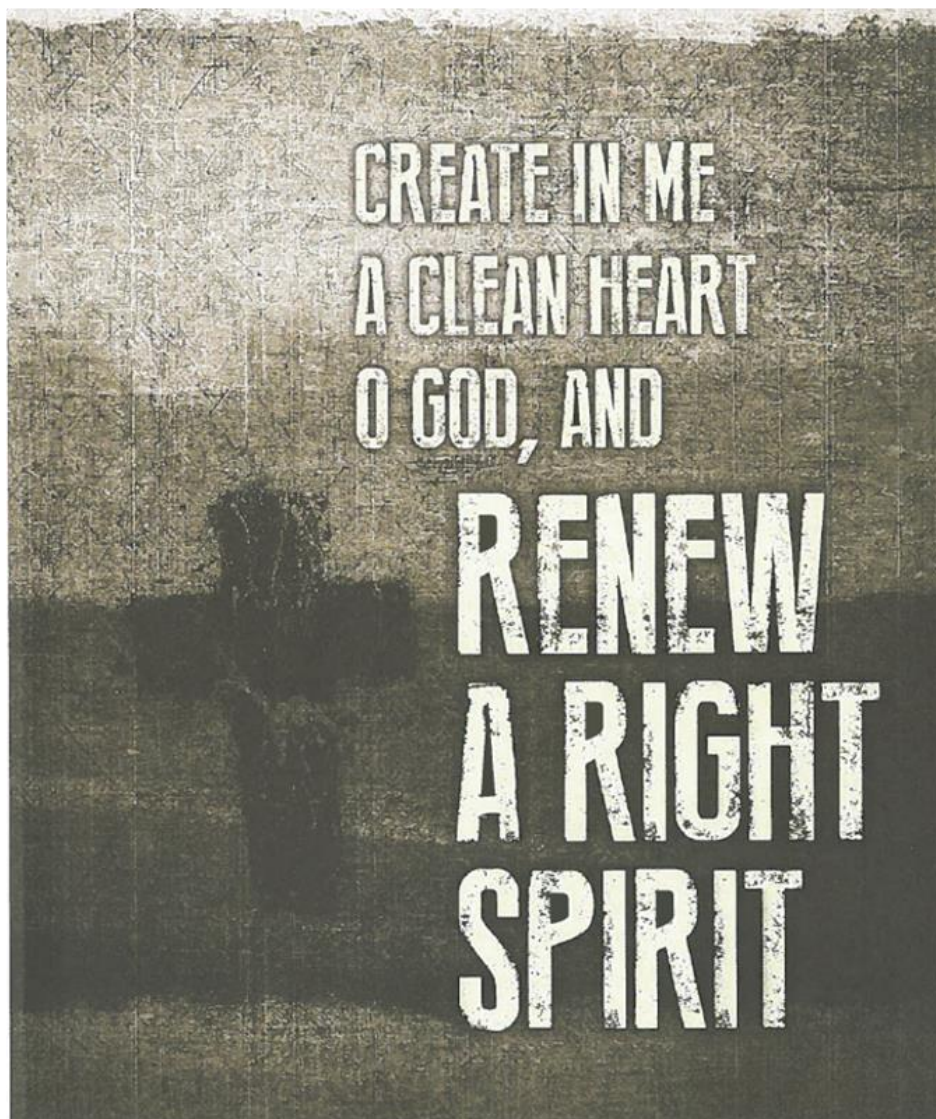




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

Ash Wednesday, 7:00 pm
February 14th, 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 2024

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of personal and corporate preparation for Easter. During these forty days we recall our own sinful nature as well as the sinless perfection of Jesus the Christ. We acknowledge our need for repentance; we also remember the sacrifice of Jesus for our forgiveness and salvation.

PRELUDE

“Ah, Holy Jesus”
J. Kantor

Dr. Brenda Clark

INVITATION TO AN OBSERVANCE OF LENT

Gracious God, you breathed into Your creatures of dust the breath of life; You create us in Your image to live in communion with You and with one another. Call forth our prayers and devotion, bless us by Your Holy Spirit that we may turn with confidence in Your mercy and follow Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT

“The Glory of These Forty Days”
Chancel Choir

J. Klug
Harm. by J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 51

O Lord, open my lips,

And my mouth will declare Your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice or I would bring it.

You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

*HYMN NO. 166

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

ST. FLAVIAN

PREPARING FOR CONFESSION (responsive)

Let us present ourselves before God. We come in our brokenness,

acknowledging where we have fallen short of God’s expectations and our own.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love.

My brokenness that hinders me, I lay before You.

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LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness: we have strayed from Your ways in willfulness and pride, we have doubted Your goodness and grace, we have disobeyed Your commands, we have done what is evil in Your sight. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us from the stains of sin. Restore in us such trust and love, that we may walk in Your path and delight in Your will.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

HYMN NO. 438, v. 1

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.*

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So, whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room, and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ASH WEDNESDAY MEDITATION

Rev. Rachel Vione

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Hope of the World”
Chancel Choir

L. Larson

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 525 “Let Us Break Bread Together”
(Please remain seated)

LET US BREAK BREAD

THE GREAT 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 [choir and 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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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, please take the empty cup back to your pew and place it in the cup rack.
All elements are gluten free.*

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The imposition of ashes is made available for all who wish to participate in this act of prayer, the sign of repentance at the start of the Lenten season. The rite is not given or intended as a show of piety, but rather as a form of corporate prayer in bodily form and act. You may retain the ashes, or remove them, as you depart the service.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Come Ye Disconsolate”

J. Bert Carlson

“Come, Ye Disconsolate, Where'er ye wander...Earth Has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal”

A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation,
that we may show forth Your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of our Savior,
bring us with all Your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

*HYMN NO. 775

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

WALK WITH ME

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

With the ash of repentance, we have entered Lent.
With contrite hearts, we await our Lord.
Go forth and prepare yourselves,
to receive the power of God.

Depart in Silence

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.

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