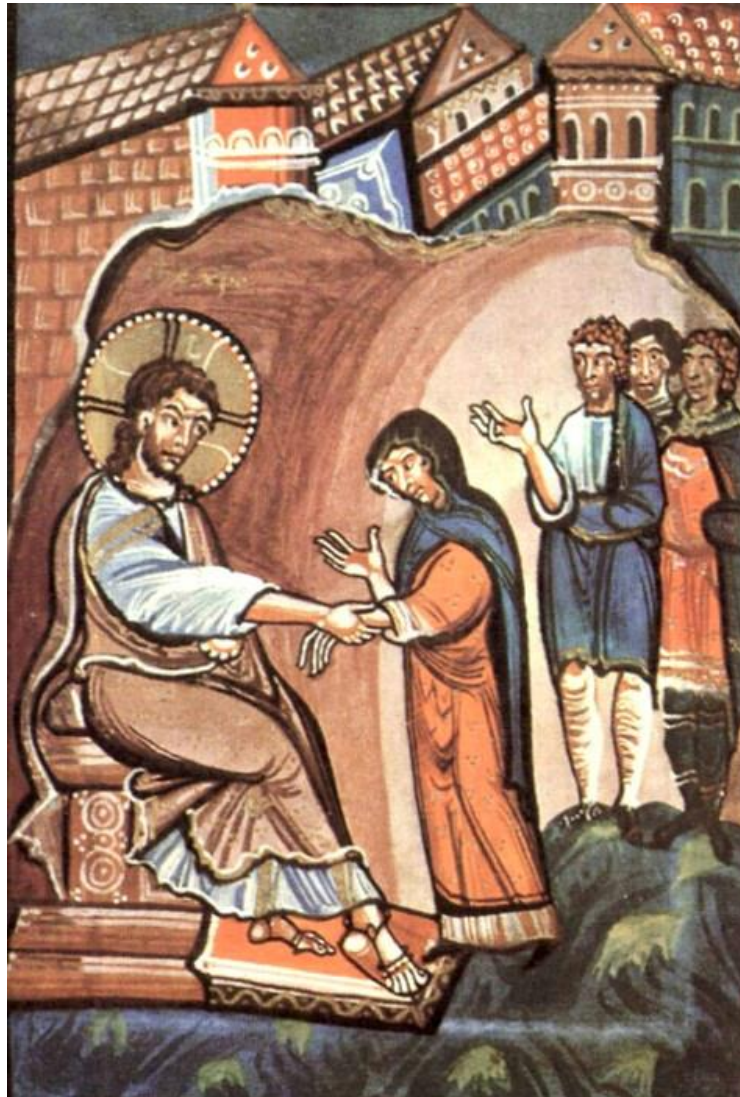




First Presbyterian Church of  
**NORTHPORT**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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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](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)
- 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 Music:** Today's choral music features the music of two noted female composers. Frances Williams retained her commitment to her native Wales and themes of Welsh hymns as she is a Master's Degree graduate of the Juilliard School, a composer, and an officer of the Manhattan Musicians' Club. Susan LaBarr, was the 2012-2014 Missouri Composer Laureate and at the age of 43 is a sought after composer of commissioned works worldwide. Our organ music features two 20th century composers, Wayne Wold (Professor-Hood University) and J. Bert Carlson (Presbyterian pastor and organist), whose theme of "Christ, the Light of the World" (*Christe Sanctorum*) amplifies the meaning of the season of Epiphany.

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# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

5th Sunday after Epiphany/Communion Sunday 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 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Dr. Brenda Clark  
W. Wold

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION "Financial Update" Elder Dennis Crowley

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *from Psalm 147*

Come, sing a new song to God.  
**Praise the One who gathers us here.**  
Give thanks for the rain, the grass, and the earth.  
**Give thanks for the gifts of God.**  
Come, sing a song of praise.  
**We sing to the everlasting God.**

\*HYMN NO. 645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**O God, we come to you knowing that we are broken but reluctant to be made whole. We confess that we often fear your healing touch and what it might mean to be made well. We are comfortable in our brokenness because it is familiar. We are afraid that we would owe you too much if we allowed you to make us new. Yet that is what we long for, deep in our souls, for you to make our lives whole again. Heal our hearts, forgive our failings, and mend our hurts. Reach out to us, O Lord, so that we might have the courage to reach back.**

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

“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

Mark 1:29-39

(p. 35, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“True Healing”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

OFFERING

Please scan the QR Code on the back page.

OFFERTORY

“Holy Lord of All”  
Chancel Choir

F. Williams

\*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.**

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

"We are Held"  
Chancel Choir

S. LaBarr & J. Wilson

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN NO. 772

"Live into Hope"

TRURO

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

R.V. Williams

\*POSTLUDE

"Christe Sanctorum"

J. Bert Carlson

*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

### 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.**

**Sunday School Classes** – Classes will not meet today. Students of all ages are invited to worship with their families. 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!

**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](mailto:nominating@fpcnorthport.org) by February 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.

**Parents' Night Out** – Our Children's Ministries will sponsor a parent's night out on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**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.

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

## Prayers

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:** 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](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*



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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

