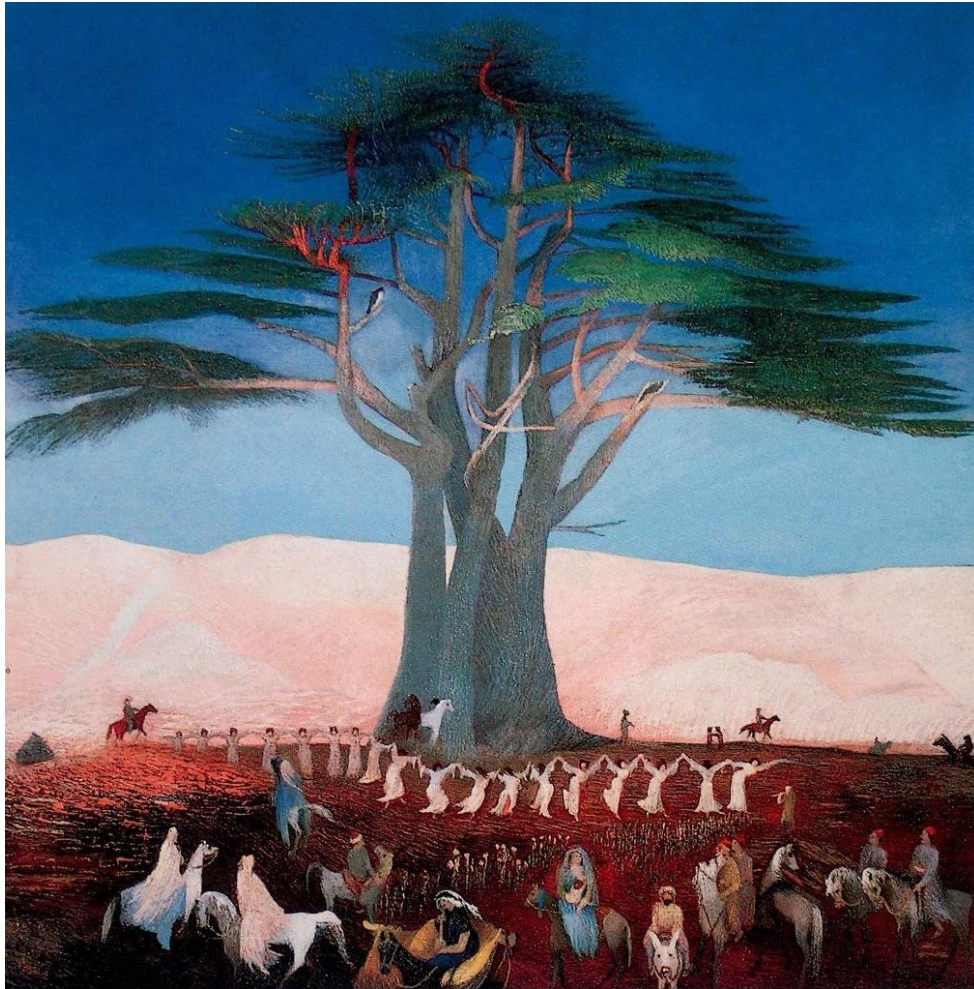




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 16th, 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
- Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.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.

About Today's Music: Dan Forrest describes the words penned by Eileen Berry in "The Offering" as "a musical unfolding of the balance between anything we could possibly offer and Christ's supreme sacrifice". Thank you, Cindy Corso, for lending your voice to this text and tune today. The son of J.S. Bach, Joseph Christian Bach, composed the prelude based on the Lord's Prayer. French composer, Theodore Salome, was a contemporary of Charles-Marie Widor.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH, 2024

4th 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

“Our Father in Heaven” - J.C. Bach
“Partita on *Italian Hymn*” - A. Giamanco

Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME & INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

It is good to give you thanks, O God;

To sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;

At the works of your hands, we sing for joy.

*HYMN NO. 620

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our
whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall
be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

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

~We Hear God’s Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Elder, Betsy Radecki
(p. 784, 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
Following the children’s message, children are invited to attend Sunday School on the lower level.

HYMN NO. 36

“For the Fruit of All Creation”
(Please remain seated)

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

(p. 38, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“Trusting that the Seed Will Grow”

~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith PC (USA)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn No. 1, v. 1

NICAEA

**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

“An Offering”
Cynthia Corso, Soprano

E. Berry/D. Forrest

*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)

Teach us to give our whole lives to you. May the treasure become not the money gathered here but the mission of your love in the world all our gifts co-create with you. For the giver, the gift, and the soon gifted, we give you thanks and praise. 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. 712

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

FOREST GREEN

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Grand Choir in F” *Excerpts*

T. Salome

FLOWER DEDICATION

Today's flowers are given by Betsy and Larry Radecki in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

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! – Today is the last day of Sunday school before the summer break. 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 Chapel – Adult Ed class continues with a video series by Adam Hamilton called “Moses, in the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet”. It is part travelogue with beautiful photography of the places of Moses’ life, including Egypt, the Nile, and Mt. Sinai, and part theological exploration of the life of the unlikely prophet Moses, and his impact on later Judaism and Christianity. Come and join us at 9 am before church for coffee, pastries, the video and a lively discussion.

Harp Recital - Sunday, June 23rd at 2:30 pm – Students of Susan Mann will perform “Pictures at a Harp Recital” on Sunday, June 23rd at 2:30 pm in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Northport. Each piece of harp music will be paired with one or more pieces of art that represent the performers’ personal view of the piece they are playing.

Graduate Recognition - Sunday, June 23rd – If you have a 2024 high school, college, or graduate school graduate whose name you would like listed in the bulletin on June 23rd, please call or email the church office by Tuesday, June 18th.

A Summertime Pizza Party! At Church!! Please join us for pizza on **Wednesday, July 24th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.** There will be sign-ups after worship in the Hartt Rm. on Sundays - July 7, 14 and 21st (\$5 per person from age 12 and up). Any questions, please call Diana Montusi at 516-991-0114. Looking forward to a summer social!

Attention Ushers – The new schedule is available on the table in the Hartt Room.

Sunday School Mission Project – Our Sunday school kids are collecting clean, gently used towels, sheets, and gently used dog toys for the Little Shelter in Huntington. There is a box for donations in the chapel during the month of June.

Daily Devotions “These Days” – Copies of the new issue of “These Days” for July - September are available in the Hartt Room.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Book Discussion – The next PW book discussion will be about “Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby Van Pelt. The date for the talk will be sometime in September. Enjoy Summer!

Church Office Summer Hours Begin – The church office will be open Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 - 1:00 from June 10 - September 2.

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.

Men’s Wednesday Morning Breakfast – Each week the Men's Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group meets at 8:15 AM in Northport Park across from Copenhagen weather permitting. Remember to bring a chair and your breakfast or get it at Copenhagen. All men of the church are invited to join in! For more information, please email Deacon Tim Gladding at emgeetd@aol.com

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.

Prayers

Lillian Mosher, Ginny Kranenberg, Lugenia Gantt, Charlotte Tippie (The Finks' granddaughter), Sean Tinker (Pegge Strella's nephew), Greg Farrell (Kathy Landi's friend), Mike Rowley (friend of the Newmans), **the family of:** Earle Emmons (Marlena Dentrone's father), Joe Winkler, **those in Healthcare facilities** – St. Johnland Nursing Center: Violet Olsen (Rolf Olsen's mother); 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

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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, Diana Montusi, Claire Newman, David Ofsharick, Betsy Radecki

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