



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 23rd, 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: Today's lectionary readings each reflect on God's deliverance. The composer of the prelude's tune, Georg Neumark, born in 1621 lived most of his life during the 30-year war in Germany where great suffering ensued. Kurt Fiebig composed this set of variations on this tune which is found in many hymnals. Mendelssohn's march is dedicated to our graduates who will probably process to English composer, Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" this month. A special thank you goes to our own James Graziano for sharing his music talents with us this morning.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2024

5th 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 "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee" Dr. Brenda Clark
Sections I, II, IV - K. Fiebig

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *from Psalm 107, Ephesians 2, John 3*

God loves us with a steadfast love.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!
God loves us so much he gave us his Son.
Let us believe and have eternal life!
God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.
Let us have faith to receive this grace!
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

*HYMN NO. 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy God, we doubt you and are people of little faith. When the circumstances of our lives overwhelm and the tragedy of the news leaves us lamenting the state of our world, we wonder where you are or if you care. Does the universe really bend toward justice? Forgive us, God, for the evils we perpetuate, the unjust systems from which we cannot see our way clear. Claim us and guide us in working toward the Beloved Community you so desire for us, where all your children live in peace.

SILENT PRAYERS *(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS words from a *Prayer by Junius Dotson*

*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

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

~We Hear God's Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

(p. 559, 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 return to their pews and worship with their families.

HYMN NO. 623

"I've Got Peace like a River"
(Please remain seated)

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

(p. 39, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Does God Care?"

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God's People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsive)

(from *Heidelberg Catechism*)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*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 SOLO

"Per Pieta Bell'idol Mio"
V. Bellini

James Graziano

**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)

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to promote the peace, justice and healing you desire for us and your world. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF OUR 2024 GRADUATES

Allison Blosser - Harborfields High School
Alexander James Bonnett - Glen Ridge High School, NJ
Matthew Bertram Bonnett - Glen Ridge High School, NJ
Francis Anthony Dentrone IV - Northport High School
Ruby Fontaine - Northport High School
Brooke Emily Gehrke - Elon University
Matthew Davis Gehrke - SUNY Old Westbury
Molly Gonzalez - Northport High School
Renee Lee - DeSales University
Diana O'Brien - Fashion Institute of Technology
Sarah Pierce - Northport High School
Madeleine Rivera - Northport High School
Nicholas Van Deusen - Binghamton University
Noah Yoskowitz - The Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. 8

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

MELITA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Excerpts from “March of the Priests” from “Athalie”

F. Mendelssohn

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in honor of our 2024 graduates.

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 – Classes are on hiatus through the summer and will resume in September. 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 - Today, June 23rd at 2:30 pm – Students of Susan Mann will perform “Pictures at a Harp Recital” today 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.

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 – 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:

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| 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

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

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