

**MANY
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ONE
BODY**

**The First
Presbyterian Church
of Northport, NY**

**WELCOME TO OUR
VISITORS**

- We thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Please let us know of your presence by joining our members in signing our Friendship Pad (blue folder in pew).
- First time visitors are invited to take a gift bag with you when you leave. They are located on the table in the narthex (entryway).
- 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 in the Hartt Room immediately after worship for refreshments and conversation.
- Give via text: text fpcnpt to 73256

WORSHIP GUIDE

In the bulletin, the congregation is encouraged to read those portions that appear in **boldface** type. Where you see the (*), all who are able are invited to stand. Late-comers will be seated where (±) appears.

LARGE PRINT Bibles, hymnals, and hearing enhancement devices are available. Please ask an usher for them.

Parents are encouraged to take their infants and children under two to the nursery (located on the second floor, next to the elevator) just prior to worship, where they will be cared for by competent, caring adults.

The Weekly Messenger

January 5, 2020

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

In order that we might give our full attention to God during worship, we request that you turn off, or to silent mode, all cell phones and pagers and that no flash photography be taken.

Welcome to worship at 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!

The envelopes in the pews marked "**DEACON'S FUND**" are for the purpose of collecting contributions which our deacons then take and distribute solely to those in the church and community who are in need of assistance. Normally this offering is collected on communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month), but, of course, your contributions are welcome at any time. Thank you for your support! Also, please note the Food Pantry collection boxes in the narthex and in the rear entryway.

Please pray for: Lou Schmidt, Cathy Trahan (friend of Faye Michels), Janet Schaaf (niece of Virginia Kranenberg), Steve Henning (Bob Shevlin's brother-in-law), Florence D'Amico (Anita Stambouly's mother), Christina Heaton (Anita Stambouly's sister), James Zima, Carolyn Jones (friend of Gerry Walford), Jerry Sambarsky (friend of Gerry Walford), Bill Kendrigan (friend of Richard & Virginia Kranenberg), Debbie Competello, Steve Siegmann, the Pastor Nominating Committee, Linda Best, Aaron Thomas, Bob White, Susan Gaughan (friend of Marilyn Barker), Art Shaw, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), Charlene Cosman, **the family of:** Doris Black, Richard Podlesney (friend of Betsy & Larry Radecki), Fred Sterenberg (Carolyn Louis' brother-in-law), Larry Jenks (Tim's father), Darrin Mercer (Ron's son), **those in Healthcare facilities** – **Atria:** Ann Deery, **Carillon Rehab:** Muriel Best, **Huntington Rehabilitation Center:** Joan DeNigris **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.

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.)

If you have a **pastoral concern/request**, please write it down on the blue "prayer request" forms (found in the pew racks) and place it in the offering plate during the offering. 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.

Announcements

- **2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES** will not be available until later in January due to production issues at the printers. Generic envelopes will be made available in the interim. This is a good opportunity to try out the online giving capability on our website.
- **Save the Date** - Deacon Blood Drive Monday, January 13th 2:45 - 8:45 p.m. Sign up after church in Hartt Room.
- **Officer Nominations:** The All Church Nominating Committee is looking for names of people to serve as deacons or elders for the class of 2022. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the form in the Hartt Room and place it in the Officer Nominations box. The forms and the box are located on the table by the piano.
- **The Deacons Prayer Ministry** takes place today in the Chapel immediately following the worship service - this time is for anyone who would like to have individual prayer with a deacon. We are a congregation that believes strongly in the power of prayer. Come and lift up prayers for yourself, a family member or friend, or for the needs of the world.
- **The new year is here** and so we have new copies of "*These Days - Daily Devotions for Living by Faith*". Please pick up a copy from the information rack located in the lobby by the back parking lot entryway to the church.
- **Our Pioneers next** meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8th at 10:00 am in the Hartt Room. We will have a time of worship in Chapel, enjoy fellowship and share lunch together. Please come and see what it is all about!
- **Attention Ushers** - the new ushering schedule beginning with January 2020 thru June 2020 is available in the information rack located in the rear entrance to the church. Please pick one up.
- **Please join Sunday AM Adult Education** for a new program called **Fear of the Other**. This five part study will consider the gospel command to love (and not merely tolerate) those considered to be "Other" or outside mainstream Christian culture. Rooted in the faith of Israel and the Christian story and vision, the program will bring a Christian perspective to bear on what may be the hardest thing for people of faith to do: keeping and loving the "Other" as they are - without any need for them to become like us. It identifies concrete, everyday ways persons are formed in welcoming others without annihilating their differences. We urge you to participate in this timely study. We will meet in the library at 9 AM (coffee at 8:45). January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

Sunday, January 5, 2020

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
CHURCH OFFICE
HOURS:
TUESDAY– FRIDAY
8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Church Officers:

The Session:

Marcia Mercer (Clerk)

Class of 2019

William Doremus
Carole Gandy
Kim Gilbert
Stephanie Lee (youth)
Cynthia Mies
Anita D’Amico Stambouly

Class of 2020

Joan Armet
William Heuer
Fred Mosher
Lisa Nikrant
Christine Spiller

Class of 2021

Dennis Crowley
Marilyn Fox
Dennis Hartin
Florence Ogg
Robert Shevlin

The Board of Deacons

Class of 2019

Shea Contino (youth)
Jim Denniston
Susan Ebert
Vicki Field
Jane Hudson
Carolyn Louis
Jeannie Obrien

Class of 2020

Melissa Barasch
Elizabeth Coleman
Rich Lambert
Marjorie Sundquist
Tiffany Thomas

Class of 2021

Jim Beyer
Marlena Dentrone
Tim Gladding
Robin O’Neil Gonzalez
Shelley Pierce

The First Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Rachel Vione,
Interim Pastor
Dr. Brenda Clark,
Director of Music and Organist
Barbara Kaifler,
Administrative Assistant
John Kennedy,
Facilities Manager
Kevin McKerr,
Financial Manager
Christine Mulholland,
Weekday Nursery School Director
Dana Warren,
Chancel Choir Director

Church Office Phone: 261-6434
Food Pantry 261-4357
Weekday Nursery School Phone:757-1342

Website: www.fpcnorthport.org

To sign up for email list
send your email address to:
bkweifler@fpcnorthport.org

Network: FPCN Guest
Wi-Fi password: Hartt330

- **The next PW Book Discussion** will be about the novel “Olive, Again“ by Elizabeth Strout. The talk and a short meeting will be at the home of Peggy Denniston on January 22nd @ 7 PM. Please come and discuss this wonderful sequel to Strout’s previous novel introducing readers to Olive Kitteridge.
- **Weekday Nursery School Registration** will begin early registration for the 2020-2021 school year for all continuing students as well as church members. Early registration began on December 2nd and continues through the month of December. Please call Christine Mulholland at 631-757-1342 for more information.
- **The ELC Food Pantry** is open to those in need residing in Northport, East Northport, Greenlawn, Centerport, and Fort Salonga. It is located in the First Presbyterian Church building at 330 Main Street, Northport, open from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon Monday through Thursday. The phone number is 631.261.4357.
- **If you would be able to cook a “healing meal”** for someone recovering from surgery or an illness, please contact Jeannie Obrien at jeannieobrien2@yahoo.com and your name will be put on an email list. You will be contacted when the need arises.
- **Need a ride to the doctor or to church?** We have several people who have volunteered to drive members without transportation. Calling several days in advance will probably assure you a ride. Contact Jack Fink at 631-757-5325.

Check out our church's NEW website at www.fpcnorthport.org.
Missed a Sunday? Our worship bulletins and Weekly Messengers are available on our website. Go on the homepage and click on “Resources”.

Thank You for a Successful Pledge Campaign!

Our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have submitted your pledges to the 2020 Pledge Campaign and to all who took part in the moving Act of Commitment Procession on November 17th. We have received pledges of \$327,500 which is 82% toward our goal of \$400,000. If you have not yet pledged, would you do so today? You can email your pledge to kmc-kerr@fpcnorthport.org. You may also place your pledge card in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office. Help us reach our goal by year-end!

SIGN UPS IN THE HARTT ROOM DURING COFFEE HOUR TODAY

- **Sign Up to be a Liturgist.** If you would like to read scripture and participate in the worship liturgy on Sunday mornings, please sign up for one of the open dates. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.
- **Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed** - Volunteers are needed to set up/clean up, make and serve cold drinks. Members of the Board of Deacons and The Session help out on most Sundays, however, we need volunteers to help out as well.
- **Sign-up to donate blood for the Deacon’s Blood Drive** - Monday, January 13th

Weekly Meetings and Events

Today, Sunday, January 5th	Adult Ed - Library Worship Service w/communion	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	New Years’Day	
Thursday	Chancel Choir Rehearsal Stewardship Ministry - Library	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Friday	ALANON - Library	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	Northport Village Yoga - Library	9:30 a.m.
Next Sunday, January 12th	Adult Ed - Library Worship Service	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.