

~We Respond As God's People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) *from The Belhar Confession, PC(USA), 1986*

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"* Hymn No. 1, vs. 1

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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"It Is a Good Thing to Give Thanks"* Eugene Butler
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY Hymn No. 606

*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)

Loving God, we present now what we have brought to You. Things that are both visible and invisible. The money we give represents our work, and expresses in a clear and visible way our love and thanks. But we also bring as an offering the fragile dreams and hopes that we have. These invisible gifts are what sustain our lives. Receive all that we have brought in love, O God. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 761 *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"* BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *"Twofold Amen"* Greek

POSTLUDE *"Overture and the Rejoicing"* from the *"Fireworks Music"* G.F. Handel

The First Presbyterian Church of Northport



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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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JANUARY 26, 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

3rd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 a.m. January 26, 2020

~We Gather in God’s Name~

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

+PRELUDE “Beautiful Savior” Robert Thompson

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION Souper Bowl of Caring Ethan Louis

CHORAL INTROIT “All My Heart Today Rejoices” Johann Ebeling

OPENING PRAYER Jillian Heuer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 27

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
For God will give us shelter in the day of trouble;
and will conceal us under the cover of God’s tent; God will set us high on a rock.
Hear us, O Lord, when we cry aloud, be gracious to us and answer us!
Come, let us seek God’s face together.
Your face, Lord, do we seek.

*HYMN NO. 394 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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; 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.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

SUNG RESPONSE

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us Your peace.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” Hymn No. 619, v. 1

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, should sing God’s praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

±*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.
Let us greet one another with expressions of Christ’s peace.
(Please greet those around you, including the exchange of:
“The peace of Christ be with you”, responding “and also with you”).

~ The Sacrament of Holy Baptism ~

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:18-20

PRESENTATION Elder Carole Gandy

The children being baptized today are:
Isla Mary & Hunter Canio Pace
Daughter & Son of Mary Alexis & Canio Pace

HYMN NO. 486, v.1 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” KINGDOM

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.
(Please remain seated)

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Statement of Commitment

Elder: Jesus Christ commanded us to teach those who are baptized. Let us state our commitment to these children:

All: We joyfully welcome Isla Mary and Hunter Canio into the church: the family of faith and the body of Christ on earth.
We promise to enfold them in our love and offer them support, understanding, and counsel as they grow in faith. As people of God, we promise to teach them the things of Christ, and by our fellowship, to strengthen their family ties with the Household of God.

BAPTISM

BLESSING AND WELCOME

HYMN NO. 486, vs. 2 - 4 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” KINGDOM

(Please remain seated)

~We Hear God’s Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison) Mary Blondrage

Prepare our hearts Lord as we come before You today. We pray that You would give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding. We pray for illumination of Your Word and that You would open our eyes to the truth of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ and the great sacrifice He made for us at Calvary. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (p. 503, pew Bible)

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 4:1-4, 14-16 (p. 193, pew Bible)

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SERMON “Speaking the Truth in Love” Rev. Rachel Vione