

MANY
GIFTS,
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

February 16, 2020

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 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!

In honor of President's Day, today's prelude and postlude are both by American composers. Henry Cross adopted a French title ("Brilliant Piece") for his composition as was the style in the 19th century.

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: David Dickman, Jessie Shaw, Joan DeNigris, Mildred Kooker (friend of MaryAnne Wetzel), Muriel Best, Dorothy Schwarz (Barbara Healy's cousin), Timothy Hoyt Duncan, Alex Martin (Mary Blondrage's nephew), Glenn Baldwin, Cathy Trahan (friend of Faye Michels), Steve Siegmann, the Pastor Nominating Committee, Aaron Thomas, Bob White, Susan Gaughan (friend of Marilyn Barker), Art Shaw, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), Charlene Cosman, the family of: Donald Bonge (Jen Smith's father), Jean McConnell (Susanne Haffner's mother), David Wibben (Rolf Olsen's brother-in-law), William Emory (Karen Mandel's father), those in Healthcare facilities – Atria: 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.

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

- 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.
- Winter New Members Class - If you are interested in joining the church or would like to find out more about the life and ministry at FPC, there will be a New Members Class on Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00 PM. New members will be welcomed into membership during the worship service on Sunday, March 8th. Please email Pastor Rachel at rvi-one@fpcnorthport.org if you would like to attend the class.
- Our Pioneers next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 19th. All are invited to come to the Hartt Room at 10:00 am and stay for Chapel, fellowship and lunch. Please call Faye at 631.757.6581 with questions.
- Sunday February 23rd, the Peacemaking Ministry will sponsor programs in Adult Education about our Christian response to the crisis in our earth's environment. We will view videos about the changes in our environment and discuss ways we can help. Next Sunday, February 23rd, we have invited Alisa Tippie to speak. She works in the Sunrise Movement, a group working to promote a Green New Deal for a healthier earth for all of us. Please join us in the Library at 9:00 am - 8:45 am for coffee.
- Ash Wednesday Worship Service and Seed Planting - Our Ash Wednesday worship service will take place on Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 PM. The service will include the imposition of ashes for those who would like to participate. The Sunday school children will have their seed planting activity at 6:30 PM in the Hartt Room
- Youth Group News! The senior high youth group will be going on a mission trip to Philadelphia from February 28th - March 1st. We will be staying at Old First Reformed United Church of Christ in downtown Philadelphia and will be participating in one of their Urban Service Camps, ministering to homeless and hungry. If you would like to help offset the cost of the trip, please make a check payable to FPC and write "youth group" in the margin. We will also be doing a "Breakfast Run" in May and will be collecting toiletries and money for that trip as well.
- Highlights & Happenings Deadline for the March & April issue is Tuesday, February 25th. Please email your input to Barbara at bkaifler@fpcnorthport.org. Thank you!

Sunday, February 16, 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
Ariana Warren,
Interim Director of
Carol/Westminster Choirs
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:
bkaifler@fpcnorthport.org

Network: FPCN_Guest
Wi-Fi password: Hartt330

- **2020 Stewardship Update** - Thank you to all who have participated in the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. Thanks to your generosity, we have pledges totaling \$360,000, 90% toward our goal of \$400,000. If you have not yet pledged, please consider doing so to help us reach our 2020 goal!
- **Women’s Bible Study** – All women of the church are invited to join this wonderful group of faithful ladies to learn from the Bible and from each other! We meet every other Thursday at 10:00 am in the library for study and fellowship. We are currently working through Max Lucado’s study of The Book of Acts, and anyone is welcome to join us at this point to jump in! Our upcoming meeting dates will be February 20, March 5 & 19, April 2, 16 & 30. Contact Lisa Nikrant for info: slnikrant@gmail.com.
- **HIHI Mission Opportunity:** On Monday, February 24th, Mission Ministries will be serving dinner to homeless HIHI guests spending the night at St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Huntington. Helpers are needed to prepare dinner courses or to purchase breakfast & dessert items. Other volunteers are needed to serve the meal and do the clean up afterwards. Drivers are needed as well. If you are interested in participating, sign up sheets will be made available in the **Hartt Room** starting this Sunday, Feb. 9th. For further information E mail zorraz2@optonline.net.
- **Souper Bowl of Caring** - continues for the month of February. Our youth are collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the ELC Food Pantry (housed in the lower level of the church). Items that are needed: Peanut Butter, pasta sauces, Progresso Soups, hygiene items. Thank you!
- **The Sanctuary Guild** is looking for people to join this ministry to help on a bi-monthly basis with flowers in the sanctuary. Please contact Sharon Noonan for further details or any questions at 631-368-7545.
- **The Deacons Prayer Ministry** takes place the first Sunday of the month 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. Our next prayer service will take place on March 8th.
- **Weekly Offering Envelopes have arrived** - if you requested envelopes, please pick them up from the table in the Hartt Room.
- **Food Pantry Manager Needed** - The Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry (housed in the lower level of the church) is looking for a volunteer (or volunteers) to fill the Manager Position at the Food Pantry. For more information about the position please contact ELC chairperson, Donna Galluccio at donnagalluccio@verizon.net or at 631-754-8738.
- **Giving Statements were emailed out** to everyone with an email on file and paper statements were mailed to families without email addresses. Any questions, please contact Kevin McKerr at 631-261-6434.
- **The 2020 Per Capita** assessment is **\$38.05** per member. Every member helps support the national Presbyterian Church (USA), the regional Synods and the local Presbyteries as well as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Thank you for donating your Per Capita Shared Denominational Support.
- **Presbyterian Women’s Notes:** The next book discussion and PW meeting will take place on Wednesday March 4th at 7 p.m. at Diana Montusi’s home. We will talk about the wonderful novel "The Giver of Stars" by JoJo Moyes. Please join in on the conversation!
- **Save the Date:** On Monday, May 4th, PW will have its annual Ladies Spring Luncheon at a local restaurant. Watch the Weekly Messenger for more information as we get nearer the date.

SIGN UPS IN THE HARTT ROOM DURING COFFEE HOUR

- **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.
- **Mission Ministries Serve at HIHI - February 24th**

Weekly Meetings and Events

Today, Sunday, February 16th	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Church Office closed today - Presidents’ Day Weekday Nursery School closed all week PNC - Library	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Pioneers - Hartt Room Yoga - Hartt Room	10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Women’s Bible Study - Library Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
Friday	ALANON - Library	8:00 p.m.
Saturday		
Next Sunday, February 23rd	Carol & Westminster Choir Rehearsal - Chapel Worship Service	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.