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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 23, 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 Sunday before Lent is traditionally named "Transfiguration of the Lord. Matthew, Mark and Luke each tell a nearly identical story about Jesus taking several of his disciples to a mountaintop where he is transfigured. The disciples' vision includes Jesus conversing with Moses and Elijah who represent the Law and the Prophets -- the religious tradition of the old Testament. The story is read on the cusp of Lent because it occurs shortly before Jesus turns toward Jerusalem and the last week of his life, days that are the focus of the forty days of Lent, which begins this Wednesday.

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: 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.
- **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
- **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!
- **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.
- **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.
- **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!

Sunday, February 23, 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

- **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.
- **Highlights & Happenings deadline** for the March & April issue is Tuesday, February 25th. Please email your input to Barbara at bkaifler@fpcnorthport.org. Thank you!
- **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.
- **Soles for Souls** is back again this year. Purge your closets of those shoes, boots, slippers, sandals, sneakers you no longer wear. We will be collecting shoes for the month of **March**. You may drop your donations in the designated box in the lobby. Please tie shoes together or rubber band them so pairs stay intact. Go to soles4souls.org to learn more about this organization and its impact in this country and around the world.
- **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.
- **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 March 5 & 19, April 2, 16 & 30. Contact Lisa Nikrant for info: slnikrant@gmail.com.
- **Special Event!** Singer, songwriter, author and peacemaker, **David LaMotte**, will present a workshop to the Presbytery on Saturday, February 29th at 9:30 am at The Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow, about Christian discipleship and social change. For additional information please see the flyer on our bulletin board.
- **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.
- **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.

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**

Today, Sunday, February 23rd	Carol & Westminster Choir Rehearsal - Chapel Worship Service	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Monday	HIHI Mission Ministry - St. Peter’s Huntington Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall PNC - Library	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	H & H Deadline Session Meeting - Hartt Room	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Seed Planting Ash Wednesday Worship Service - Sanctuary Yoga - Library Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Thursday		
Friday	Youth Group Retreat to Philadelphia ALANON - Library	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	Northport Village Yoga - Library	9:30 a.m.
Next Sunday, March 1st	Carol & Westminster Choir Rehearsal - Chapel Worship Service Youth Group Returns from Philadelphia	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.