

***“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”
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!***

Hymn No. 1, vs. 1

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

“Forgive Them, O My Father”
Chancel Choir

Ehret

*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)**

We dedicate these gifts to the work of this congregation; weaving a tapestry of compassion and action, faith and fellowship, hope and wholeness. We dedicate these gifts to the work of this congregation, and we affirm our lives within it. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 216

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ST. CHRISTOPHER

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Herbst

POSTLUDE

“Adoramus Te” (“All Glory to Thee”)

Gordon Young

*All who are able are invited to stand.

+Latecomers may be seated.

The congregation is encouraged to read those portions that appear in **boldface** type.

*The First Presbyterian Church
of Northport*



**330 MAIN STREET
NORTHPORT, NEW YORK**

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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MARCH 1, 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. March 1, 2020

~We Gather in God’s Name~

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

+PRELUDE “Lyric Aria: I Need Thee Every Hour” Franklin Ashdown

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT “O God, Unite Us Heart to Heart” Dressler

OPENING PRAYER Jillian Heuer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)
In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation.
Everything old has passed away.
Everything has become new.
This newness is from God,
who has reconciled us through Jesus Christ.
Rejoice and be glad!
Everything has become new.

*HYMN NO. 223 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” HAMBURG

*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 “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” Hymn No. 744, v. 1
Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

±*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”).

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER
(5th grade and younger gather on the chancel steps.)

HYMN NO. 215 “What Wondrous Love Is This” WONDROUS LOVE
(Please remain seated)
~We Hear God’s Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison) Elder Robert Shevlin
Dear Lord, help us as we read these scriptures together. Come bring Your understanding and reveal Your truth. Come open our minds, hearts and souls to all that these words of life offer us. We long to be continually challenged, transformed and renewed by Your word. May we hear Your voice of life as we read and draw close to You. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 32 (p. 506, pew Bible)
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 3, pew Bible)
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Cost of Discipleship” Rev. Charles Cary
~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.