

~The Eucharist ~

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

*COMMUNION HYMN NO. 495 “Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee”
ADORO TE DEVOTE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[Prayer continues by the Pastor, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer]

SANCTUS [choir and congregation sings]

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

In recognition of international coronavirus concerns, communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front rows, receive bread which will be placed in your palm by a gloved server, take an individual cup, and return to your seat by the side aisles. All elements are gluten free.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“A Tranquil Moment”
“Invocation”

Franklin Ritter
Thomas Birchwood

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 724	“O Jesus, I Have Promised”	ANGEL’S STORY
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	“Forty Days and Forty Nights”	Herbst
POSTLUDE	Excerpts from “Fantasia in F”	Giovanni Polleri

*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



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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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MARCH 8, 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. March 8, 2020

~We Gather in God’s Name~

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

+PRELUDE “O Lamb of God, Most Holy” Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION Mission Trip to Philadelphia Darrin Lee, Stephanie Lee, Ethan Louis, Katie Yoskowitz

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

OPENING PRAYER Sarah Pierce

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)
We come this day hoping to encounter Christ.
We come with burdens and questions that only God can answer.
May we open our hearts to God
May our lives be healed and strengthened for service.
May we worship the God of all creation!

*HYMN NO. 81 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” AUSTRIAN HYMN

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)
Lord, we are such stubborn people. We want to know all the answers. We find it hard to place our trust even in Your Son. When Jesus proclaims that we can have a new life, we want to know how this is possible. How can we get rid of the old burdens and difficulties and start over again? Wouldn’t it be just like climbing back into the womb to make a fresh start? How we have misunderstood what Jesus has said. New life is possible. We can place our trust in God’s healing care. Forgive us, and help us, gracious Lord. For we ask this in Jesus’ 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, vs. 1
Arise, your light is come! The Spirits 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”).

ANTHEM “A Lenten Love Song” Helen Kemp
Carol & Westminster Choirs

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

HYMN NO. 720 “Jesus Calls Us” GALILEE
(please remain seated)

~We Hear God’s Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison) Deacon Tiffany Thomas
Gracious Lord, like Nicodemus, we come to the word with many questions. Like the Pharisees, we can be captivated by correctness, intent on right answers. As we turn to Your word, Spirit of God, do not let our desire for information dominate our need for transformation. Let us hear the word and be moved to greater faith and obedience. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 121 (p. 571, pew Bible)
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:1-17 (p. 93, pew Bible)
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Born of the Wind” Rev. Rachel Vione
~We Respond As God’s People~

THE OFFERING
Offertory Anthem “Hope of the World” Larson
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Creator God, you cradle us with your sanctifying spirit. In sharing these gifts, change our timid murmurs of faith to joyful proclamations of Your holy will. We believe and pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.