



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 14th, 2021



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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WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF NORTHPORT

- Whether you live in the area, are new to the area, or are visiting from out of town, we are glad you are here.
- Please let us know of your presence by joining our members in signing our Friendship Pad (blue folder in pew).
- If you have any questions about our church, please ask our greeters and ushers (the folks who handed you a bulletin), or visit our website www.fpcnorthport.org.
- 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 immediately after worship for refreshments and conversation on the Memorial Garden patio or in the Hartt Room in case of rain.

HOW TO CONNECT

- Come to worship—we're here every week!
- Watch our LiveStream on our YouTube Channel!
- Join the church!
- Find the most current information on our website (www.fpcnorthport.org).



Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the church.

The network name is FPCN_Guest

The password for the guest network is Hartt330

TODAY IN WORSHIP

In order that we might give our full attention to God during worship, we request that you turn off, or turn to silent mode, all cell phones and pagers and that no flash photography be taken.

Please welcome our guest preacher today Rev. Ralph B. Wright, Jr. - The Rev. Ralph B. Wright, Jr. is a retired Presbyterian Pastor having served churches in California and New York. His most recent parishes have included Yaphank, Remsenburg, East Moriches and Merrick. He also served churches in transition as pulpit supply for Massapequa, Levittown, Old South Haven. and Mattituck. As a Tentmaker minister, his non-church employment has included service with the Los Angeles United Way and the American Red Cross, as well as serving the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Africa and Europe, and his family's accounting firm in Patchogue. With his accounting and financial background, he has served the Presbytery of Long Island as a member of the Board of Trustees, the Budgeting Committee, The Shepherding Council and the Presbytery's Disaster Assistance Committee.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH 2021

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~We Gather in God's Name~

+PRELUDE

“Religioso G. Goltermann, Op. 53, No.2”

Eleanor Gould

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Nancy Winkler, Liturgist.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Come, let us give thanks to God, for God is good!

God's love endures forever!

God gives each of us grace according to the measure of Christ's gift so that His church may be built up in love.

God's love endures forever!

It is God's will that we all come to the unity of the faith and acquire the knowledge of the teaching of the Christ.

God's love endures forever. Together we worship God. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 327

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, life from your hand is everlastingly fresh and good. It ever has the aroma of newly baked bread. Yet as we look at our lives, we see much that is stale. Our exterior as well as our inner being is too often hard and callous, rather than soft and sensitive and compassionate. Help us to realize the nature of the problem: We fail when we attempt to be the baker, rather than allow you, O God, to be the author of the bread of life. When we gladly receive from your hand that which truly nourishes, that which you supply in abundance, then will our lives take on a wholesomeness and a texture that will make them a blessing to us and others. We can then become healthy parts of that one loaf which is the church of Jesus Christ. May that be so in our lives and in the lives of all who look to you for food, for the Bread of Life that fails us not.. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

: Hear the good news. Christ is our peace and salvation. And so I
declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*We invite you to share a sign of reconciliation and friendship with one another.
If you are comfortable, turn to those around you and offer a smile or a hand over your heart, using the following
words:*

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn No. 581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen!***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read
and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.**

~We Hear God’s Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Samuel 2: 1-10

2 Hannah prayed and said,
“My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory.

² “There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

³ Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of
knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.

⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.

⁶ The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷ The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts.

⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, and on them he has set the world.

⁹ “He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might
does one prevail.

10 The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his
anointed.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25

¹¹ And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³ and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 13:1-8

¹³ As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Jesus Preaches Love and Peace”

Rev. Ralph Wright, Jr.

~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.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn No. 1, v. 1

NICAEA

***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!***

OFFERING

Please give online at www.fpcnorthport.org

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Sanctus”

Eugene Butler

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

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.

*HYMN NO. 687

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” v. 1-4”

ST. ANNE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Tribute to Veterans

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in loving memory of Carole Gandy

Please welcome our guest organist today Eleanor Gould – Eleanor Gould came from Queens where she took piano lessons in her youth. She got her start on the organ after volunteering at her church. Eager to learn she took organ lessons and furthered her musical education at Dowling College. For many years she played at various churches, enjoying the challenge and deepening her faith. She was the Registrar for the Suffolk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for a number of years and is an active member, going to different workshops conducted by the Suffolk Chapter to further inspire and educate her as a church musician. Soli Deo Gloria.

Announcements

Online Prayer Service and Check in with Pastor Rachel - Our Wednesday Zoom Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at Noon and will continue to meet through the fall. Please join us as we lift up our prayers for one another and for the world. The Zoom information is the same each week:

Meeting ID: 7760178040

Passcode: Pray21

Installation Service for Rev. Rachel Vione - The service of installation for Pastor Rachel will take place on Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 3:00 PM at FPC. Members of the Presbytery of Long Island will be participating in the service. All are invited to attend the service at in the sanctuary and the reception following the service in the Hartt Room.

Pledge Sunday, November 21st when we will once again dedicate our financial commitments to the church by coming forward and presenting them as an act of worship. Stewardship letters and pledge cards will be sent out to the congregation next week. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to the church for 2022 and joyfully return your 2022 pledge card by November 21st. To enter your pledge online please use this link - <https://onrealm.org/FPCNorthport/AddPledge/stewardship2022> or to enter on your smartphone please scan the QR code on the last page.

Want to offer a gift to your church this holiday season? – How about joining the Chancel Choir for an anthem or two during the Advent and Christmas season. We rehearse every Thursday from 7-8pm in the Sanctuary!

Pioneers meet on Wednesday, December 1st. All older adults are invited to join our Pioneers on December 1st. Please join us for fellowship, fun, chapel, and lunch.

Memorial Service for Rev. Steve Michie There will be a Memorial Service for Rev. Steve Michie, former Pastor at FPC (1994-2004), on Sunday, November 14th at 1:00 at Huguenot Presbyterian Church in Pelham. The address of the church is: 901 Pelhamdale Ave., Pelham Manor, NY. Rev. Michie passed away on September 25, 2021.

Women's Bible Study continues Thursday, November 18th! - This fall, we will begin Jen's Wilkin's Better: A Study of Hebrews. This will be an insightful look at how the Old Testament relates to Jesus and the new covenant from God. We've really enjoyed Jen's studies in the past. We will meet every other Thursday morning at 10:00 am, in person and simultaneously on Zoom. This arrangement has worked very well to include those who are comfortable meeting together and those who would rather be at home. Contact Lisa Nikrant, slnikrant@gmail.com, for more info on this opportunity!

Presbyterian Women (PW) Book Discussion - The next discussion will cover Colson Whitehead's latest novel "Harlem Shuffle". The talk will be held in the Hartt Room on Thursday, November 18th at 10 a.m. Please join in!

Presbyterian Women (PW) Christmas Tea Party - will be held in the Hartt Room Saturday December 11th, beginning at 11 am. We look forward to being together and enjoying a lovely lunch followed by desserts and many pots of a variety of teas. The luncheon cost will be \$15 pp. Please mail your reservation check to the church at 330 Main Street, Northport NY 11768 - Attention of PW. Thank you. If you have any questions, please call Diana Montusi at 516-991-0114

Prayers

Cindy Corso, Megan Mercer Geer & Kanan Dean Geer (family members of Ron & Marcia Mercer), Janice Haas (aunt of Janeen & Dennis Crowley), Rosalie Heckman Torres (family member of Diane Lobaugh), Sean (Pegge Strella's nephew), Demetra Innes (Deidre Gehrke's friend), Alex Broad (Mary Blondrage's nephew), Raymond J. Janis, Jr. (friend of Dennis Crowley), John Bailey (David Dickman's cousin), Justin Yoskowitz, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), **the family of:** Carole Gandy, David Troy, Barbara Sanderson, Rev. Steve Michie (former FPC pastor), Robert Walford (Gerry's husband), **those in Healthcare facilities** – Whisper Woods of Smithtown: Art Shaw, Sunrise Senior Living: Joan DeNigris, 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

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.

If you have a pastoral concern/request, please email Karen at ktwitchell@fpcnorthport.org. 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.

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.)

Food Pantry News

The Pantry is open Monday-Thursday from 10:00-12:00. If you would like to make food donations to the Pantry, please place your donations in the "Big Blue Bin" near the parking lot entrance of the church Monday-Thursday from 10:00-12:00. If you would like to make a financial donation to the Pantry, please make your check out to "ELC Food Pantry."

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