



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

Christ the King
November 21st, 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.

FOUNDED 1785

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.

Today is Christ the King Sunday - At the conclusion of the Christian year, the church gives thanks and praise for sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign (see Revelation 1:4-8). This festival was established in 1925 by decree of Pope Pius XI. Originally it took place on the last Sunday in October, just prior to All Saints' Day. Now it is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Christian year, a week before the season of Advent begins.

The National Council of Churches describes Christian Stewardship as "the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities, and material possessions based upon the conviction that these are trusts from God to be used in God's service for the benefit of all humankind in grateful acknowledgement of Christ's redeeming love."

Today is Stewardship Dedication Sunday. Each fall, First Presbyterian Church's annual stewardship campaign gathers financial pledges from all its members and friends to support the work of the church in the next calendar year. Information has been mailed to church homes asking all members and friends to make a financial pledge for next year. Pledges may be mailed to the church, hand-delivered to the church office, or presented as part of a special offering to be received today during worship. In the Christian tradition, stewardship is much more than fund-raising; it is an act of self-offering and sacrificial giving in thankful response to all God's blessings.

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Bertram, of Minden, approximately 1340-1415. **Christ before Pilate**, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55293>. Original source: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Meister_Bertram_von_Minden_011.jpg.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 2021

Christ the King

~We Gather in God's Name~

+PRELUDE

"We Gather Together"

Robin Dinda

Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Steve Nikrant, Member of Finance

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Revelation 1:4-6

Grace and peace to you from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

**To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.**

*HYMN NO. 367

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God,

in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory.

Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ.

We are quick to accuse and slow to confess.

We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings.

We have squandered your gifts.

We have turned from your ways

We have ignored your Word.

Have mercy on us, compassionate God.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives.

Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day

we might move closer to the people

you have would us be.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+*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

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Hymn No. 804 v.1

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

~We Hear God’s Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:33-37

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Christ the King”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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!*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

Worshippers are invited to come forward and place their pledges in one of the baskets on the chancel steps. In addition, or as an alternative, you may place your offering for today, or a sign of commitment, hope or concern, before God during this time. If you are unable to come forward, an usher will be happy to come to you to receive what you have chosen to offer.

OFFERING

Please give online at www.fpcnorthport.org

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Praise Canon”

Anna Laura Page

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

*HYMN NO. 707

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

HALL

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Paraphrase on “Judas Macabeus” Excerpts

Alexander Guilmant

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of the installation of our Pastor, Rev. Rachel Vione as the twenty-ninth Installed Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church.

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 – Today! The service of installation for Pastor Rachel will take place 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 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 – www.fpcnorthport.org/give or to enter on your mobile device please scan the QR code on the last page.

Adopt a Family - Tis the season! The stars will be available today on the Christmas Tree in the Hartt Room. Please choose only one star, as we have fewer families this year. Gift cards are always a welcome addition. Please remember to sign your name and telephone number on the sign-up sheet. Thank you for your generosity. Contact Shelley Pierce or Claire Newman with any questions.

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 7:30-8:30 pm 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.

Women's Bible Study continues Thursday, December 2nd! - 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) Christmas Tea Party - will be held in the Hartt Room Saturday, December 11th, beginning at 11 am. We will provide a babysitter for the young ones. 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 make your reservation check payable to Presbyterian Women and mail 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

Weekday Nursery School Early Enrollment

Enrollment opens on December 1st and continues through December for church members for the 2022-2023 school year. If you would like information and a tour, please contact Christine Mulholland at 631-757-1342 or email info@weekdaynorthport.com

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), John Bailey (David Dickman's cousin), Justin Yoskowitz, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), **the family of:** Carole Gandy, David Troy, Edward Zima (brother of Marie and James), Barbara Sanderson, **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."

Specific Pantry Needs

The food pantry is in need of the following items: flour, sugar, spices, ketchup, salad dressing.

Give Online



Enter A Pledge for 2022

