



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

2nd Sunday in Lent
March 13th, 2022



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 CHURCH 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 conversation in the Hartt Room.

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 the Second Sunday in Lent

Lent is the forty-day period of preparation for Easter. (It's actually forty days not including Sundays). In the past, Lent was often associated with fasting and self-denial; indeed, many Christians still "give something up for lent" as a simple way to remember the sacrifice of Christ and focus attention on the things that matter most in life. Today, however, many Christians, especially Protestants, understand Lent as a period for focused study, prayer, or personal reflection.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2022

2nd Sunday in Lent

~We Gather in God's Name~

PRELUDE "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" - Variation 1 Arr. by Ann Slowins
Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Rachel Vione

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *from Psalm 27:1*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

Of whom shall I be afraid?

Come, seek God in this time of worship.

*HYMN NO. 394 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at a right relationship with you.

(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 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" Hymn No. 582

~We Hear God's Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Which One Would You Choose to Be?"

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God's People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from The Theological Declaration of Barmen

We confess that Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. The church is the congregation in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As pardoned sinners, we testify in the midst of a sinful world, with the church's faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, and that it loves and wants to live solely from his comfort and his direction at the expectation of his appearance. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hymn No. 1, v.1

***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!***

RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

OFFERING

Please give online at www.fpcnorthport.org

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Enter Not Into Judgement”
Chancel Choir

by Thomas Atwood

*DOXOLOGY NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

PRAYERS 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.

*HYMN NO. 546

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

SICILIAN MARINERS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“An American Tune - *Simple Gifts*”

Arr. by Brenda Portman

Announcements

The Westminster Choir will rehearse in the Choir Room (lower level) today after the worship service. If you'd like to sing with the Chancel Choir during Easter, they rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:45 in the Sanctuary.

2022 Confirmation Class – Confirmation class continues today at 11:15 in the Library.

Sunday, March 13th, Sunday School classes are back! Youth in grades 6 through 12 will have class in Fellowship Hall with Mr. Barasch, and preschool through grade 5 children will be upstairs with Holy Moly. Both classes will begin at 10:00 and students can go right at the start of worship. Mary will be in the nursery for the young ones! We are so excited to see everyone back at church!

Annual Congregational Meeting, March 20, 2022. Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Corporation of The First Presbyterian Church of Northport on Sunday, March 20, 2022, following the morning worship service.

FPC Northport will support Soles 4 Souls once again this year. There will be a collection box in the back foyer for the month of **March**. Please remember to tie shoes together or bind with a rubber band. Any and all shoes/slippers will be accepted, so clean your closets! Contact Kim Gilbert if you need shoes to be picked up.

New Women's Bible Study - All women of the church are invited to join in a new study, Finding I Am, by Lysa Terkeurst. This six-week study will examine Jesus' own statements about himself in the Gospel of John, leading to a fullness of knowing Him. We'll meet every other Thursday at 10:00 am beginning March 10, in person at church and simultaneously on Zoom. For more information, contact Lisa Nikrant, slnikrant@gmail.com or check this site for information and to order books: [Finding I AM – Lifeway.com](http://FindingIAM-Lifeway.com)

Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, March 16th. All older adults are invited to join our Pioneers on March 16th at 10:15 in the Hartt Room. Please join us for fellowship, fun, chapel, and lunch.

Give a Book, Take a Book! There will be a cart in the Hartt Room after worship with books for people to take. Please take a book and bring a book in for the cart. Books can be on any topic and can be paperback or hardcover. Happy Reading!

FPC Art Project-- Cranes Art Project – We hope you have enjoyed practicing the art of folding paper cranes during our church-wide project. There are still a few packets of paper and instructions in the Hartt Room and a little time left, so it's not too late! Pick up yours today and enjoy the peaceful practice of origami. **We'd like to have all folded cranes returned to church in their zip-loc bags by Sunday, March 27.** We will string the folded cranes together and create a display that everyone can enjoy at church. **We invite you to participate in stringing the cranes together on Monday, March 28th at 10:00 am and Monday, April 4th at 7:30 pm in the Hartt Room.** There will be coaches there to show everyone what to do, so we can all enjoy participating in creating this beautiful display! If you have questions, contact Libby Yoskowitz, libbyyoskowitz@gmail.com.

The 2022 Per Capita amount is **\$38.08** per member. The per capita for FPC totals \$13K. We only receive about \$4K, therefore the rest comes out of our general fund. Please do your part by paying your per capita of \$38.08 for each member of your household. This donation supports our regional and national Presbyterian Church USA. Thank you! You can pay your per capita by texting FPCNPT percap 38.08 to 73256

Presbyterian Women (PW) Book The next TWO books for a **Presbyterian Women's Discussion** will be "The Story of Arthur Truluv" and its sequel "Night of Miracles" - both written by Elizabeth Berg. The date of our talk will be Tues., Mar. 15th @ 10 am in the Hartt Room. At that time, we will also briefly review "Hello Girls." Looking forward to seeing you then.

Also: **Save the Date** of May 7th when PW will host our annual Spring Luncheon in the Hartt Room.

Memorial Service for Charlene Cosman. There will be a Memorial & Celebration of Life Service for long-time church member, Charlene Cosman on Saturday, March 26 at 1:00 PM in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. Charlene passed away on May 20, 2021. The service will be livestreamed.

Prayers

2022 Confirmation Class, Joseph Netrda (friend of Marcia Mercer), James Zima, Richard Kranenberg (Sue Ebert's father & Ginny Kranenberg's husband), Maryann Campagno (friend of Marcia Mercer), Demetra Innes (friend of Deidre Gehrke), Muriel Best, Todd Pierce, Gary Sandel, Rosalie Heckman Torres (family member of Diane Lobaugh), Justin Yoskowitz, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), **those in Healthcare facilities** – Whisper Woods of Smithtown: Art Shaw, St. Catherine of Siena Nursing & Rehabilitation Center: 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.)

Online Prayer Service and Check in with Pastor Rachel – Our Zoom Prayer Group meets every Wednesdays at Noon. 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: Pray 21

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.

Contact Information

Church Office

Phone: (631) 261-6434

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Website: www.fpcnorthport.org

Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

Phone: (631) 261-4357

Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

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