



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

3rd Sunday in Lent
March 20th, 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.

FOUNDED 1785

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 Third 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.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2022

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~We Gather in God's Name~

PRELUDE

"I Love to Tell the Story"
Dr. Brenda Clark

Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 68

Your steadfast love, O Lord, is better than life.

Therefore our lips will praise you.

We will bless you as long as we live.

We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

For you have been our help

and in your presence we sing for joy.

*HYMN NO. 49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

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

ANTHEM

“God Is So Good”
Westminster Choir

John D. Horman

~ The Sacrament of Holy Baptism ~

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

PRESENTATION

Elder Kim Gilbert

*The child being baptized today is: Caroline Quinn Karwoski
Daughter of Michael and Brenna Karwoski*

HYMN NO. 486, v. 1

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

Please remain seated

***Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.***

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Statement of Commitment

Elder: Jesus Christ commanded us to teach those who are baptized. Let us state our commitment to his child.

All: **We joyfully welcome Caroline Quinn into the church: the family of faith and the body of Christ on earth. We promise to enfold her in our love and offer her support, understanding, and counsel as she grows in faith. As people of God, we promise to teach her the things of Christ, and by our fellowship, to strengthen her family ties with the Household of God.**

BAPTISM

BLESSING AND WELCOME

HYMN NO. 486, v. 4

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

KINGDOM

***Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God’s call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.***

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Why?”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

OFFERING

Please give online at www.fpcnorthport.org

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”
Chancel Choir

arr. by Gilbert Martin

*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. 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Announcements

Easter Flowers -The sign-up for Easter Flowers will be held in the Hartt Room after worship today and for the next two Sundays through April 3rd.

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 – class continues today in the Library following the Congregational Meeting.

Sunday School classes -- 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!

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.

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. 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

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.

Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, March 30th. All older adults are invited to join our Pioneers on March 30th at 10:15 in the Hartt Room. Please join us for fellowship, fun, chapel, and lunch.

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) Notes: the next PW book discussion will be about the novel **“Wish You Were Here”** by Jodi Picoult. Date: **Tues. May 17** at 10 am in the Hartt Room. Also, please save **Saturday, May 7th** for the **Ladies Spring Luncheon**. More info to follow.

Prayers

Sally Sohre (Diane Lobaugh's sister), Janet Hennig, Jean Wilson, 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, 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

Email: office@fpcnorthport.org

Website: www.fpcnorthport.org

Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

Phone: (631) 261-4357

Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

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