



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

1st Sunday in Lent
March 6th, 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 First 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 6TH, 2022

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~We Gather in God's Name~

PRELUDE

“Adagio in D minor”
Dr. Brenda Clark

Johann Matteson

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Financial Update

Elder Dennis Crowley

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength a present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

though the waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with tumult,

God's love endures forever.

*HYMN NO. 32

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sins.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure. Wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*THE READING OF THE LAW

*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.

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Trudging Through the Wilderness”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

OFFERING

Please give online at www.fpcnorthport.org

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Jacob’s Ladder”
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

~Holy Communion~

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*COMMUNION HYMN NO. 516 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

KINGDOM

THE 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.

SANCTUS [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

Please use the communion elements that you received upon entering the sanctuary. The wafer is on the bottom and the juice is on the top. Eat the wafer when the words "take and eat" are said. Drink the juice when the words "take and drink are said."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 543

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

GREEN TYLER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Scherzo Fanfare, Op. 45" excerpts

Clement Loret

Announcements

The Westminster Choir will rehearse in the Choir Room (lower level) today after the worship service.

2022 Confirmation Class – Confirmation begins today. If you were not at the orientation meeting and would like to participate in confirmation, please email Pastor Rachel at the church office.

The Sunday School Classes will return on March 13. Mary will be in the Nursery today.

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.

New Members Class March 10 The next new members class is on Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 PM in the Hartt Room. If you would like to find out more information about FPC and learn what it means to be a member of the congregation, you are welcome to attend this class. New members will be welcomed into membership during worship on Sunday, March 13. Please email Karen at ktwitchell@fpcnorthport.org if you would like to attend the class.

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 to begin March 10. All women of the church are invited to join in a new six-week study, Finding I Am, by Lysa Terkeurst. The group will 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, snikrant@gmail.com or check this site for information and to order books: [Finding I AM – Lifeway.com](http://FindingIAM-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-- The Membership Ministry is inviting you to participate in a church-wide art project of folding 1,000 origami cranes. Pick up your packet, containing ten pieces of origami paper and instructions for folding cranes in the Hartt Room at the church from Monday – Friday from 9 – 1. When you have finished folding your cranes, please return them to the designated box in the Hartt Room. You're welcome to take additional packets if they are available. We want as many church members as possible, of all ages, to participate in the project so that it will truly be a church-wide work of art.

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

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

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Weekday Nursery School

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