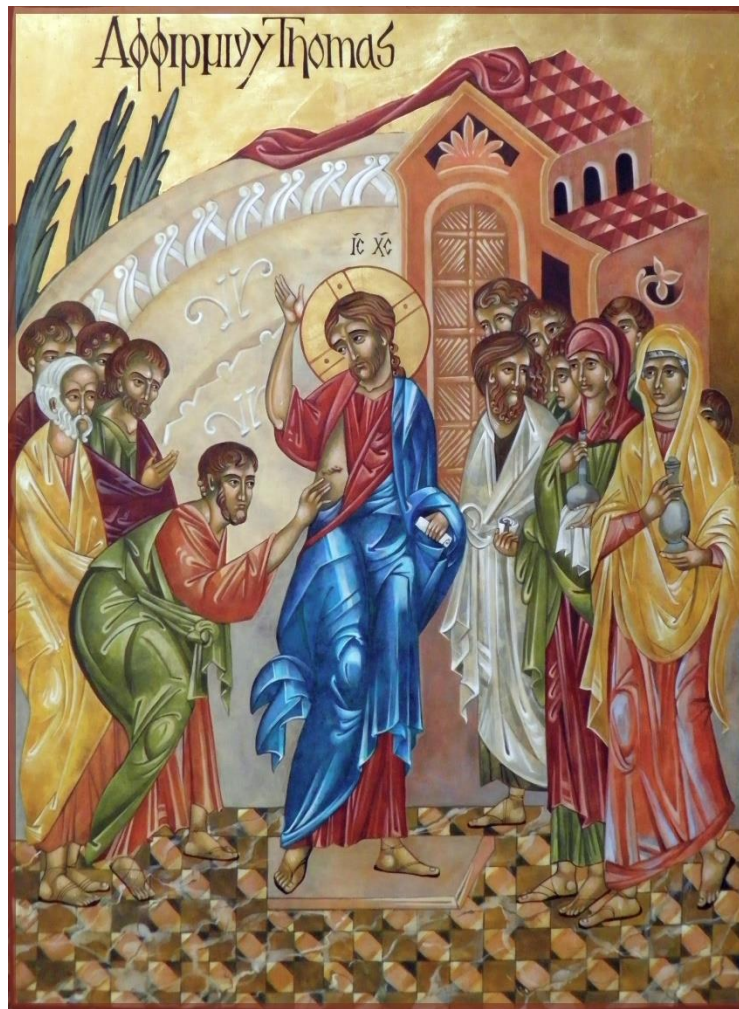




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 24th, 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.

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, APRIL 24TH, 2022

2nd Sunday of Easter

~We Gather in God's Name~

PRELUDE "Easter Chant on *O Sons and Daughters of the King*" Gordon Young
Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Nancy Winkler

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Hallelujah, Our Lord is risen.

Thank God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that in his great mercy we have been born again into a life of hope, through Christ's rising from the dead!

Thanks be to God, who shows us his mercy.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth. If we confess our sins, God is just, and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. Let us admit our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be
a servant people, but we do not do what you command.
We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we
could be useful. We are unfaithful servants, timid and heartless,
who turn neighbors away from your love. Have mercy on us, O God,
and though we do not deserve your care, forgive us, and free us from sin;
this we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

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. 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 Old Testament: Psalm 118:14-19

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON New Testament: John 20:19-31

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

SERMON

“Easter Continues On”

Rev. Ralph Wright

~We Respond As God's People~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)**

A Korean Creed

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn No. 1, v. 1

NICEA

**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

“Awake! Arise! Go Forth!”
Chancel Choir

Don Besig

*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. 718

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

BOURBON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done”

Michael Helman

Announcements

Sign Up to Be a Liturgist -- If you would like to be a liturgist on Sunday morning during the month of May, please sign up in the Hartt Room after worship.

The Westminster Choir – there will be no rehearsal today.

Confirmation Class – the next class will meet on May 1st at 11:15 in the Library.

Sunday School classes – Sunday School will take a break for the next couple weeks, but Mary will continue to be in the nursery for the little ones! Students of all ages are invited to worship with their families this Sunday, April 24, and next Sunday, May 1, which is communion Sunday. Sunday school will be back on May 8th!

William T.P. Rambo Scholarships to be given out May 15th Please join us for worship on Sunday, May 15th as we celebrate the life and ministry of Rev. William Rambo. In honor of Rev. Rambo's commitment to the spiritual enrichment of youth, scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who are members of presbyterian churches on Long Island. A reception will be held in the Hartt Room following worship.

The Ecumenical Lay Council Carole Gandy Memorial Scholarship In honor and in celebration of the life of Carole Gandy, the Ecumenical Lay Council has created a scholarship for graduating seniors of Northport High School. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated leadership in the community by their volunteer efforts and commitment to those who are food insecure. The scholarship will be awarded in June.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Spring is in the air! Let's celebrate! All women of the church are invited to the **PW Spring Luncheon on May 7th**. Reservations are required and can be made in the Hartt Room after worship today and next Sunday, May 1st. Hope to see you there!

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.

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!

Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, April 27th. All older adults are invited to join our Pioneers on April 27th at 10:15 in the Hartt Room. Please join us for fellowship, fun, chapel, and lunch.

Prayers

Sean (Pegge Strella's nephew), Bob Corso, Janet Hennig, Jean Wilson, 2022 Confirmation Class, Joseph Netrda (friend of Marcia Mercer), Richard Kranenberg (Sue Ebert's father & Ginny Kranenberg's husband), Maryann Campagno (friend of Marcia Mercer), Demetra Innes (friend of Deidre Gehrke), 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

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Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

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