



First Presbyterian Church of  
**NORTHPORT**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

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**KEEP  
CALM  
it's  
YOUTH  
SUNDAY**

#### 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](http://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](http://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.

## The Season of Eastertide

The official Season of Eastertide or the Season of Resurrection is the 50-day period from Easter Sunday until Pentecost. Here in the Northern Hemisphere, we have plenty of signs to remind us of renewal taking place all around us. Each day is getting more and more minutes of daylight--you might even notice the increased daylight having a positive effect on your mood or sense of well-being!

# SUNDAY, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2022

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Youth Sunday, Ordination & Installation of Officers

## ~We Gather in God's Name~

PRELUDE                                      "Sonata in C Major - First Movement"                                      Johann Friedrich Fasch  
Darrin Lee, Alto Saxophone

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)                                      Ruby Fontaine

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise God in His mighty firmament!**

Praise Him for His mighty deeds.

**Praise Him according to His surpassing greatness!**

Praise Him with tambourine. Praise Him with flute and praise Him with Djembe.

Praise Him with bells and loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN NO. 245                                      "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"                                      LLANFAIR

## CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)                                      Allison Blosser

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

*(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ

**We are forgiven! Amen.**

## \*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.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE    “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”    Hymn No. 582

ANTHEM    “Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho”    Arr. by Craig Curry  
Westminster Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

HYMN NO. 69    “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”    HERE I AM

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON    John 14:23-29

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

SERMONS    “Stories of Faith”  
Jeff Alfieri, Francis Dentrone, Molly Gonzalez, Sarah Pierce

~We Respond As God’s People~

OFFERING    Please give online at [www.fpcnorthport.org](http://www.fpcnorthport.org)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM    “Down to the River to Pray”    Arr. by Sheldon Curry  
Chancel Choir

\*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 (in unison)

**Lord, we thank You for Your faithfulness. Thank You that we can always trust in You. We give You this offering today. With it we worship You and give our whole selves to You. Please now take it and use it for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach and influence we pray. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.**

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.**

## ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

### Elders:

Melissa Beyer, \*Vicki Field, \*Susanne Haffner, William Heuer, \*Diana Montusi, Fred Mosher

### Deacons:

Jack Fink, \*Krista Mellinger DeRoma, Pegge Strella, Marjorie Sundquist, Tiffany Thomas

There are different gifts,

**But it is the same spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,

**But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways.

**But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

**To use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ.

**And individually members of him.**

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ.

**Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve,  
and to give his life to set others free.**

### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

### QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Caprice # 23 in E-Flat Major”  
Molly Gonzalez, Flute

Niccolo Paganini

USHERS

Darrin Lee, Ethan Levy, Sean Posner

\*Indicates Officer to be ordained

## Announcements

**Sunday School classes** Since this Sunday, the 22nd, is Youth Sunday, we invite all students in grades 6 through 12 to be in worship with their peers. The Youth Sunday School Class with Mr. Barash will return in June. We will have our last Holy Moly Class of the school year this week for younger children. Join us in the sanctuary to start worship, and then we'll head upstairs after Time for Children for some fun together! Mary will be in the nursery for the little ones!

**Confirmation Class** meets today after the worship service at 11:15 in the Library.

**Fire Pit Gathering June 2** All are invited to a fire pit gathering in honor of Steve & Lisa Nikrant on Thursday, June 2 from 6:30-8:30 on the Memorial Garden patio. Please come to wish Steve & Lisa well as they move to North Carolina in June.

**Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 19** We will recognize our High School, College and Grad School graduates on Sunday, June 19. Please email the church office with the name of the person graduating by June 14 so the names can be included in the bulletin.

**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.

**FPC is an Earth Care Congregation!** Earth Care Congregation certification is a program sponsored by the PC(USA). The certification means that our church has accomplished several actions toward caring for God's earth in the areas of worship, education, facilities, and outreach. We are the first church on Long Island to have received this certification.

**Support for Ukraine** FPC has offered financial support for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Our Deacons have given \$3000, Mission Ministries has given \$1000, and individuals from the congregation have made donations as well. If you would like to contribute your support, please give online at [www.fpcnorthport.org](http://www.fpcnorthport.org) or at Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at [www.pcusa/disasterassistance.org](http://www.pcusa/disasterassistance.org).

**Presbyterian Women (PW)** The PW book discussion will be about the novel **"Wish You Were Here"** by Jodi Picoult. Watch for the new date.

**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, May 25th.** All older adults are invited to join our Pioneers at 10:15 in the Hartt Room for fellowship, fun, chapel, and lunch.

## Prayers

Pat Jazinski (friend of Sharon Noonan), Maria Abbatiello (friend of the Mercers), Cory Phelan (friend of Kathy Landi), Sean (Pegge Strella's nephew), Bob Corso, Janet Hennig, 2022 Confirmation Class, Richard Kranenberg (Sue Ebert's father & Ginny Kranenberg's husband), 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@fpcnorthport.org)

Website: [www.fpcnorthport.org](http://www.fpcnorthport.org)

#### **Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry**

Phone: (631) 261-4357

#### **Weekday Nursery School**

Phone: (631) 757-1342

Email: [info@weekdaynorthport.com](mailto:info@weekdaynorthport.com)

Website: [www.weekdaynorthport.com](http://www.weekdaynorthport.com)

 [www.facebook.com/weekdaynorthport](https://www.facebook.com/weekdaynorthport)

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your email address to:  
[office@fpcnorthport.org](mailto:office@fpcnorthport.org)

### **The Staff of The First Presbyterian Church of Northport**

Rachel Vione  
*Pastor*

Brenda Clark  
*Director of Music & Organist*

John Kennedy  
*Facilities Manager*

Kevin McKerr  
*Finance and IT Manager*

Christine Mulholland  
*Director of Weekday Nursery School*

Karen Twitchell  
*Office Administrator*

Ariana Warren  
*Carol and Westminster Choirs Director*

Dana Warren  
*Chancel Choir Director*

### **Session**

Marcia Mercer (Clerk of Session), Melissa Beyer, Pat Bell, Cathy Coleman, Dennis Crowley, Vicki Field, Marilyn Fox, Kim Gilbert, Susanne Haffner, William Heuer, Cindy Mies, Diana Montusi, Fred Mosher, David Ofsharick, Florence Ogg, Anita D'Amico Stambouly

### **Deacons**

Jim Beyer, Marlana Dentrone, Sue Ebert (co-moderator), Jack Fink, Tim Gladding, Carolyn Louis, Krista Mellinger-DeRoma, Jeannie O'Brien, Robin O'Neil Gonzalez, Shelley Pierce (co-moderator), Jeannie Reed, Pegge Strella, Marjorie Sundquist, Tiffany Thomas

### **Give Online**

