



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

7th Sunday of Easter
May 29th, 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.

Feast of the Ascension

As per the New Testament in the Bible, after Jesus Christ's crucifixion on Good Friday, he was resurrected from the dead in three days, on the day we know as Easter Sunday. For 40 days after this, he stayed with his disciples to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. As the Bible says, at the end of day 40, (Thursday) Jesus Christ and his disciples went to Mount Olivet (or the Mount of Olives), near Jerusalem. After asking them to stay, Christ then ascended to heaven to take his seat at the right hand of God, under the gaze of his disciples. The ascension signifies that Christ completed his work on Earth and allowed him to prepare a place for his followers in heaven.

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<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=50177> [retrieved May 26, 2022]. Original source:

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SUNDAY, MAY 29TH, 2022

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~We Gather in God's Name~

PRELUDE	"Fidelis" from "Four Extemporizations"	Percy Whitlock
WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH		Rev. Rachel Vione
MINUTE FOR MISSION	<i>Pentecost Offering</i>	Elder Marilyn Fox

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 97

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.
Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

*HYMN NO. 8

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

MELITA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory.
Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world,
and is head of the church, his body.**

(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

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:6 -11

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

SERMON

“Footprints”

~We Respond As God’s People~

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

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Please give online at www.fpcnorthport.org

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Ninety and Nine"
Chancel Choir

by Craig Courtney

*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.

*HYMN NO. 840

"When Peace Like a River"

VILLE DU HAVRE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Arr. Gordon Young

*Indicates the Congregation is invited to stand

Announcements

Sunday School Classes The Holy Moly Sunday school classes have ended for the year. We hope the kids enjoyed learning from Holy Moly again this year. The Jr. Sr. High Sunday school class with Mr. Barasch will meet again on Sunday, June 12th. Nursery care is available in the nursery on the second floor.

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.

Usher Teams Meeting - June 5 There will be a short meeting on June 5th after the worship service in the Sanctuary to update everyone on the usher procedures and responsibilities.

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 on Wednesday, June 8th at the High School Awards Ceremony.

Northport Maritime Day & Blessing of the Fleet - Saturday, June 11 from 10:00-2:00. Northport Village Park & Dock. Fun for all ages. Food & drinks! Pastor Rachel will participate in the Blessing of the Fleet from 10:00-11:00 AM.

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.

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 or at Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at 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, June 8th. 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. 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: lettuce, cooking oil, laundry soap, paper towels.

Contact Information

Church Office

Phone: (631) 261-6434

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Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

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Weekday Nursery School

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