



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

4th Sunday after Pentecost
July 3rd, 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.

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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, JULY 3RD, 2022

4th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM

~We Gather in God's Name~

*The service of worship begins with the music of the prelude.
Through its power and brilliance, may you feel the majesty and glory of God;
in its quietness, God's peace.*

PRELUDE

“Materna (O Beautiful for Spacious Skies)”
Robin Dinda

Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Nancy Winkler

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – God's good, pleasing and perfect will.

With unveiled faces, we all reflect God's glory. We are being transformed into the likeness of the Lord, with ever-increasing glory! For this comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

We are waiting for the Holy Spirit to transform us into the vision Christ has for us all.

We come today to worship our God who makes us whole with the same powerful skill by which He changed the lives of the disciples. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 331

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

NATIONAL HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, the Scriptures move us to acknowledge and confess our sins before almighty God with a humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart. Let us now lift our voices in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, ruler of all nations: we pray for our nation and its people, and for our leaders. May we be mindful of your favor and obedient to your will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation, and purify our hearts to know the truth that alone can make us free. Save us from injustice and oppression, from pride and arrogance, and from greed and self-centeredness. Increase our concern for people beyond our own boundaries and for the poor and afflicted in our own land, that we may be a blessing and an example to all nations. Bring us at last to the day when the whole world shall know peace and blessedness. Hear our prayers and forgive us our sins. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

We thank you O Lord that In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

We pray for strength to forgive one another. 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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymn No. 39

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 6:1-10

(p. 191, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Christ and Our Nation”

Rev. Ralph Wright

~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

"I Surrender All"

Robert Thygerson

*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)

**Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share.
May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom
and build your beloved community. 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. 337

"My Country 'Tis of Thee"

AMERICA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" from "Patriotic Suite"

Charles Callahan

*Following the benediction, the congregation is invited to depart the sanctuary for coffee hour.
Those who wish to remain seated for the postlude may do so.*

The Christian Flag --The Christian flag stands for no one creed or denomination, and contains no symbol of warfare. The white background represents peace and purity. The blue field in the upper left corner is the color of the unclouded sky and the symbol of fidelity and truth. The cross of red is the emblem of Christian sacrifice.

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

Announcements

Stewardship Reminder -- Please continue to support First Pres during the summer months while you might be away. Online donations may be made at www.fpcnorthport.org

Church Summer Office Hours – The church office will be open Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 - 1:00 from June 13 - September 12.

Employment Opportunities – FPC is looking for a Director of Children & Youth Ministries. Please see our website for a full job description.

We are also looking for a new Chancel and Westminster Choir Director. Please see our website for the job description.

Committal Service July 10 – There will be a committal service for Carole Gandy after worship on July 10 at 11:00 in the Memorial Garden.

Calling All Church Members -- We are planning to put together a display of confirmation class photos. We have recent years covered but if you have any group photos from 2017 or earlier, please share them with the Membership Ministry. Email the photos to libbyyoskowitz@gmail.com (for older photos, we can scan them and return them to you). Be sure to include the year it was taken and names if you know them. Thanks for your help!

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.

Give a Book, Take a Book! Visit the new bookshelf in the Hartt Room after worship with books for people to take. Please take a book and bring in a book for the shelf. Books can be on any topic and can be paperback or hardcover. Happy Reading!

Prayers

Sean Tinker (Pegge Strella's nephew), William Koran (Barbara Healy's brother), Pat Jazinski (friend of Sharon Noonan), Maria Abbatiello (friend of the Mercers), Cory Phelan (friend of Kathy Landi), Demetra Innes (friend of Deidre Gehrke), Todd Pierce, Gary Sandel, Justin Yoskowitz, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), **the family of Jean Wilson, 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.)

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

Email: office@fpcnorthport.org

Website: www.fpcnorthport.org

Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

Phone: (631) 261-4357

Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

Email: info@weekdaynorthport.com

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