



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

Christ the King
November 20th, 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 are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one. In our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning -- a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God. We hope you will experience some of the love and warmth of this caring community of faith. Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Rachel Vione, Pastor

- 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 Christ the King Sunday - At the conclusion of the Christian year, the church gives thanks and praise for sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign (see Revelation 1:4-8). This festival was established in 1925 by decree of Pope Pius XI. Originally it took place on the last Sunday in October, just prior to All Saints' Day. Now it is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Christian year, a week before the season of Advent begins.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2022

Christ the King 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 Variations on "Kremser" Dr. Brenda Clark
C. Curtis

WELCOME TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Rachel Vione

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Adopt-a-Family* Elder, Cindy Mies

CHORAL INTROIT "O Thou Who Hearest Every Prayer" F. Atkinson

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *from Colossians 1:13-14, 18*

"God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins"

"Christ is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything"

We worship and adore you, Christ our King.

*HYMN NO. 2 "Come, Thou Almighty King" ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory.
Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ.
We are quick to accuse and slow to confess.
We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings.
We have squandered your gifts.
We have turned from your ways.
We have ignored your Word.
Have mercy on us, compassionate God.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives.
Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day
we might move closer to the people you have would us be.**

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

SILENT PRAYERS

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Hymn No. 804 v.1

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

5th grade and younger gather on the chancel steps

*HYMN NO. 803

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

RESIGNATION

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:33-43

(p. 89 pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“The Power of Re-mem-bering”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.**

**Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under
the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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 scan the QR Code on the back page.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Now Thank We All Our God” J.S. Bach
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)

**Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of
time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, clothe the poor,
quench the thirsty and shelter the most vulnerable among us. 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. 367 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” ST GEORGE’S WINDSOR

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION “Amen” J. Rutter

POSTLUDE “Choral Improvisation on “Now Thank We All Our God” S. Karg-Elert

*Following the postlude everyone is invited to remain in their pews for the presentation
of the state of the church’s finances.*

FLOWER DEDICATION

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the marriage of our son
Andrew Gladding to Katie Berghorn by Andrea and Tim Gladding.*

**Please be aware that the broadcasted service may include images and video of people in the
sanctuary who are present for the service.**

Announcements

Sunday School Classes Meet Today! Following the Children's Message, all children 5th grade and younger are invited to go with their teachers to Sunday school classes on the 2nd floor. The mid & senior high classes meet on the lower level of the church. Nursery care is provided in the nursery on the 2nd floor.

Youth Group Meets Today. All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us today at noon. We will shop for our Adopt-a-Family kids and have lunch together.

Special Clam Chowder Fellowship Hour Today! All are invited to join us for a special fellowship hour today featuring Ron Mercer's famous clam chowder. Ron is a talented chef, and his clam chowder is second to none! Join us after worship...and bring your appetite!

State of the Church's Finances Presentation – Please join Pastor Rachel, Financial Manager, Kevin McKerr, and members of the Finance Ministry today in the sanctuary following worship for a presentation on the finances of the church. Come with your questions and join us for clam chowder after the presentation.

Support our Food Pantry Clients this Thanksgiving – The ELC Food Pantry is collecting gift cards to Stop N Shop in the amount of \$25.00 to help our clients provide Thanksgiving meals for their families. Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office during the week.

The Presbyterian Women's Ministry invites all ladies to its annual Christmas Luncheon! We are hosting a catered lunch on Saturday, December 10th at Noon in the Hartt Room. Please contact Diana Montusi for reservations. (516-991-0114). The cost is \$22 pp and checks - made out to Presbyterian Women - can be put in the PW mailbox, or you can sign up during coffee hours. The last date to reserve is Dec. 4th. All women are welcome!

The Sanctuary Guild will begin sign-ups next week for Christmas dedications after worship in the Hartt Room and continue through December 11th. You can dedicate a wreath that will hang on the wall in the memorial garden, dedicate a wreath that will hang from the balcony in the sanctuary, or purchase a poinsettia. The dedications will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Make sure to sign up early. Poinsettias are \$25.00. Dedications can also be made for the brass on Christmas Eve. Should you have any questions, contact Sharon Noonan at 631-368-7545 or 631-487-4709

On Monday, December 12, Mission Ministries will be providing meals for 25 homeless men staying in a motel in Huntington. The meals will consist of commercially prepared hearty dinners that are microwave approved and dinner plate size that will fit into the small microwave ovens in the hotel rooms. Sign-up sheets will be provided in the Hartt room for the next few Sundays. Volunteers can sign up to purchase as many meals as they prefer. Donations of fruit or cookies are also welcome. If you would like to participate, please sign up on Sundays after church or contact Marilyn at zorraz2@optonline.net.

Christmas Pageant, Sunday, December 11th – Our annual Christmas pageant will take place on Sunday, December 11th during worship. This year's pageant will be a pop-up pageant with roles for everyone in the congregation. No rehearsals necessary. Just come to worship on December 11th and be ready to participate!

Christmas Pageant Brunch, December 11 – All are invited to join us for brunch in Fellowship Hall following the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 11. Join us for pancakes, eggs, coffee, sausage, and bacon! This event is sponsored by our Membership Ministry and is free of charge.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Book Discussion, Tuesday, November 29th – The next meeting will be discussing "Lucy By The Sea" by Elizabeth Strout. It will be held Nov. 29th at 10 AM at the home of Jane Hudson. Please call Jane at 631-239-5613 to RSVP.

Prayers

Barbara Weise (friend of Marlena Dentrone), Glenn Stollberger (friend of Tim Gladding), Cynthia Victory Mignella (friend of Jim Zima), Barbara Van Deusen Josephson, Catherine Goldenbaum (friend of Paul & Fran Roberts), Phyllis Crowley (Janeen & Dennis's sister-in-law), Sean Tinker (Pegge Strella's nephew), Grace Alber (friend of Tiffany Thomas), Maria Abbatiello (friend of the Mercers), Todd Pierce, Justin Yoskowitz, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), **the family of:** Sandra Miller, **those in Healthcare facilities** – 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 donation box marked "Food Pantry" in 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: diapers size 1-5, wipes.

Contact Information

Church Office

330 Main St., Northport, NY 11768

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

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