

\*HYMN NO. 370

“This Is My Father’s World”

TERRA BEATA

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Grand Choir in C”

Charles-Marie Chauvet

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

+Latecomers may be seated.

The congregation is encouraged to read those portions that appear in **boldface** type.

### Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Northport

Welcome back! We’ve been worshipping online for over a year and we’re finally back in our Sanctuary. Currently, our services are adapted to ensure one another’s safety as best we know how — especially our young children who aren’t yet able to be vaccinated. When we baptize a child here, we promise to help care for and nurture them. At FPC, we take those promises seriously, so we continue to wear masks and keep some physical distance during worship and all other indoor, all-church activities. We also continue to offer an online option for worship on our YouTube channel. The service will be available online on Sunday afternoon.

You are invited to sing the hymns or hum along if you would like.

I hope this communicates how each one of you matters here and how there is always a place for you at First Pres.

Welcome home!

Rachel

### Offering

Offering plates will not be passed in the pews during worship. There are offering plates at the entrances to the sanctuary to receive your offering, or you may give online at [www.fpcnorthport.org](http://www.fpcnorthport.org)

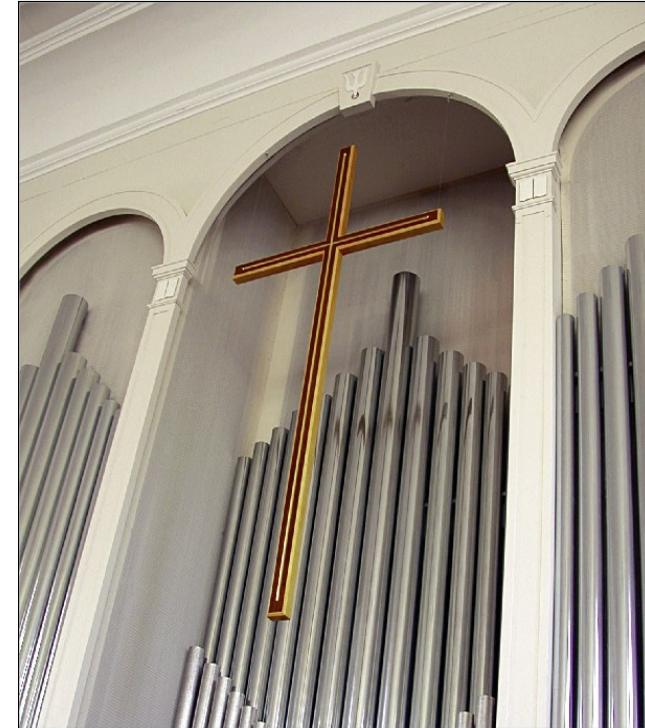
### Coffee Hour...Without the Coffee!

All are invited to a time of fellowship following the worship service this morning. Bottled water and pre-packaged snacks will be available. Please join us outside on the Memorial Garden patio, or in the Hartt Room in case of rain.

### Please Welcome our guest Preacher today Rev. Charles Cary

Charles (Chuck) served as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Southampton. Prior to that he served as Pastor at Westhampton, Moorings Presbyterian in Naples, Florida, and two congregations in the Chicago area. Chuck is married to Millie, and they have three children and four grandchildren, all of whom live in the Northeast.

# The First Presbyterian Church of Northport



**330 MAIN STREET  
NORTHPORT, NEW YORK**

### *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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**AUGUST 15, 2021**

# ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

August 15, 2021

~We Gather in God's Name~

+PRELUDE

"Pastorale"  
Dr. Brenda Clark

Joseph Callaerts

WELCOME

Rev. Charles Cary

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come, and praise God!

In the company of God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.**

Our God is gracious and compassionate;

**our God is merciful and forgiving**

our God is faithful and trustworthy,

**our God is just and good.**

So come, let's worship God together.

**God's praise will last forever!**

\*HYMN NO. 804, v. 1 & 5

*"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"*

MARION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than shared our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*"Glory Be to the Father"*

Hymn No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

~We Hear God's Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 24 (p. 502, pew Bible)

Elder, Carole Gandy

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:27-33

(p. 43-44, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*"The Leon Resnekoy Test"*

Rev. Charles Cary

~We Respond As God's People~

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

*from the Confession of 1967*

**God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim became the victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all humanity. The Risen Christ is the Savior of all. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as Christ's reconciled community. Christ is the head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations. Amen.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn No. 1, v. 1

*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!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

**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.**

THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

*"The Lord Is My Shepherd"*  
Cindy Corso, Soprano

Craig Courtney

\*DOXOLOGY

**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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Gracious God, we joyously place before you our offerings. May these gifts support our ministry so that others may gather in your name and follow your path of love and peace. We, your beloved children, seek to be "imitators of God" and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**