

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Variations on “My Country Tis of Thee” Robert Lind

*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.

The flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of the wedding of Joanna Dickman & David Courbanou

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

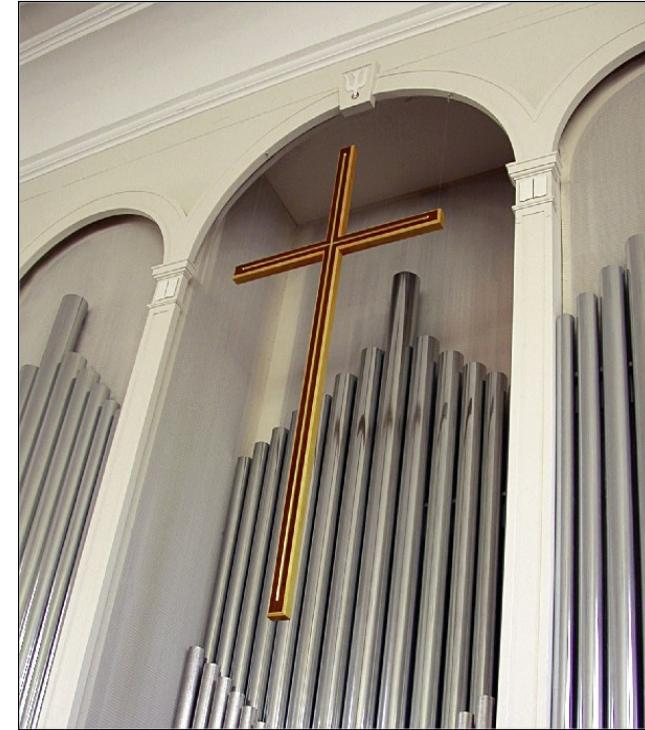
Coffee Hour...Without the Coffee!

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. 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.

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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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

15th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

September 5, 2021

~We Gather in God's Name~

+PRELUDE "Bread of the World" James Southbridge
Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Rev. Ralph Wright, Jr.

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.

Come let us give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's love endures forever.

God gives each of us grace according to the measure of Christ's gift so that his church may be built up in love.

God's love endures forever.

It is God's will that we all come to the unity of the faith and acquire the knowledge of the teaching of the Christ.

God's love endures forever. Together we worship God. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 331 "God of the Ages" NATIONAL HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving and caring God, in you we find all that we need. In you we are fed, in you we are heard. In you we are truly alive. We recognize that we are unworthy of your love and that we sin and fall short of your goals for us. We fail to meet the standards our Lord has put before us. Forgive us and refresh our souls with your Spirit and strengthen us. Draw us closer to you. We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news. Christ is our peace and salvation. And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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 Old Testament: Psalm 125:1-5 Deacon, Tiffany Thomas

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON New Testament: James 2:1-17

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

SERMON "Come Labor On" Rev. Ralph Wright

~We Respond As God's People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) The 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

*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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Matt Louis, Guitarist

*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

*HYMN NO. 634 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY