

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 816 *“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”* WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Bless Be the Tie that Binds”* Arr. by Gordon Young

*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

I am filled with excitement and anticipation as we begin this church program year with Kick Off Sunday this week. In the months ahead there will be possibilities to gather and engage in fellowship together. But there is also a sense of some uncertainty as we continue to live in the midst of a world shaped by pandemic. In these times we faithfully plan, recognizing that there are no certainties as to how our plans will be fulfilled.

The gift of being a community of faith is that when times are uncertain, what is eternally certain is the presence of God providing us with the revelation of who we are, whose we are, and how we are called to be faithful. With this powerful reality before us we can trust that God is continuing to lead us to where we have been called to be. While our plans fulfillment may be uncertain there is no doubt that God’s plans are certain to come to fruition.

I can’t wait to see you this Sunday in worship as we step into this new year with excitement and anticipation for what God has in store for us.

With much joy in serving as your pastor,

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..

*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 12, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

September 12, 2021

~We Gather in God's Name~

+PRELUDE

“*Song of Remembrance*”
Dr. Brenda Clark

Gilbert Martin

WELCOME

Rev. Rachel Vione

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God!

**The Lord keeps faith forever. The Lord executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry. The Lord will reign forever,
your God for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

*HYMN NO. 35

“*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*”

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, you love us with open arms. Forgive us when we do not put your love into practice: when we do not challenge injustice around us; when we are not as generous as we can be; when we are slow to compassion and quick to judgment; when we contribute to the brokenness of the world instead of helping to make it whole. Have mercy on us, forgive us. Free us to try again and again, and let your love lead the way.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“*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.*”

Hymn No. 581

PRAYER FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

~We Hear God's Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:27-38

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“*Just Pretend You Didn't Hear It*”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God's People~

THE OFFERING

please give online at www.fpcnorthport.org

OFFERTORY

“*Thanks Be to Thee*”
Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel (Arr. by Anna Nichols)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN

“*Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee*”

Hymn No. 495 v.1

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS (congregation sings)

Hymn 552

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please use the communion elements that you received upon entering the sanctuary. The wafer is on the bottom and the juice is on the top. Eat the wafer when the words “take and eat” are said. Drink the juice when the words “take and drink are said.”