

*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

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.

*HYMN NO. 465

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

CONVERSE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Donna Robertson

Please pray for members and friends of our congregation -

For all those who are suffering as a result of the coronavirus, essential employees who go to work so we can be safe and healthy, Janice Haas (aunt of Janeen & Dennis Crowley), David Troy (family member of Alison and Brian Troy), Rosalie Heckman Torres (family member of Diane Lobaugh), Sean (Pegge Strella's nephew), Demetra Innes (Deidre Gehrke's friend), Alex Broad (Mary Blondrage's nephew), Raymond J. Janis, Jr. (friend of Dennis Crowley), John Bailey (David Dickman's cousin), Justin Yoskowitz, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), **the family of:** Barbara Sanderson, Anthony Penfold (Kim Gilbert's father), Rev. Steve Michie (former FPC pastor), Robert Walford (Gerry's husband), **those in Healthcare facilities** – Whisper Woods of Smithtown: Art Shaw, Sunrise Senior Living: Joan DeNigris, Atria: 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

If you have a prayer request, please email Karen at Ktwitchell@fpcnorthport.org

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



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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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OCTOBER 24, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

October 24, 2021

~We Gather in God's Name~

+PRELUDE "Pavane" Gabriel Faure
Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME Elder Carole Gandy

*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.

In the company of all who are gathered here today, we praise you God!

We thank you, God, with our whole heart!

Great are your works, they are full of honor and majesty

We thank you, God, with our whole heart!

You are gracious and merciful and love lasts forever.

We thank you God, with our whole heart!

May the work of our hands also be faithful and just.

We thank you God, with our whole heart! Amen.

*HYMN NO. 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins with a humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; so that we may obtain forgiveness, by God's infinite goodness and mercy. Let us now admit to our sins, our weaknesses and our shortcomings.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Eternal God, we confess that we err and stray from your path. We live less than perfect lives. So we come to you asking for direction. Open our ears to hear what you are saying to us today. Open our eyes, to see where Jesus' healing love is needed in our world. Open our hands to do your work and help where help is needed. Open our lips, to bring comfort, joy, and laughter to your people. Open our minds, to hear new truths about how you work in our world. Open our hearts, to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves as you have loved us. Help us as we confess to you our weaknesses and shortcomings. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

***Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom,
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.***

~We Hear God's Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Old Testament: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON New Testament: Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

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

SERMON "Preaching the Gospel in a World Divided by Crises"

~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 NICAEA

***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!***

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Glory Be To God the Father" by Royce Isham.
The Chancel Choir