



First Presbyterian Church of  
**NORTHPORT**

Baptism of the Lord  
January 9th, 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 OF NORTHPORT

- Whether you live in the area, are new to the area, or are visiting from out of town, we are glad you are here.
- 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](http://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 refreshments and conversation on the Memorial Garden patio or in the Hartt Room in case of rain.

## 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](http://www.fpcnorthport.org)).



Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the church.

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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.**

### Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is observed annually. It falls on the Sunday after January 6 (Epiphany), so this year the date is January 9. It commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. It is also known as "Theophany".

At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus presents himself to John to be baptized in the Jordan. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends as a dove and we hear the voice of God: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (see Psalm 2:7).

At this festival of the Christian year, we not only remember Jesus' baptism, but we celebrate our own: the baptism we share with Christ. It also foreshadows the season of Lent, as Jesus was immediately driven into the wilderness for 40 days after his own Baptism.

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# SUNDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

~We Gather in God's Name~

+PRELUDE

"Lo, How a Rose is Blooming"  
Dr. Brenda Clark

John Leavitt

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

*from Isaiah 43:1*

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;**

I have called you by name, you are mine.

\*HYMN NO. 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ's path of peace, but we build walls and invest in guns and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community.**

*(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.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Arise Your Light is Come!”

Hymn No 744 v. 1

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.*

~We Hear God's Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Wait, There's More!”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God's People~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

*From A Brief Statement of Faith*

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

“Love Has Come”

Hymn No. 110 v.1

Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love!  
Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"New Promise of Love"  
Chancel Choir

Gilbert Martin.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 503 "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation" O QUANTA QUALIA

THE 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 our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS [congregation sings]

*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

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN NO. 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Tocatta on Coronation"

Gordon Young

FLOWER DEDICATION

*The flowers in the sanctuary are in loving memory of Vicki Mellinger in honor of her 10th anniversary entering the church triumphant, given by her daughter, Krista and Leonard DeRoma,*

## Announcements

**The Membership-sponsored Wednesday Zoom Prayer group** will resume our weekly zoom meetings on Wednesday, January 12. Zoom ID: 776 017 8040 Password: Pray21

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** -- Help our brothers and sisters affected by the recent tornadoes by donating to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program of the PC(USA). Checks can be made out to the church with "PDA Tornadoes" in the memo, or by donation online at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

**Stewardship Update** Thank you to everyone who has pledged for 2022. We're off to a good start! If you have not yet pledged, please do so either online, in church, or by mailing your 2022 pledge card to the church office. Every pledge counts!

**Youth and Sunday School Classes** Group will resume in February.

**2022 Confirmation Class** -- Confirmation class will begin in January for all youth in grades 9-11. Confirmation Sunday is June 5, 2022. Watch you email and bulletin for more information in the New Year.

**Pioneers meet on Wednesday, January 19th.** All older adults are invited to join our Pioneers on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:15. Please join us for fellowship, fun, chapel, and lunch.

**Presbyterian Women (PW) Book Discussion** The next PW book discussion will be about the book called "The Hello Girls" by Elizabeth Cobbs. This book is a work of historical fiction about WWI telephone operators. Please watch the bulletin for the discussion date.

**Saturday Hikes:** The Membership Ministry hosts Saturday morning hikes at Sunken Meadow State Park the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, weather permitting. Join us at 10:00 am for a nice morning of conversation and walking with other church members. We meet in the far eastern parking lot where there's access to both the boardwalk and the beach/cliff trails. Hope to hike with you soon!

**Winter New Members Class -- New Year, New Church!!** There will be a new members class in Mid-January for anyone who wishes to join the church in the New Year. The class is for anyone who would like to find out more information about joining the church or asking any questions about what it means to be a member at FPC. Watch your bulletin and email for more information.

## Prayers

Todd Pierce, Gary Sandel, Rosalie Heckman Torres (family member of Diane Lobaugh), Sean (Pegge Strella's nephew), Demetra Innes (Deidre Gehrke's friend), Justin Yoskowitz, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), **the family of:** Joan Denigris, **those in Healthcare facilities** – Whisper Woods of Smithtown: Art Shaw, 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](mailto: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.)

**Online Prayer Service** and Check in with Pastor Rachel will resume Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 "Big Blue Bin" near 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: flour, sugar, spices, ketchup, salad dressing.

## Contact Information

### Church Office

Phone: (631) 261-6434

Email: [office@fpcnorthport.org](mailto:office@fpcnorthport.org)

Website: [www.fpcnorthport.org](http://www.fpcnorthport.org)

### Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

Phone: (631) 261-4357

### Weekday Nursery School

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Website: [www.weekdaynorthport.com](http://www.weekdaynorthport.com)

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## The Staff of The First Presbyterian Church of Northport

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