



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 23rd, 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.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 2022

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~We Gather in God's Name~

+PRELUDE

"Beautiful Savior"

Robert Thygerson

Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 19

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart, enlightening the eyes.

The ordinances of the Lord are to be more desired than gold.

They are sweeter than honey, the drippings of the honeycomb.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of all of our hearts be acceptable to you,

O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

*HYMN NO. 318

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ST PETER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Based on Luke 4:14-21

Christ, you came to share good news with the poor and oppressed. You came to release the captives and grant sight to the blind. We, like the crowds that surrounded you at the beginning of your ministry, are fickle. We praise you when your words comfort us and deny your good news means that we need to sacrifice something. Forgive us, God, for our wayward and fleeting love. We are blind to the true implications of your gospel. Help us to see that we may join in your proclamation of good news.

(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 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

SERMON

“Today”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God's People~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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!*

OFFERING

Please give online at www.fpcnorthport.org

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Heavenly Light"
Chancel Choir

A. Kopylow

*DOXOLOGY NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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. Amen**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray...

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.

*HYMN NO. 772

“Live into Hope”

TRURO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Deo Gracias *Thanks Be to God*"

Lois Hill

Announcements

FPC Art Project -- The Membership Ministry is inviting you to participate in a church-wide art project of folding 1,000 origami cranes. We hope that this project will help bring a sense of community to FPC, plus give us something meditative to do in the warm indoors during the coming weeks of winter.

The tradition of folding paper cranes has been around for hundreds of years. According to Japanese custom, if a person folds 1,000 paper cranes they will be granted their most desired wish, such as a long and happy marriage, recovery from illness, or a long life. We thought we'd modify the custom slightly and invite you to write a prayer request, the name of someone you're holding in your thoughts, something you're grateful for, or anything else you find healing or meditative on the back of each sheet of paper before you fold it into your crane. Once we've collected the finished cranes, we will string them together to hang at the church—a work of prayer-and-gratitude art!

Each packet, containing ten pieces of origami paper and instructions for folding cranes, will be available to pick up in the Hartt Room at the church beginning Monday, January 24 from 9 – 1. When you have finished folding your cranes, please return them to the designated box in the Hartt Room. You're welcome to take additional packets if they are available. We want as many church members as possible, of all ages, to participate in the project so that it will truly be a church-wide work of art.

Questions? E-mail libbyoskowitz@gmail.com. Happy Folding!

The Membership-sponsored Wednesday Zoom Prayer group meets every Wednesday at 12:00 noon. 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.

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!

2021 Giving Statements -- 2021 giving statements were emailed/mailed on Thursday January 20th. Please contact Kevin McKerr if you have any questions.

Youth and Sunday School Classes Group will resume in February.

2022 Confirmation Class – Confirmation begins on February 27. If you were not at the orientation meeting and would like to participate in confirmation, please email Pastor Rachel at the church office.

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 an historical account of the heroic 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!

Prayers

Mariana (Grandniece of Janeen & Dennis Crowley), Todd Pierce, Gary Sandel, Rosalie Heckman Torres (family member of Diane Lobaugh), 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. 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 – Our Zoom Prayer Group meets every Wednesdays at Noon. Please join us as we lift up our prayers for one another and for the world.

The Zoom information is the same each week:

Meeting ID: 7760178040

Passcode: Pray 21

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

Website: www.fpcnorthport.org

Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

Phone: (631) 261-4357

Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

Email: info@weekdaynorthport.com

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