



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 30th, 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 30TH, 2022

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~We Gather in God's Name~

+PRELUDE

"Winter" from "The Four Seasons"
Dr. Brenda Clark

Antonio Vivaldi
Arr. S.D. Wolff

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 42

As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for the living God,

Why are you cast down, Oh my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for we shall again praise God's name, our help and our God!

*HYMN NO. 403

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Source of life, we have come searching for your presence, bringing more than we can carry. We confess that, we have not always trusted your word when you call us beloved. We have followed false gods, whose promises were empty. We have chosen to keep silent, rather than speak against injustice. Forgive us O Lord.

By your Spirit, lead us to the well of living water and make us new, so that we may proclaim good news, follow your ways, and rest in your steadfast love.

(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

“As the Deer”

Hymn No. 626

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

~We Hear God's Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Most Important Thing”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God's People~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the
love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

"Creation Will Be At Peace"
Chancel Choir

Anna Laura Page

*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. 693

“Though I May Speak”

GIFT OF LOVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Sortie on *Adoremus Te*"

Gordon Young

Announcements

Nominations for Deacons and Elders --The All Church Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Deacons and Elders to serve a three-year term. Please email your nominations to nominating@fpcnorthport.org by February 4th. Your email should include the person's name, his/her involvement in the church and the reason you think he/she would be a good Elder or Deacon. For an explanation of what it means to be a Deacon or Elder in the presbyterian Church (USA) please go to www.pcusa.org/elder,deacon.

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.

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 The next TWO books for a **Presbyterian Women's Discussion** will be "The Story of Arthur Truluv" and its sequel "Night of Miracles" - both written by Elizabeth Berg. The date of our talk will be Tues., Mar. 15th @ 10 am in the Hartt Room. At that time, we will also briefly review "Hello Girls." Looking forward to seeing you then.

Also: **Save the Date** of May 7th when PW will host our annual Spring Luncheon in the Hartt Room.

Prayers

Muriel Best, 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:** Josephine Jung (Cathy Schmidt's mother), 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

Website: www.weekdaynorthport.com

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