



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

7th Sunday after Epiphany
February 20th, 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 CHURCH 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.
- 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 conversation in the Hartt Room.

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).



Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the church.

The network name is FPCN_Guest

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.

Cover Art

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2022

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~We Gather in God's Name~

+PRELUDE

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"
Dr. Brenda Clark

Carlton Inniss

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

from Psalm 119

Happy are those whose way is blameless,

who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who keep the Lord's decrees,

who seek the Lord with their whole heart.

Let us worship God, who shows us the way
and who gives us joy.

*HYMN NO. 610

“ O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

v. 1, 4 & 5

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and
walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*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

“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

Genesis 28:10-19

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

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

SERMON

“Dream”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God's People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is 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

"Sing To The Lord A New Song"
Chancel Choir

Sonja Poorman.

*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. 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"We're Marching to Zion"

Arr. Gordon Young

This month's preludes and postludes feature American composers or arrangers of organ music. Carlton Inniss was the organist at the Siloam Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, NY. Gordon Young was the organist at First Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Announcements

The Westminster Choir will rehearse from 11-11:30 in the Choir Room (lower level) after the worship service.

The Youth Sunday School Class will meet downstairs today at 10:00. Mary will be in the Nursery. Holy Moly classes will be back on March 13th.

February 26th -- RISE AGAINST HUNGER at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

Our Youth Group will take part in a community effort to pack 20,000 boxed meals that will be sent to Africa. Masks and gloves will be provided. You can browse the Rise Against Hunger website to learn more about the organization.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:30 PM, March 2nd

Please join us for worship on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Ashes and communion elements will be given out as you enter the church. We do all of this so that we might be prepared during the season of Lent to journey with Jesus to the cross and then, with his grace, on to resurrection.

Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, March 2nd. All older adults are invited to join our Pioneers on March 2nd at 10:15 in the Hartt Room. Please join us for fellowship, fun, chapel, and lunch.

Give a Book, Take a Book! There will be a cart in the Hartt Room after worship with books for people to take. Please take a book and bring a book in for the cart. Books can be on any topic and can be paperback or hardcover. Happy Reading!

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.

Pick up your packet, containing ten pieces of origami paper and instructions for folding cranes in the Hartt Room at the church from Monday – Friday 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.

The Membership-sponsored Wednesday Zoom Prayer group meets every Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Zoom ID: 776 017 8040 Password: Pray21

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!

The 2022 Per Capita amount is **\$38.08** per member. This donation supports our regional and national Presbyterian Church USA. Please pay this amount for each member in your household. Thank you.

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

Maryann Campagno (friend of Marcia Mercer), Demetra Innes (friend of Deidre Gehrke), Muriel Best, Todd Pierce, Gary Sandel, Rosalie Heckman Torres (family member of Diane Lobaugh), Justin Yoskowitz, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), **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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To sign up for the church email list send your email address to: office@fpcnorthport.org

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