



First Presbyterian Church of  
**NORTHPORT**

Transfiguration of the Lord  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, 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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## 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](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 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](http://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.

### Transfiguration of the Lord

The Sunday before Lent is traditionally named “Transfiguration of the Lord.” Matthew, Mark, and Luke each tell a nearly identical story about Jesus taking several of his disciples to a mountaintop where he is transfigured. The disciples’ vision includes Jesus conversing with Moses and Elijah who represent the Law and the Prophets – the religious tradition of the Old Testament. The story is read on the cusp of Lent because it occurs shortly before Jesus turns toward Jerusalem and the last week of his life, days that are the focus of the forty days of lent, which begins this Wednesday.

### Cover Art

Transfiguration of Christ, approx. 1600

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# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

Transfiguration of the Lord

~We Gather in God's Name~

+PRELUDE

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"  
Dr. Brenda Clark

Beethoven  
Arr. by Robert Hobby

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

*based on Luke 9:28-36*

"Listen to him!" Our God cries from the mountaintop.

**It is good for us to be here. We bow before our God in worship.**

May God's Word sink into our ears.

**May our hearts be transfigured, our minds filled with understanding.**

\*HYMN NO 189

"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

v. 1, 4 & 5

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Most amazing God, the mystery of Your radiance surrounds us. Like the disciples of Jesus, we confess our unease with transcendent mystery. Faced with Your splendor, we do not take time for attentive silence as Jesus did, but we evade the holy with busyness — anything to avoid Your power. We also confess those times when we are at ease with holiness, absorbed in prayer and thought, but so in love with Your love that we neglect those in need. As Jesus descended into the valley to work among the poor of the earth, so direct us to our responsibilities. Such is the mystery of Your love, O God, which both overwhelms and attracts**

*(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      “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”      Hymn No. 620, v.1  
*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

SERMON

“Always Another Mountain to Climb”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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](http://www.fpcnorthport.org)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“We Hold You In Our Hearts”  
Chancel Choir

Mary McDonald

\*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. 190

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Morning Has Broken"

Bunessan Tune,  
Arr. by Diane Bish

This month’s preludes and postludes feature American composers or arrangers of organ music. Robert Hobby created a small set of variations on the familiar tune from the Beethoven Choral Symphony. Diane Bish's longtime television program is titled "The Joy of Music". She was the organist at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Florida. .

## Announcements

**The Westminster Choir** will rehearse in the Choir Room (lower level) today after the worship service.

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

**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 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:30 PM, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** Please join us. 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 observe Ash Wednesday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>** at their regular meeting time 10:15 in the Hartt Rm.

**New Members Class March 10** The next new members class is on Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 PM in the Hartt Room. If you would like to find out more information about FPC and learn what it means to be a member of the congregation, you are welcome to attend this class. New members will be welcomed into membership during worship on Sunday, March 13. Please email Karen at [ktwitchell@fpcnorthport.org](mailto:ktwitchell@fpcnorthport.org) if you would like to attend the class.

**FPC Northport will support Soles 4 Souls** once again this year. There will be a collection box in the back foyer for the month of **March**. Please remember to tie shoes together or bind with a rubber band. Any and all shoes/slippers will be accepted, so clean your closets! Contact Kim Gilbert if you need shoes to be picked up.

**New Women's Bible Study to begin March 10.** All women of the church are invited to join in a new six-week study, Finding I Am, by Lysa Terkeurst. The group will meet every other Thursday at 10:00 am beginning March 10, in person at church and simultaneously on Zoom. For more information, contact Lisa Nikrant, [slnikrant@gmail.com](mailto:slnikrant@gmail.com) or check this site for information and to order books: [Finding I AM – Lifeway.com](http://FindingIAM-Lifeway.com)

**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. 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 **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.

**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](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** – 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](mailto:office@fpcnorthport.org)

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

**Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry**

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**Weekday Nursery School**

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

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