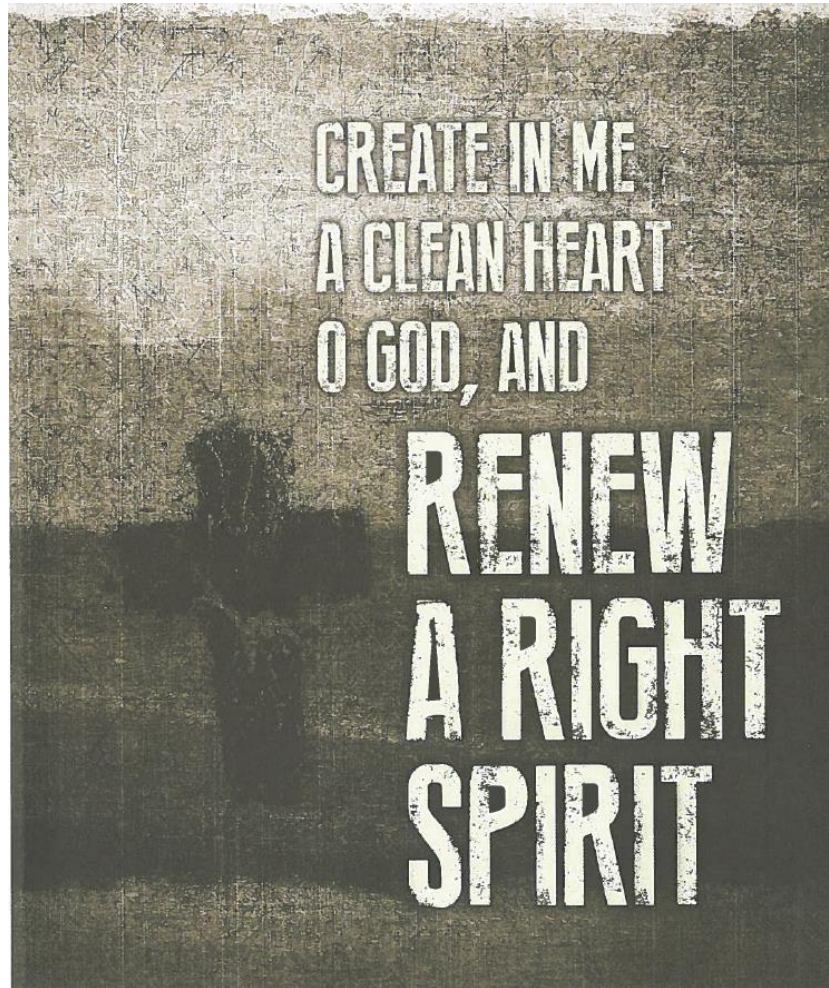




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

Ash Wednesday, 7:30 pm
March 2nd, 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2022

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of personal and corporate preparation for Easter. During these forty days we recall our own sinful nature as well as the sinless perfection of Jesus the Christ. We acknowledge our need for repentance; we also remember the sacrifice of Jesus for our forgiveness and salvation.

PRELUDE

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”
Dr. Brenda Clark

Janis Dunson Wilson

INVITATION TO AN OBSERVANCE OF LENT

Gracious God, you breathed into Your creatures of dust the breath of life; You create us in Your image to live in communion with You and with one another. Call forth our prayers and devotion, bless us by Your Holy Spirit that we may turn with confidence in Your mercy and follow Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 51

O Lord, open my lips,

And my mouth will declare Your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice or I would bring it.

You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

*HYMN NO. 166

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

ST. FLAVIAN

PREPARING FOR CONFESSION (responsive)

Let us present ourselves before God. We come in our brokenness,
acknowledging where we have fallen short of God’s expectations and our own.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love.

My brokenness that hinders me, I lay before You.

LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness: we have strayed from Your ways in willfulness and pride, we have doubted Your goodness and grace, we have disobeyed Your commands, we have done what is evil in Your sight. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us from the stains of sin. Restore in us such trust and love, that we may walk in Your path and delight in Your will.

(period of silent reflection and confession)

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

HYMN NO. 438, v. 1

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.
“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?
Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MEDITATION “Preparing for Lent” Rev. Rachel Vione

CHORAL ANTHEM “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Wm. Bradley Roberts
Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 525 “Let Us Break Bread Together” LET US BREAK BREAD
(Please remain seated)

THE GREAT 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 [choir and 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please use the communion elements that you received upon entering the sanctuary. The wafer is on the bottom and the juice is on the top. Eat the wafer when the words “take and eat” are said. Drink the juice when the words “take and drink are said.”

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

All are invited to use the ashes in the containers to make the sign of the cross on your forehead or hand as the words “from dust you have come, from dust you shall return” are said.

The imposition of ashes is made available for all who wish to participate in this act of prayer, the sign of repentance at the start of the Lenten season. The rite is not given or intended as a show of piety, but rather as a form of corporate prayer in bodily form and act. You may retain the ashes, or remove them, as you depart the service.

A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation,
that we may show forth Your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of our Savior,
bring us with all Your saints to the joy of Christ’s resurrection.

HYMN NO. 775

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

WALK WITH ME

BLESSING AND CHARGE

With the ash of repentance, we have entered Lent.

With contrite hearts, we await our Lord.

Go forth and prepare yourselves,

to receive the power of God.

Depart in silence

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