



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 (<u>www.fpcnorthport.org</u>).



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.

Please welcome our guest organist, Eleanor Gould. Eleanor Gould came from Queens where she took piano lessons in her youth. She got her start on the organ after volunteering at her church. Eager to learn she took organ lessons and furthered her musical education at Dowling College. For many years she played at various churches, enjoying the challenge and deepening her faith. She was the Registrar for the Suffolk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for a number of years and is an active member, going to different workshops conducted by the Suffolk Chapter to further inspire and educate her as a church musician. Soli Deo Gloria.

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SUNDAY, MAY 1st, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

~We Gather in God's Name~

PRELUDE

"The Love of God is Steadfast" Eleanor Gould by Colin Curtis

Rev. Rachel Vione WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH MINUTE FOR MISSION Peacemaking Elder Cathy Coleman *CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Adapted from Isaiah 40:29-31 The Lord gives power to the faint, And strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, And the young will fall exhausted; But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. Confident of God's presence and power: Let us worship God! *HYMN NO. 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Unchanging God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. When we take stock of our lives, we are ashamed. For, we have broken Your law and ignored Your will, rebelling against Your love. Moreover, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. And all too often, we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. In Your abundant mercy, forgive us, we pray. By Your grace, free us to joyful and obedient service. This we pray, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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	"Glory Be to the Father"	Hymn No. 581	
-	ner, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it all be, world without end. Amen.	t was in the beginning,	
~We Hear God's Word~			
SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 21:1-19		
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	"The Big Fish"	Rev. Rachel Vione	
	~We Respond As God's People~		
OFFERING	Please give online at www.fpcnorthport.org		
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	"Let Us Walk This Road Together" Chancel Choir	by John Carter	
*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 (in unison)

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed and tend to your sheep. Amen

~Holy Communion~

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*COMMUNION HYMN NO. 516 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

KINGDOM

THE GREAT PRAYER OF 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 [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.

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."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 299	"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"	HANOVER
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	"Toccata for a Celebration"	by Gene Clarke

Announcements

FPC is an Earth Care Congregation! Earth Care Congregation certification is a program sponsored by the PC(USA). The certification means that our church has accomplished several actions toward caring for God's earth in the areas of worship, education, facilities, and outreach. We are the first church on Long Island to have received this certification.

The Peacemaking Committee will be in the Hartt Room during coffee hour today with information about our Earth Care status. Please stop by and talk to members of the committee.

Support for Ukraine -- FPC has offered financial support for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Our Deacons have given \$3000, Mission Ministries has given \$1000, and individuals from the congregation have made donations as well. If you would like to contribute your support, please give online at www.fpcnorthport.org or at Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at www.pcusa/disasterassistance.org.

Sign Up to Be a Liturgist -- If you would like to be a liturgist on Sunday morning during the month of May, please sign up in the Hartt Room after worship.

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

Confirmation Class meets today after the worship service at 11:15 in the Library.

Sunday School classes – Students of all ages are invited to worship with their families this Communion Sunday, May 1. Mary will be in the nursery for the little ones! Sunday School will be back on May 8th!

William T.P. Rambo Scholarships to be given out May 15th Please join us for worship on Sunday, May 15th as we celebrate the life and ministry of Rev. William Rambo. In honor of Rev. Rambo's commitment to the spiritual enrichment of youth, scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who are members of presbyterian churches on Long Island. A reception will be held in the Hartt Room following worship.

The Ecumenical Lay Council Carole Gandy Memorial Scholarship In honor and in celebration of the life of Carole Gandy, the Ecumenical Lay Council has created a scholarship for graduating seniors of Northport High School. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated leadership in the community by their volunteer efforts and commitment to those who are food insecure. The scholarship will be awarded in June.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Presbyterian Women Today is the last day to sign up for the Presbyterian Women's luncheon on May 7th. Reservations are required. Please sign up in the Hartt Room after worship today. All women are invited. Hope to see you there!

The next PW book discussion will be about the novel **"Wish You Were Here"** by Jodi Picoult. Date: **Tues. May 17** at 10 am in the Hartt Room.

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!

Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, May 11th. All older adults are invited to join our Pioneers on May 11th at 10:15 in the Hartt Room. Please join us for fellowship, fun, chapel, and lunch.

Prayers

Cory Phelan (friend of Kathy Landi), Sean (Pegge Strella's nephew), Bob Corso, Janet Hennig, 2022 Confirmation Class, Joseph Netrda (friend of Marcia Mercer), Richard Kranenberg (Sue Ebert's father & Ginny Kranenberg's husband), Maryann Campagno (friend of Marcia Mercer), Demetra Innes (friend of Deidre Gehrke), Todd Pierce, Gary Sandel, 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."!

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