



First Presbyterian Church of  
**NORTHPORT**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 8<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.

**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](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.

## The Season of Eastertide

The official Season of Eastertide or the Season of Resurrection is the 50-day period from Easter Sunday until Pentecost. Here in the Northern Hemisphere, we have plenty of signs to remind us of renewal taking place all around us. Each day is getting more and more minutes of daylight--you might even notice the increased daylight having a positive effect on your mood or sense of well-being!

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# SUNDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

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## ~We Gather in God's Name~

PRELUDE "Our Parent, by Whose Name *Rhosymedre Tune*" Daniel Burton  
Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Rachel Vione

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Deacons Blood Drive* Deacon Tiffany Thomas

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The God of all shepherds has called us here.

**We come today, celebrating God's love for us. The Good Shepherd has given us life.**

We come today, thanking Jesus for His witness and His teaching.

**The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.**

We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God.

\*HYMN NO. 246 "Christ Is Alive!" TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**But, O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more.**

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

The Lord restores my soul.

**But, O Lord, other pastures seem greener.**

The waters aren't always still.

Our souls still thirst. The Lord leads me in right paths that I may praise the Lord.

**O Lord, we long to be led by You, though we may complain along the path.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff— they comfort me.

**And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear. May we feel Your presence, Your comfort and Your forgiveness anew.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at Your table.**

**Forgive us and help us to see Your overflowing mercy.**

*(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. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Hymn No. 582

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

HYMN NO. 187

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”  
*Please remain seated*

BRADBURY

~We Hear God’s Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:22-30

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

SERMON

“The Shepherd’s Voice”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

*from A Brief Statement of Faith PC (USA)*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn No. 1, v. 1

NICEA

**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

"Now Sing Before the Lord"  
Chancel Choir

W. A. Mozart

\*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)

**Lord, we thank You for Your faithfulness. Thank You that we can always trust in You. We give You this offering today. With it we worship You and give our whole selves to You. Please now take it and use it for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach and influence we pray. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.**

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. 269

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

LANCASHIRE

POSTLUDE

"How Great Thou Art"  
Op. 101 Variation 3

Arr. Robert Coates

FLOWER DEDICATION

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of Ed Bell given by Pat Bell*

\*Indicates the Congregation is invited to stand

## Announcements

**Congregational Meeting May 15** There will be a short congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, May 15. The purpose of the meeting is to elect an additional elder to serve a three-year term. Please plan to attend to ensure we have a quorum.

**Deacon Blood Drive, Monday, May 16** The Deacons are sponsoring a blood drive at the church on Monday, May 16 from 2:45-7:45. Registration is not required. Please come and donate as there is a shortage of blood on Long Island.

**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.

**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](http://www.fpcnorthport.org) or at Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at [www.pcusa/disasterassistance.org](http://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 today after worship from 11-11:30.

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

**Sunday School classes** – Sunday School is back this Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>! The Youth class with Mr. Barasch will begin at 10:00, so students in grades 6 through 12 can head right down to Fellowship Hall at the start of worship. Younger children are invited to begin worship with their families in the sanctuary. After Time for Children with Pastor Rachel, we will all go upstairs together for Holy Moly. Mary will be in the nursery, ready for the little ones before 10:00!

**William T.P. Rambo Scholarships to be given out May 15<sup>th</sup>** Please join us for worship on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 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)** 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 11<sup>th</sup>.** All older adults are invited to join our Pioneers on May 11<sup>th</sup> 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](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 Wednesday 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

Phone: (631) 261-4357

### Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

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

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