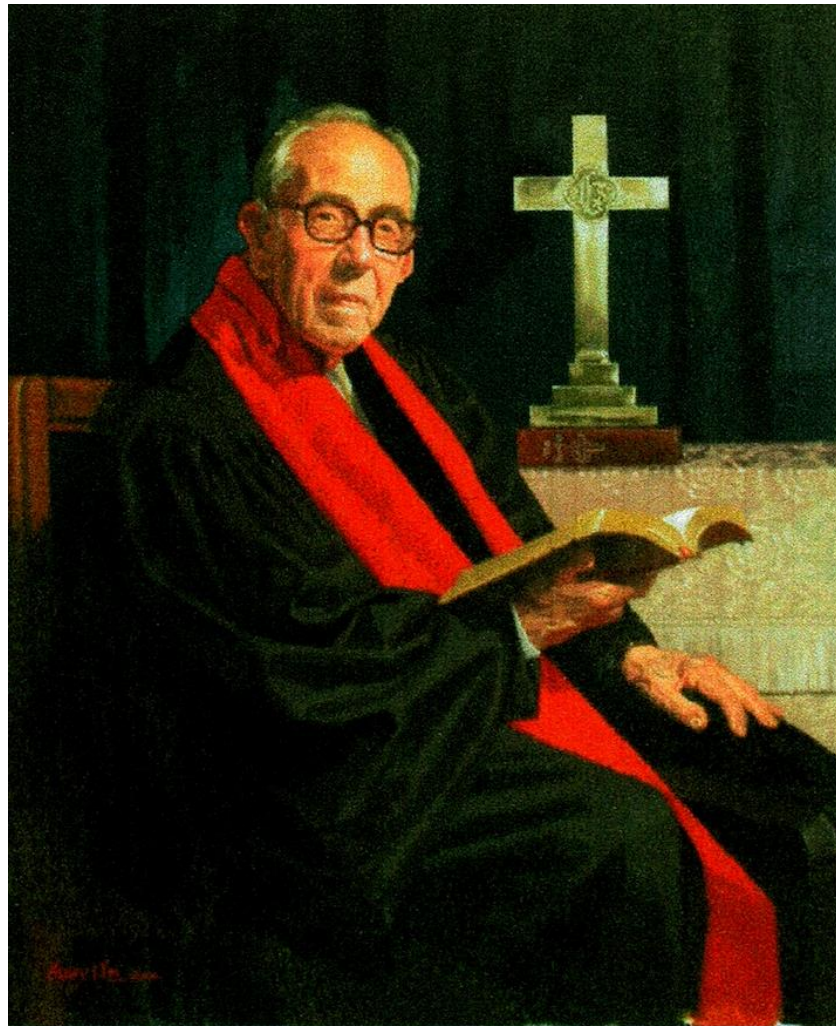




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

5th Sunday of Easter
May 15th, 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.

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!

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

~We Gather in God's Name~

PRELUDE

"Aurelia"
Dr. Brenda Clark

Peter Janson

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 148:11-13

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old, and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

his glory is above earth and heaven.

*HYMN NO. 26

“Earth and All Stars!”

EARTH AND ALL STARS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, as we worship you today, we confess that our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear. Forgive whatever becomes to us a barrier, separating us from you and others. Set us free from a past we cannot change. And by the power of your Spirit, open to us a future in which we grow daily as faithful and effective followers of Jesus Christ—the light of the world.

(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 “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

Hymn No. 299, v. 2

**Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

ANTHEM

“Celebration Song”
Westminster Choir

G.F. Handel

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

HYMN NO. 33

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”
Please remain seated

LLANFAIR

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:31-35

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

SERMON

“The Gospel According to Peanuts”

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!**

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2022 WILLIAM T.P. RAMBO
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Anne Mateer

*Brianna Conroy, The Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow
Lorelei Heuer, First Presbyterian Church of Northport
Mara Longley, Middle Island Presbyterian Church*

PRESENTATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

OFFERING

Please give online at www.fpcnorthport.org

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Come, Holy Ghost”
Chancel Choir

Thomas Atwood

*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. 4

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Paraphrase on Chorus from *Judas Maccabeus*”

Alexander Guilmant

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers given today are in honor of Rev. William Rambo and the 2022 scholarship recipients

The William Rambo Spiritual Enrichment Committee
Moriah Heuer, Anne Mateer, Linda Dickman, Kathy Landi

*Indicates the Congregation is invited to stand

Announcements

Congregational Meeting today. There will be a short congregational meeting following worship today. 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.

William T.P. Rambo Scholarships will be given out today. Please join us for worship 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.

Sunday School classes This Sunday, the 15th, is Rambo Sunday, where we award scholarships to high school seniors in honor of the late Bill Rambo. The Youth class will not be held this week so that students in grades 6 through 12 can be in worship to experience this important event in our congregation. Younger children are invited to begin worship with their families in the sanctuary. After Time for Children with Pastor Rachel, they can go upstairs with their teacher for Holy Moly. Mary will be in the nursery, ready for the little ones before 10:00!

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

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.

Fire Pit Gathering June 2 All are invited to a fire pit gathering in honor of Steve & Lisa Nikrant on Thursday, June 2 from 6:30-8:30 on the Memorial Garden patio. Please come to wish Steve & Lisa well as they move to North Carolina in June.

Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 19 We will recognize our High School, College and Grad School graduates on Sunday, June 19. Please email the church office with the name of the person graduating by June 14 so the names can be included in the bulletin.

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 or at Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at www.pcusa/disasterassistance.org.

Presbyterian Women (PW) The PW book discussion scheduled for May 17th has been canceled. Watch the bulletin for the date to be rescheduled. The discussion will be about the novel **"Wish You Were Here"** by Jodi Picoult.

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 25th. All older adults are invited to join our Pioneers at 10:15 in the Hartt Room for fellowship, fun, chapel, and lunch.

Prayers

Maria Abbatiello (friend of the Mercers), Cory Phelan (friend of Kathy Landi), Sean (Pegge Strella's nephew), Bob Corso, Janet Hennig, 2022 Confirmation Class, Richard Kranenberg (Sue Ebert's father & Ginny Kranenberg's husband), 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 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

Website: www.fpcnorthport.org

Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

Phone: (631) 261-4357

Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

Email: info@weekdaynorthport.com

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