



NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Making Disciples -
Making a Difference*

**AS FOR THAT IN THE GOOD
SOIL, THEY ARE THOSE WHO,
HEARING THE WORD, HOLD IT
FAST IN AN HONEST AND GOOD
HEART, AND BEAR FRUIT WITH**

June 14, 2026, 9:30 am
Third Sunday after Pentecost
www.northpres.church
607-734-2977

PATIENCE.

LUKE 8:15

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*“Come unto me. Come unto me, you say.
All right then, dear my Lord. I will try in my own absurd way. In my own absurd way I will try to come unto you, a project which is in itself by no means unabsurd. Because I do not know the time or place where you are. And if by some glad accident my feet should stumble on it, I do not know that I would know that I had stumbled on it. And even if I did know, I do not know for sure that I would find you there. I do not know for sure that it was indeed your name that made my tears come when I wrote it with my finger in the wet. And if you are there, I do not know that I would recognize you. And if I recognized you, I do not know what that would mean or even what I would like it to mean.”*

Frederick Buechner

↑Please stand, as you are able. ↓Please be seated.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIETING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Let us quiet our hearts and our minds as we gather to worship the Lord.

PRELUDE

The Stranger of Galilee

GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

On an ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God:
We come, trusting God will speak to us; we come, hoping God will surprise us.

On this day, like every other day, we seek to follow Jesus:
We follow, believing Jesus will be with us; we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.

On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:
We open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us; we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.

↑GIVING PRAISE TO GOD IN SONG

Make a Joyful Noise All the Earth

↓CALL TO ADMIT OUR SINS AND TURN TO GOD

We could offer seeds of hope, but don't. We could help a friend with a difficult problem, but won't. We could smooth the way for someone stumbling through life, but can't. Let us confess our harvest of sin to our God, as we pray together, saying:

ADMITTING OUR SINS AND TURNING TO GOD IN PRAYER

(Unison)

We know the seeds we have sown, Harvesting God: anger which springs from our flinty hearts; bitterness which flows like a rushing river into another's heart; hurtful words which wrap their thorny briars around a friend's kindness; passion which poisons an innocent relationship.

Forgive us, Loving God, and have mercy. Your grace can turn our fallow hearts into rich fields of love. Your hope can smooth the rocks in our way, so we can go to be reconciled to another. Your love for us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, can untangle the thorny mess we have made of our lives. Bless us with these gifts, we pray.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

(Responsive)

No ifs, no ands, no buts. Now there is no condemnation - period! God answers all our hurts, our wrongs, our sin with salvation. Believe this good news, my friends.

We are stunned by your grace, and embraced in your love, Forgiving God, and lift our thanks to you. Amen.

↑GIVING GLORY TO GOD

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

GTG #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST JESUS *(Responsive)*

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Let us live by and be guided by the Holy Spirit in all things, including how we treat one another.

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

Please exchange the peace of our Lord with one another in the way you are comfortable.

↑GIVING PRAISE TO GOD IN SONG

The King of Glory

vs. 2, 3 & 5

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

↓PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AND WISDOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Book of Isaiah 55:10-13

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

GATHERING OF CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel According to Luke 8:4-15

*This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God*

SERMON

Sowing

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

↑RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD IN SONG

Seed Scattered and Sown

GTG #531

PROCLAIMING WHAT WE BELIEVE WITH THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

↓GIVING OF OURSELVES TO GOD IN THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF MUSIC

But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own

↑ **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* GTG #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

↓ PRAYER DEDICATING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

PRAYING FOR GOD'S MERCY

We especially pray for ...

We give you thanks for all that is good in our lives and all that you have given to us. May we have wisdom and strength to follow and do your will.

We thank you especially for ...

We pray all these prayers and the prayers deep within our hearts in the name of your Son and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We pray these prayers and the prayers deep within our hearts as we pray the prayer your Son taught us and we are bold to pray:

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

BEING SENT FORTH TO LOVE AS CHRIST LOVES US

↑ GIVING THANKS TO GOD IN SONG

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

GTG #839

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joy Unceasing and Infinite Praise*

THE HOUR OF WORSHIP HAS ENDED; NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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LUKE 8:15

A Celebration of Life for Rev. Susan Husted will be held on June 20, 2026, at 11:00AM at North Presbyterian Church. A reception will follow the service. All are welcome to come and share in this remembrance of Pastor Susan, her life's work, and her enduring friendship.



Chancel flowers for Sunday, June 14, were given to the glory of God by Joel & Linda Robinson in celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

June 14 worship volunteers:
Please let the office know of any changes to this schedule

Tech Booth:	Steve Allison
Ushers:	Pat & Jeff Richards
Wee Worship:	Deb Stamp, Paityn Perry
Worship Assistant:	Cheri Michalko
Counters:	Janice Williams, Dolores Cummings
Greeters:	Sevey Family
Coffee Hour:	Robin Quartly, Wendy Swatling

June 21 worship volunteers:

Tech Booth:	Steve Allison
Ushers:	Cindy & Kurt Kalweit
Wee Worship:	Amanda Reese, Becky Kowulich
Worship Assistant:	TBD
Counters:	Allie Sevey, Wendy Swatling
Greeter:	John Eastwood
Coffee Hour:	Barb Duryea, Cheryl Allison
Communion:	John Eastwood, Lori Lee, Vicki Balon, Tim & Cheryl Allison

FROM THE DEACON'S LIST
PLEASE SEND A CARD TO:

Karen & Chris Paul
136 Ridge Rd.
Horseheads, NY 14845



Please remember in your prayers the following individuals who are part of the NPC Family:
David & Joanne Dalrymple

VBS 2026!

July 12-16 | 5:30-8:00pm
Dinner included.

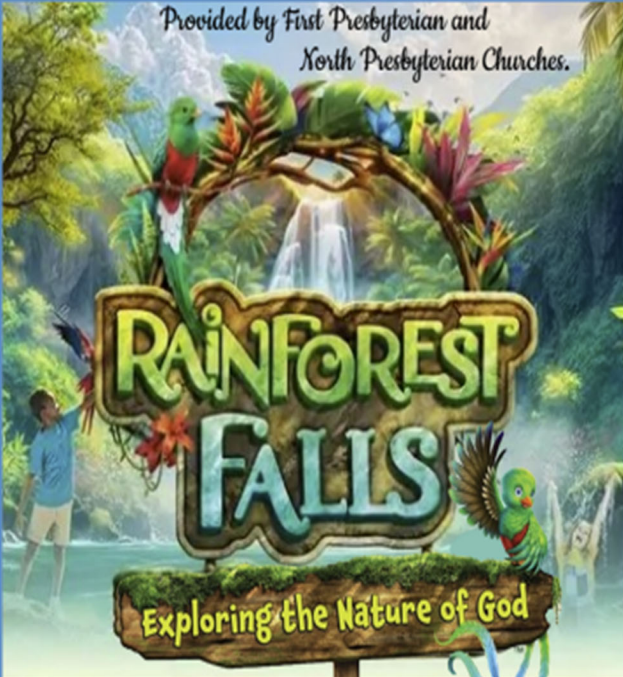
Ages 3 years through 6th Grade.

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**Bible Stories * Music
 Crafts * Games!**

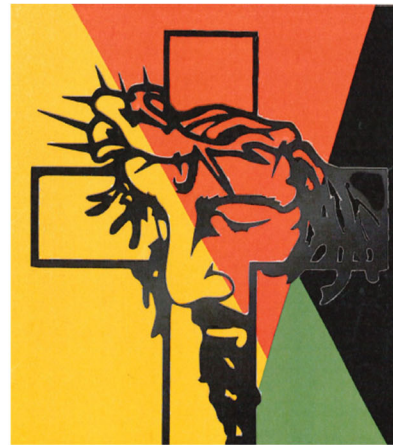


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**RAINFOREST
 FALLS**

Exploring the Nature of God



You and your congregation are cordially invited to join us:

**The Most Holy Name of
 Jesus Catholic Parish**
**“Stations of the Cross:
 Overcoming Racism”**
 in honor of **Juneteenth**

**June 19th
 5:30PM**
St Mary’s Church
224 Franklin St
Elmira, NY

**Fellowship & Refreshments
 will follow the service**

Generous Donation to the **Food Pantry** was made by Gloria Kelley, Bob & Cherie Michalko, and Suzie Hoskins in honor of the Allison’s 50th anniversary.

Generous Donation to the **Food Pantry** was made by Phil Carpentier in memory of Bob Russell.

Sunday, June 15

9:30 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Coffee Hour
11:00 am - Sunday School

Monday, June 15

10:00 am - Food Pantry
5:30 pm - TOPS

Tuesday, June 16

8:45 am - Yoga
1:15 pm - Staff Meeting
1:30-4:00 pm - Pastor's office hours

Wednesday, June 17

Bulletin Info Due
10:00 am - Food Pantry
12:00 pm - Bible Study
1:30-4:00 pm - Pastor's office hours
7:00 pm - Praise Band Practice
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 18

8:45 am - Yoga
12:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Friday, June 19

10:00 am - Food Pantry
5:15 pm - AA Meeting

Saturday, June 20

11:00 am - Rev. Susan Husted Funeral

Sunday, June 21

9:30 am - Worship Service w/Communion
10:30 am - Coffee Hour
11:00 am - Sunday School
6:00 pm - Board of Session

Music Ministry

Wednesdays:
Bell Choir Practice - 6:15
Chancel Choir Practice - 7:00 pm
Praise Band practice - 7:30 pm



Second Place East, Inc.

Our June donation request for Second Place East, Inc. is **Multi-Purpose Cleaner**. Please see the information regarding this important mission in the narthex.

If you would like to donate Chancel flowers (suggested donation of \$45), please contact Lori Lee at 607-739-3176. Available Sundays in June and July 2026 are: June 21 and July 12, 19 & 26.

Please take the flowers home to enjoy after the service.

If you are not in the sanctuary on your chosen date, we will be in touch with you to make a plan.



Please join us for Coffee Hour weekly, after worship.



The special offering for the month of June is:

The Food Pantry.

The NPC Food Pantry is in need of the following donation items:

Tuna
Salad Dressing
Condiments (plastic jars)



In addition, if your dentist gives you toothbrushes, floss, or toothpaste and you don't need it, the pantry does!

Monetary donations are always welcome and appreciated!

Sunday School and Bible Study

Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am weekly.

Men's Bible Study
Thursdays at 12:00 pm.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study will resume in September. For more information, please contact Wendy Swatling.



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