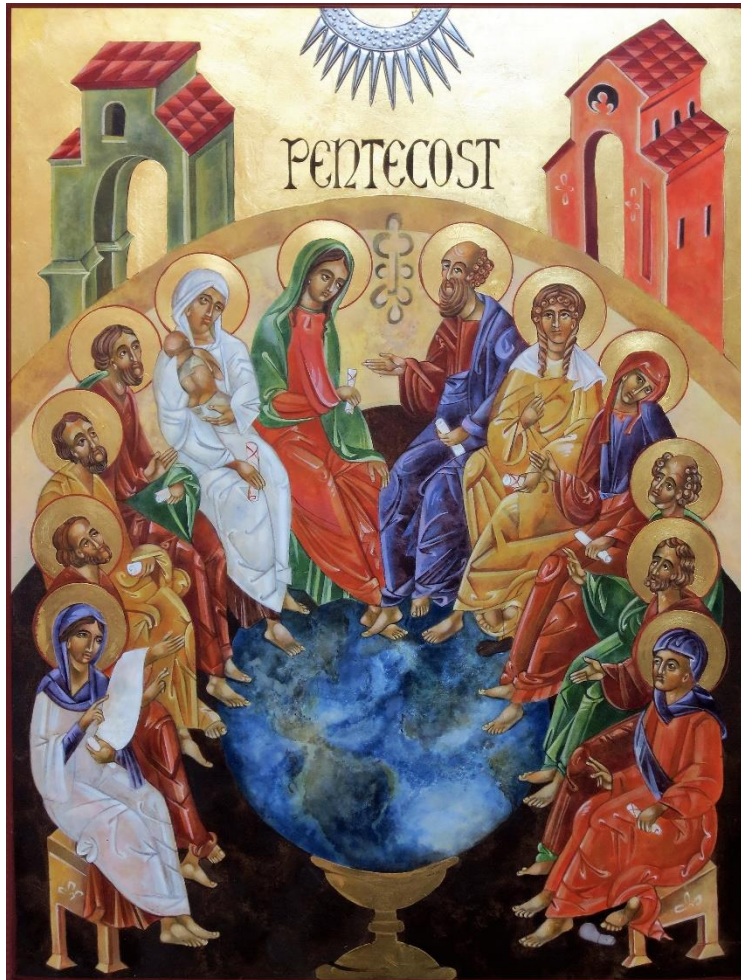




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

Day of Pentecost
May 19th, 2024



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 are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one. In our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning -- a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God. We hope you will experience some of the love and warmth of this caring community of faith. Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Rachel Vione, Pastor

- 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 www.youtube.com/@fpcnorthport
- Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport
- Join the church!
- Find the most current information on our website (www.fpcnorthport.org).

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.

Pentecost

The Christian holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31). In Christian tradition, this event represents the birth of the early church.

"Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us." - Robert Baer

About Today's Music: We feature our section leaders and percussionist, Stuart Sanderson, in the joyous hymns of Pentecost. The offertory anthem is a 20th century setting (1998) of the "Festival Sanctus" (Holy, Holy, Holy - Lord God of Hosts, Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord) is filled with syncopation (unexpected stresses of the beat) and dissonance (clashing tones). However, the overall effect is powerful and uplifting. The organ postlude was written by Massachusetts composer and organist Roy Spaulding Stoughton (1884-1953), who wrote church music as well as ragtime piano and banjo compositions.

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SUNDAY, MAY 19TH, 2024

Day of Pentecost 10:00 AM

Celebration of Pentecost Hymns

*The service of worship begins with the music of the prelude.
Through its power and brilliance, may you feel the majesty and glory of God;
in its quietness, God's peace.*

PRELUDE "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" Dr. Brenda Clark
V. Shields

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION "Sunday School Mission Project" Linda Dickman

CHORAL INTROIT "As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn" AS DEW FALLS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come, sing a new song of worship.

Come, sing a new song of praise.

Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

With joy we celebrate Pentecost.

Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.

Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration.

A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory,

and the glory was given to the people.

The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us.

Sing praises! We sing praises, indeed!

*HYMN NO. 289 "On Pentecost They Gathered" MUNICH

CALL TO CONFESSION (in unison)

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our

fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage.

Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us.

Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit,

help us usher in your kingdom to come. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Acts 2:21

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!” Hymn No. 839

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God,
that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 104:24-35

*HYMN NO. 291 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” SPIRIT
Vs. 1&4 - Congregation, v. 2 - Libby Yoskowitz, v. 3 - Ken Kopolovicz

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

5th grade and younger gather on the chancel steps
Following the children’s message, children are invited to attend Sunday School on the lower level.

HYMN NO. 288 “Spirit of the Living God” LIVING GOD
(Please remain seated)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2:1-21

HYMN NO. 279 “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove” ST. AGNES
Vs. 1&4 - Congregation
Vs. 2&3 - Duet - Barbara Fusco-Spera & Melissa Maravell

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 8:22-27 Elder David Ofsharick

*HYMN NO. 287 “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA
Stuart Sanderson, Conga Drum

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 Elder David Ofsharick

HYMN NO. 833 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” ST. MARGARET
Vs. 1&4 - Congregation, v. 2 - Choir, v. 3 - Cynthia Corso, Soloist
(Please remain seated)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) *from a Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

*SUNG RESPONSE

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

Hymn No. 280, v.1

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision;
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God’s love shall be made known.**

OFFERING

Please scan the QR Code on the back page.

OFFERTORY

“Festival Sanctus”
Chancel Choir

J. Leavitt

*DOXOLOGY NO. 607

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**O God, maker and provider, you have blessed us with many gifts.
Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love;
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. 295

“Go to the World!”

SINE NOMINE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn”

AS DEW FALLS

*POSTLUDE

“Festival”

R. Spaulding Stoughton

Following the benediction, the congregation is invited to depart the sanctuary for coffee hour.

**Please be aware that the broadcasted service may include images and video of people in the
sanctuary who are present for the service.**

Announcements

Sunday School Classes Meet Today! – Following the Children’s Message, all children are invited to attend Sunday School on the lower level. Nursery care is provided in the nursery on the lower level.

Adult Education Today at 9:00 AM in the Library – We are switching gears this Sunday, May 19 in Adult Ed to watch an environmental video from Peacemaking in keeping with our Earth Care Congregation status. The video is called “Cowspiracy, the Sustainability Secret.” We will be discussing the environmental impacts of animal agriculture to our world and our responsibility as Christians to help. Come and join us at 9 AM before church for coffee and pastries and a lively discussion!

May 19th – Pentecost Celebration of Hymns Service – We will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost this year by having a service of hymns and scripture readings that reflect the story of Pentecost. The service will feature the Chancel Choir leading the congregation in singing hymns that reflect the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church on Pentecost.

May 19th – Strawberry Shortcake Sunday – Join us for strawberry shortcake at coffee hour today following worship.

Sunday School Mission Project – Our Sunday school kids are collecting clean, gently used towels, sheets, and gently used dog toys for the Little Shelter in Huntington. There is a box for donations at the parking lot entrance.

Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, May 22nd – Senior adults are invited to join our Pioneers for fellowship, fun, chapel, at 10:00 in the Hartt Room. For more information, please call Sharon Noonan at 631-368-7545.

Presbyterian Women’s (PW) Book Discussion Tuesday, May 21st – The next Presbyterian Women’s book discussion will be about “The Women” by Kristin Hannah. The talk will be held on Tuesday, May 21st at 10 AM at the home of Peggy Denniston. Please call Peggy at 631-261-2426 to let her know if you plan to attend. We hope you will join in!

Fire Pit Gathering - May 31st – Ladies of the Church are invited to a fire pit gathering at the home of Claire Newman on Friday, May 31st at 5 pm. Please bring an appetizer to share. If you can attend, please call Claire at 516-313-0241.

Youth Sunday, June 9th – All youth grades 6-12 are invited to participate in worship leadership on June 9th. Alumni are welcome! Please RSVP to either Kim Gilbert or Pastor Rachel if you would like to participate.

Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour Hosts – In addition to our Ministry Committees who sign up to host coffee hour, we would like to invite members of the congregation to sign up to host as well. The Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Hartt Room.

Sign-up to be a Liturgist – The Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Hartt Room.

Men’s Wednesday Morning Breakfast – Each week the Men's Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group meets at 8:15 AM in Greenlawn Family Restaurant. All men of the church are invited to join in! For more information, please email Deacon Tim Gladding at emgeetd@aol.com

Please pay your per capita for 2024 – The per-capita for 2024 is \$38.90 per person. In essence: Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Text "FPCNPT percap 38.90" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Online - <https://onrealm.org/FPCNorthport/give/percap> or scan the QR Code on the back page.

Prayers

Lillian Mosher, Ava Duplantis (friend of the Healy family), Ginny Kranenberg, Lugenia Gantt, Charlotte Tippie (The Finks' granddaughter), Sean Tinker (Pegge Stella's nephew), Greg Farrell (Kathy Landi's friend), Joe Winkler, Mike Rowley (friend of the Newmans), **the family of:** Violet Vione Evangelista (Pastor Rachel's mother-in-law), **those in Healthcare facilities** – St. Johnland Nursing Center: Violet Olsen (Rolf Olsen's mother); 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.)

Anyone who is not able to attend church in person who desires a visit with communion, please contact Pastor Rachel at rvione@fpcnorthport.org.

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 donation box marked "Food Pantry" in 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:

Pasta sauces	Peanut butter & jelly	Rice (1 or 2-pound bags)
Oatmeal, corn flakes, rice krispies	Mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise	Flour, sugar, brown sugar,
Canola & olive oils (small cont.)	Cookies, snack foods, chips	Hot chocolate
Laundry soaps, dish soaps (small containers)	Pancake mix	

Contact Information

Church Office

330 Main St., Northport, NY 11768

Phone: (631) 261-6434

Email: office@fpcnorthport.org

Website: www.fpcnorthport.org

 www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport

Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry


Phone: (631) 261-4357

Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

Email: info@weekdaynorthport.com

Website: www.weekdaynorthport.com

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To sign up for the church email list send your email address to:
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The password for the guest network is

Session

Marcia Mercer (Clerk of Session), Melissa Barasch, Pat Bell, Melissa Beyer, Cathy Coleman, Dennis Crowley, Frank Dentrone, Vicki Field, Marilyn Fox, Kim Gilbert, Susanne Haffner, William Heuer, Cindy Mies, Diana Montusi, David Ofsharick, Anita D'Amico Stambouly

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