



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 27th, 2025



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.

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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.

Please welcome our guest preacher Elder, Amy Means. Amy Means was born and raised in Metro Detroit, Michigan, where she first served as an Elder and Evangelism Team leader for three years. She and her husband reside in Huntington where they stay busy cheering their girls on in dance, cross-country, lacrosse, and field hockey. They are also proud Michigan State University alumni and recently moved their son into Amy's old dorm to begin his journey as an MSU Spartan. Amy has spent over twenty years as an educator and teaches in the South Huntington Union Free School District. She is an actively serving Elder and Education Team member through which she organizes women's bible studies at Old First Church in Huntington.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

*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 "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Daniel Berman
Handel

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Elder, Kim Gilbert

CHORAL INTROIT "Be Not Afraid" J. Berthier

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *from Psalm 150*

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!
Praising the Lord, our God, with all our heart, soul, and strength,
let us lift our hearts and voices as we worship God together!

*HYMN NO. 234 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" ST. KEVIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we rejoice in this new day you have made. We praise you for the abundant life with which you bless us, and for all the beauty that surrounds us as spring takes hold again. We praise you for your Son, Jesus, and for the power of new life promised in his resurrection. We praise you for your Spirit at work in human history, restoring and redeeming our hope with the power of new and everlasting life. God of steadfast love, we claim your gift of new life, even in the face of any doubts in our hearts or dangers in the world you love. All praise, honor, and glory are yours; O Lord, our God, our rock and our redeemer.

O God of might and mercy, in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. In his resurrection, Jesus promised to be with us everywhere and always. Yet we confess that we are sometimes uncertain about your promises. We doubt the promise of resurrection for our own lives. Upheaval and anxiety eat away at our peace. Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness and your steadfast love for us. We pray together in the name of Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord, amen.

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

SILENT PRAYERS

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus charges his followers, “*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. For I go to prepare a place for you.*” Friends, may we trust and believe in this promise of forgiveness and grace!

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and we rejoice for the promise that in knowing him, we also know our God! May we accept God’s gifts of love and peace and share them with others! Thanks be to God! Amen!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Hymn No. 240
Refrain, verses 1 & 2

~We Hear God’s Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

God of resurrection and new life, breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, so that as your Word is read and proclaimed, we may open our ears to hear, our minds to understand, and our hearts to believe. Speak with power and authority through these Scriptures. Empower us to hear your voice, so that we may commit to living as part of the story of faith you continue to write upon our hearts and lives, today and always. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-13

(p. 685, pew Bible)

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. 667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
Please remain seated

LAUDES DOMINI

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:10-19a

(p. 127, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“Why Not You?”

Elder, Amy Means

~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

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. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*SUNG RESPONSE

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Hymn No. 240
Refrain, verses 3 & 4

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

“Hallelujah, Praise the Lord”
Chancel Choir

A. Frackenpohl

*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)

Generous God, we thank you for the hope you offer through the resurrection. In Jesus, we witness the power of self-sacrifice and we trust fully in the hope of new life he offers. Receive our offerings, given in joyful gratitude and thanksgiving for all we have received in his name. Multiply each gift of time, talent, and treasure, so that the transformative work of God may continue to be experienced by others. 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. 69

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

HERE I AM

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Cantate Domino”

N. H. Cobb

*POSTLUDE

“Sortie”

Franck

Announcements

Sunday School Classes Meet Today – Children ages 5th grade & younger will go to the lower level for Sunday School following the children's message and prayer. Nursery Care is available on the lower level of the church. Parents are invited to drop their children off and then return to worship. Children may be picked up before coffee hour.

Adult Education Class Meets Today – We will start back up again with a video by Adam Hamilton titled "What would Jesus say about climate change?" Next Sunday, we will return to finish the series titled "The God We Can Know" by Rob Fuquay which explores the "I am" Sayings of Jesus, with videos are filmed in the Holy Land. Come, join us at 9 am Sundays before the service for pastries, coffee and a lively discussion!

Confirmation Class – Meets on May 4th from 11:30 – 12:30 in the Meeting Room Upstairs.

Presbyterian Women (PW) – Please put the **Presbyterian Women's May 17th Spring Tea Luncheon** in the Hartt Room on your calendars! The tea party last year was so popular we are offering this again. Reservations can be made on the following Sundays - April 27, May 4 and May 11. There is a maximum of 28. Any questions, please call Diana at 516-991-0114. Thank you.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Book Discussion – The next book discussion will be about "On Mystic Lake" by Kristin Hannah. The talk will be held at the **home of Diana Montusi** on Tuesday, May 20th at 10 a.m. (Please note: change of location). Please call Diana at 516-991-0114 to let her know if you will be attending.

Pickleball Court – The court in our gym is now available for pickleball play. The cost is \$40 per hour. The court is available after 3:00 on weekdays and Saturdays & Sundays during the day. Please call Karen in the church office to reserve your court time.

Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, May 7th – Senior adults are invited to join our Pioneers for fellowship, fun, chapel, at 10:00 in the Hartt Room. For more information, call Sharon Noonan at 631-368-7545.

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.

Men's Wednesday Morning Breakfast – Each week the Men's Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group meets at 8:15 AM in the 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.

Prayers

Kristin Fortunato & baby girl, Marie Baldwin, Phyllis Crowley (Dennis & Janeen's sister-in-law), Bill Koran, Sr. (Barbara Healy's brother), Don Tiberie (friend of the Newmans), Ed Cohen (friend of Diana & Bob Montusi), Lorraine Fisher (friend of Marilyn Barker), Cyndi Mignella (friend of Jim Zima), Diane User and son, Adam (friends of Jim Zima), Bryan Miata (Janet Hennig's daughter Allison's friend), Valerie Spiller (Bob & Christine's daughter), Jennifer Caputo (Kathy Landi's friend), Susan Mann, Ginny Kranenberg, Lugenia Gantt, Sean Tinker (Pegge Strella's nephew), Greg Farrell (Kathy Landi's friend), **those in Healthcare facilities** – Gurwin Nursing & Rehab. in Commack: Lillian Mosher, **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."! **Pantry's New Website - elcfoodpantry.org** – where you can find information and make donations.

Specific Pantry Needs

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

Pasta sauces	Peanut butter & jelly, crackers	Pancake mix, cake mix
Oatmeal, corn flakes, rice krispies	Mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise	Flour, sugar, brown sugar,
Canola & olive oils (small cont.)	Cookies, snack foods, chips, dips	Hot chocolate, juice boxes
Laundry soaps, dish soaps (small containers)	Cooking Oil	Baby Food

Contact Information

Church Office

330 Main St., Northport, NY 11768

Phone: (631) 261-6434

Email: office@fpcnorthport.org

Website: www.fpcnorthport.org

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Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

Phone: (631) 261-4357

Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

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