



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

4th Sunday of Easter
May 11th, 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.

Cover Art: Mauve, Anton, 1838-1888. Landscape with Shepherd and Sheep, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=51139> [retrieved May 8, 2025]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:%27Shepherd_and_Sheep%27_by_Anton_Mauve,_Cincinnati_Art_Museum.JPG.

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH, 2025

4th 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	"Arioso" Bach	Daniel Berman
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WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH		Rev. Rachel Vione
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MINUTE FOR MISSION	<i>Faith in Action</i>	Elder, Marilyn Fox
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CHORAL INTROIT	"In My Life (Lord, Be Glorified)"	B. Kilpatrick
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*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,
and gives us refreshment of soul.

Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,
so that the name of God will be glorified.

Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,
for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,
and we shall be with him for ever and ever. Amen!

*HYMN NO. 327	"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, you have graciously given us this new day. But we often miss Your blessings, instead finding something new to complain about. We are sorry for our lack of gratitude. Forgive us for our entitlement and comparing ourselves to others instead of appreciating how You created us. We thank you for Your tender mercy and loving kindness. Help us to notice every blessing, whether it be relationships, health, opportunities to work and to serve, and even our daily bread. Awaken our hearts to Your goodness today and cause our eyes to turn to You. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE	"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"	Hymn No. 582
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*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

~ The Sacrament of Holy Baptism ~

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

PRESENTATION

Elder, Kim Gilbert

*The child being baptized today is: Soleil Belle Weber
Daughter of Phil and Lila Weber*

HYMN NO. 486, v. 1

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

Please remain seated

***Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.***

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Statement of Commitment

Elder: Jesus Christ commanded us to teach those who are baptized. Let us state our commitment to this child.

All: We joyfully welcome Soleil Belle into the church: the family of faith and the body of Christ on earth. We promise to enfold her in our love and offer her support, understanding, and counsel as she grows in faith. As people of God, we promise to teach her the things of Christ, and by our fellowship, to strengthen her family ties with the Household of God.

BAPTISM

BLESSING AND WELCOME

HYMN NO. 486, v. 4

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

Please remain seated

***Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God’s call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all***

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. 187

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

Please remain seated

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

God our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit’s message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23

(p. 501, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Room of Tears”

Rev. Rachel Vione

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

**You, O God, are our Shepherd.
You provide everything we need.
You let us rest in green meadows
and lead us beside quiet streams.
You renew our strength,
and guide us in ways that bring honor to Your name.**

**Even when we walk through difficult valleys,
we will not fear,
for you never are far away—
protecting and comforting,
guarding and guiding every step we take.**

**You prepare a feast for us
in the presence of our enemies.
You welcome us as friends
and lavish your blessings on us.**

**We know that your goodness and unfailing love
will continue to pursue us all the days of our lives,
and that after our lives here are over,
we will spend eternity in your presence.**

OFFERING

Please scan the QR Code on the back page.

OFFERTORY

“O Love”
Chancel Choir

Hagenberg

*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)

**Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May
our offerings feed the hungry, cloth the poor, quench the thirsty and shelter the vulnerable. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“I Love You, Lord”

L. Klein

*POSTLUDE

“Le Rondeau”

J.J. Mouret

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

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 continue 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!

PW Spring Tea Luncheon – Saturday, May 17th at 12 noon – The Presbyterian Women's Spring Tea Luncheon will take place in the Hartt Room. The tea party last year was so popular we are offering this again. The cost is \$20 p.p. and reservations can be made after worship today. There is a maximum of 28. Any questions, please call Diana at 516-991-0114. Thank you.

Youth Sunday - On Sunday, May 18, our youth and confirmation class will lead us in worship. Please come and support our youth.

Peacemaking and Mission Ministries - May 18th – Peacemaking and Mission Ministries have joined together to begin a project called "Faith in Action" designed to educate ourselves about how we can put our faith into action to improve people's lives in an increasingly difficult world. We will begin with a presentation on the loss of the US Agency for International Development. Join us on Sunday, May 18th after worship in the chapel.

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 21st – 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

Barbara Josephson, Marie Baldwin, Phyllis Crowley (Dennis & Janeen's sister-in-law), 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), **the family of:** Bill Koran (Barbara Healy's brother), **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

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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

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