



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

5th Sunday of Easter
May 18th, 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.

Youth Sunday

Today our Confirmation Class will be leading us in worship. Our youth who are participating today are:

Madeline Beyer, Amelia Dentrone, Jillian Heuer, Morgan Levy, Abbie Sundquist, Logan Sundquist

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SUNDAY, MAY 18TH, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter 10:00 AM
Youth Sunday

PRELUDE “Prière à Notre-Dame” Daniel Berman
L. Boellmann

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Jillian Heuer

MINUTE FOR MISSION *US A.I.D. Letters* Elder, Cathy Coleman

CHORAL INTROIT “In My Life (Lord, Be Glorified)” B. Kilpatrick

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Madeline Beyer
from Psalm 71

For you, O Lord, are our hope, our trust, O Lord, from our youth.

Upon you we have learned from our birth; our praise is continually of you.

Our mouths are filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.

O God, from our youth you have taught us and we still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake us.

We proclaim your might to all the generations to come.

*HYMN NO. 403 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION Morgan Levy

We are human. We make mistakes. Let us pray together seeking release from our guilt through the grace of God’s love.

Please join me in the unison prayer of confession, printed in your bulletin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT PRAYERS (*Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection*)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness is promised to all generations. We are justified by faith, forgiven and freed, and at peace with God and each other through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

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*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Hymn No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Logan Sundquist

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.

~We Hear God's Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 148

(p. 582, pew Bible)

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

Amelia Dentrone & Morgan Levy

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. 693

“Though I May Speak”
(Please remain seated)

GIFT OF LOVE

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:31-35

Jillian Heuer
(p. 108, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“Love”

~We Respond As God's People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) *Apostles' Creed*

Madeline Beyer

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 Ghost, 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 sitteth 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn No. 1, v. 1

NICAEA

**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!**

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Prayer of the Children”

A. Klouse

*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)

Abbie Sundquist

**Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share.
May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and
build your beloved community. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Madeline Beyer

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. 300

“We Are One in the Spirit” THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Cantate Domino”

N. H. Cobb

*POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

P. Fey

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

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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.

Sunday, June 8 – Join us on Pentecost Sunday as we welcome our confirmands into membership. We will have strawberry shortcake at coffee hour. We will also ordain and install our new Elders and Deacons.

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!

Peacemaking and Mission Ministries - May 18th – Peacemaking and Mission Ministries have joined together for a project called "Faith in Action." We are working to inform our congregation on the changes in our world with the current U.S. government cuts in aid to the poorest and most disadvantaged. We will start with a brief presentation after church in the chapel today on the loss of US Agency for International Development and our Christian response. During service we will be handing out letters with your bulletins for people to send to our congressman and the head of the State Department encouraging them to save the projects previously funded by US AID. US AID was only less than 1% of the federal budget and it helped some of the poorest and most desperate people in the world. Take the letter, come to see us after church in the chapel, and then please join our Christian response by mailing, emailing or calling your congress person. To quote Pope Francis: You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works!

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

Eric Warren (friend of Jeannie O'Brien), 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	Mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise	Flour, sugar, brown sugar,
Krispies		
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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Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

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