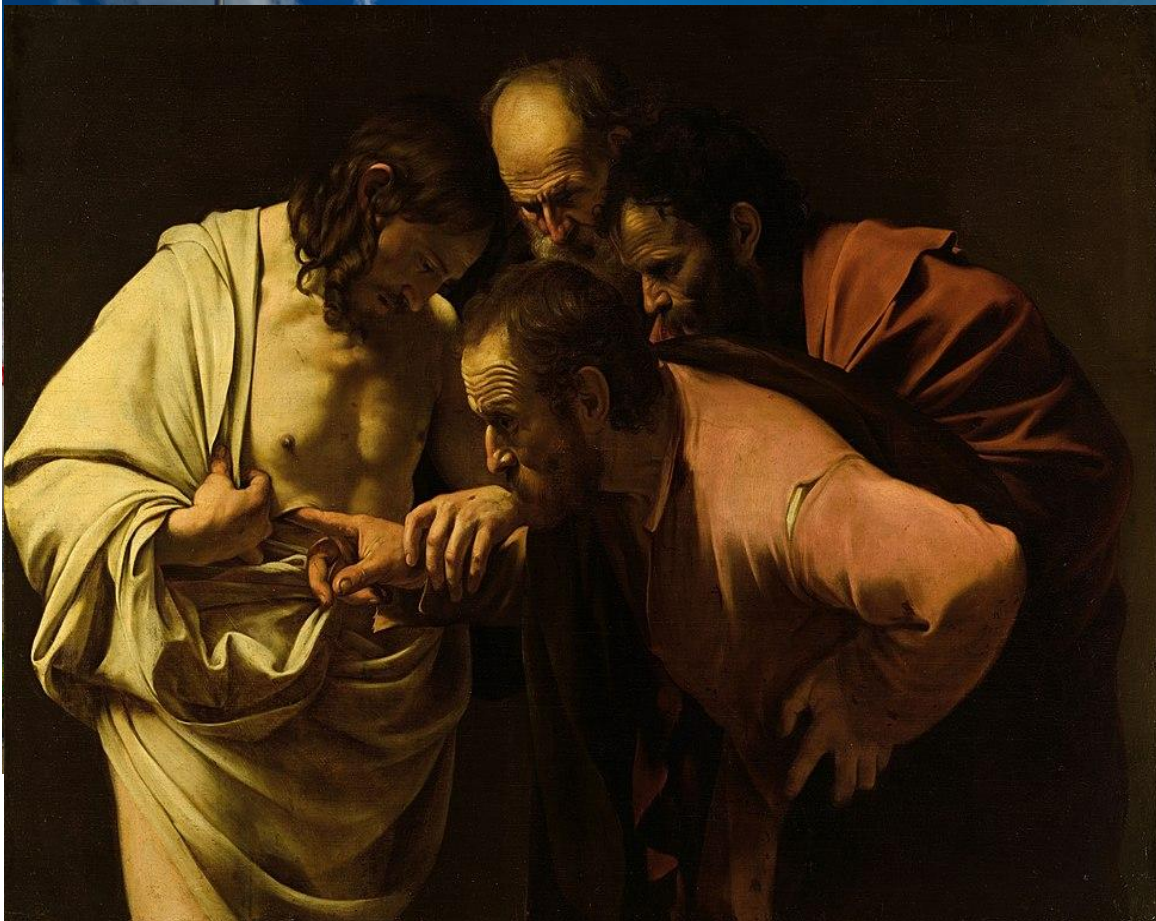




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

6th Sunday of Easter
May 25th, 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.

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

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 today Rev. Len Carrell. Rev. Len Carrell is glad to be back on the east coast. After serving as solo pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, Tennessee, and before that at Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas as the Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care. Some of Len's passions for ministry are to answer every day why the church matters, to give life and heart to stories simply told, and to be passionate and compassionate about incarnational ministry in building relationships and transforming our communities. Len's call to ministry has crossed many stages. He studied and worked as a professional actor, started a business representing artists in the textile design industry, and became engaged in the work of the church. His deep involvement as a member of The Brick Presbyterian Church led to his studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he earned a Master of Divinity. Len and his wife Tanisha have been married since 2001 and they have a daughter, Caitlin, studying at Pace University in NYC.

COVER ART: *Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."*

Cover Art Caravaggio, Michelangelo Merisi da, 1573-1610. The Incredulity of Saint Thomas, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54170> [retrieved May 23, 2025]. Original source: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:The_Incredulity_of_Saint_Thomas_by_Caravaggio.jpg.

SUNDAY, MAY 25TH, 2025

6th 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

“Pastorale”
Guilmant

Daniel Berman

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Elder, Kim Gilbert

CHORAL INTROIT

“Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand”

G. Scheer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalms 150

Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exhibiting true greatness.

Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.

Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

*HYMN NO. 255

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

O FILII ET FILIAE

CALL TO CONFESSION

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; 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

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

*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)

Prepare our hearts and minds, O God, to accept and hear your holy wisdom. Silence in us any other voice but your own, that as the scriptures are read, and your word proclaimed, we may be led into your truth, and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~We Hear God’s Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 5:27-32

(p. 123, pew Bible)

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

5th grade and younger gather on the chancel steps

Following the children’s message, children are invited to return to their pews and worship with their families.

HYMN NO. 286

“Breath on Me, Breath of God” vs. 1, 2, & 3
(Please remain seated)

TRENTHAM

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

(p. 115, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“In the Room Where It Happened”

Rev. Len Carrell

~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*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

Please scan the QR Code on the back page

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Sing Me to Heaven”

Gawthrop

*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)

God of Grace and God of Glory, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us, and brought us into a day of resurrection. We rejoice that the grave could not tempt you away from conquering death, once and for all. Continue to summon in us new life in your Son, Jesus the Christ. Lift us from our stubborn doubts and our estrangements. Set our feet on the path where our lives follow his life, and our faith transforms us through his love. In Christ name we pray. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. 817

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

DUNLAP’S CREEK

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“I Love You, Lord”

L. Klein

*POSTLUDE

“God Bless America”

I. Berlin

In honor of Memorial Day, please join in singing.

FLOWER DEDICATION

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Joseph C. Winkler
by Nancy, Christopher, David and Gregory*

Announcements

Sunday School Classes – Classes will not meet today. Students of all ages are invited to worship with their families. 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!

Youth Group - June 1 – End of Year Barbeque on June 1st from 5:00-7:30 PM. All youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join us! We'll grill burgers and hot dogs, have a fire pit with s'mores and some conversation before the end of year and summer schedules take over. Please RSVP to Kim Gilbert as soon as you can so we can make more detailed plans.

Pentecost/Confirmation 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.

Harp Recital – Sunday, June 15th at 3:30 – 4:30 pm – The Long Island Chapter of the American Harp Society presents “Disney for a New Generation” in Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Northport. The concert features harpists from all over Long Island in performances of Disney favorites from the 90’s and beyond. The ensemble is directed by Susan Mann.

Graduate Recognition - Sunday, June 22nd – If you have a 2025 high school, college, or graduate school graduate whose name you would like listed in the bulletin on June 22nd, please call or email the church office by **Tuesday, June 17th**.

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, June 4th – 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, Jennifer Caputo (Kathy Landi's friend), 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

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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 Staff of The First Presbyterian Church of Northport

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The password for the guest network is
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Session

Marcia Mercer (Clerk of Session), Melissa Barasch,
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David Ofsharick, Betsy Radecki

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