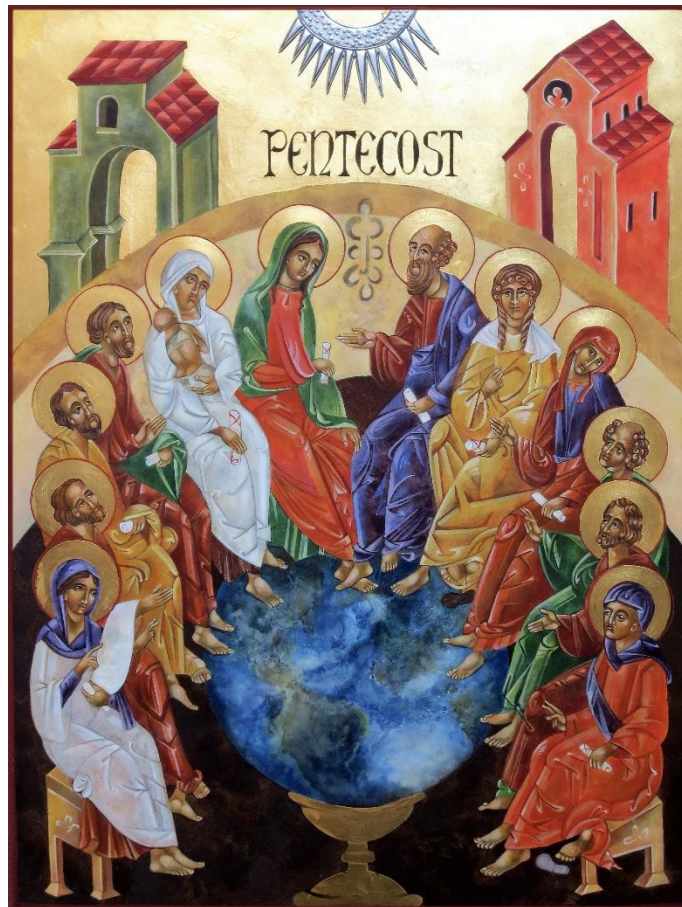




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday
June 8th, 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.
- 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.

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

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SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2025

Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday 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

“Andantino”
C. Franck

Daniel Berman

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

CHORAL INTROIT

“Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand”

G. Scheer

*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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, oh God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Shined 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.

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. 291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

SPIRIT

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

Acts 2:1-21

(p. 119, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What is it?”

Rev. Rachel Vione

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS

2025 Confirmation Class

Madeline Beyer Amelia Dentrone Jillian Heuer Morgan Levy

Parker Reed Abigail Sundquist Logan Sundquist

UNISON PRAYER

**Ever-living God, guard these your servants with your protecting hand, and let your Holy Spirit be
with them forever. Lead them to know and obey your Word that they may serve you in this life and
dwell with you forever in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

(see bulletin insert)

HYMN NO. 306

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds (v.1)”

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“You Do Not Walk Alone”

E. Hagenberg

*DOXOLOGY NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

~Holy Communion~

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*COMMUNION HYMN NO. 498 "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" BEACH SPRING

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS [congregation sings]

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front rows, take a piece of bread, eat it, then move to the juice filled trays. After drinking the juice, please take the empty cup back to your pew by the side aisles and place it in the cup rack.
If you are unable to come forward, a server will come to your pew. All elements are gluten free.*

COMMUNION MUSIC "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" E. Dewar/D. Forrest
Ken Kopolovicz, Soloist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" EBENEZER

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" W. G. Tomer

*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Voluntary" J. Stanley

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in honor of the 2025 Confirmation Class
Following the benediction, the congregation is invited to depart the sanctuary for coffee hour.*

Announcements

Pentecost/Confirmation Today, June 8th – Today 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. We often wear red on Pentecost Sunday because red symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit, which is a vibrant reminder of the power, presence, and passion of the Spirit—and marks the birth of the Church. Join us in wearing red as we celebrate this joyful and spirit-filled day!

Sunday School Classes – Classes will 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 – Adult Education continues the Adam Hamilton series entitled "The Call" about the life and message of the Apostle Paul. We will continue this 6-session series through the month of June. Come, join us at 9 am Sundays before service for pastries, coffee and a lively discussion.

Peacemaking Hike Saturday, June 21 at 10:30 am – Peacemaking will be sponsoring a church hike at the Kings Park Asylum Trail. The trail starts in the back of the public parking lot across from the Fire Department on Main St. in Kings Park. It's an easy walk on paved surfaces; total trail is only ~ 2 miles. We can go as long or as short as you like. Tell your friends, or better yet bring one! Call or email Cathy Coleman if you have questions. Rain date is June 28, same time and place. Hope to see all the hikers then.

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.

Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, June 18th It's our end of the year BBQ! – Senior adults are invited to join our Pioneers for fellowship. For more information, call Sharon Noonan at 631-368-7545.

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**.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Book Discussion – The next book discussion will be about "Strangers in Time" by David Baldacci. The talk will be held at the home of Peggy Denniston on Tuesday, July 22 at 10 a.m. Please call Peggy at 631-261-2426 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.

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

Robert Vezendy (Diana Montusi's brother), Eric Warren (friend of Jeannie O'Brien), Barbara Josephson, 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), Jennifer Caputo (Kathy Landi's friend), Ginny Kranenberg, Lugenia Gantt, Sean Tinker (Pegge Strella's nephew), **the family of:** Fred Heckman (Diane Lobaugh's cousin), 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

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 www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport

Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

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Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

Email: info@weekdaynorthport.com

Website: www.weekdaynorthport.com

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