



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 17th, 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.

Please welcome our guest organist, Isabella Eredita Johnson. Isabella lives in Northport and accompanies and teaches piano professionally. She was awarded a scholarship to the Manhattan School of Music and received a BA and Master of Music Degrees, studying with Constance Keene. She won both the prestigious George Schick award for outstanding musicianship and 1st prize at the Mason & Hamlin Piano competition. Among her proudest accomplishments are the presentations of the Diabelli Variations and the Goldberg Variations. Each of these two concerts involved the gathering of over thirty fine pianists, each performing a single variation. Ms. Eredita is an active advocate for the arts on Long Island and is the founder and director of "Opera Night, Long Island." In 2024, The Opera Night series celebrates its 20th anniversary. Isabella was the vocal music director for the Gilbert and Sullivan Light Opera Company of Long Island's (2024) production of "Iolanthe," and is currently the vocal music director for the 2025 production of H.M.S. Pinafore.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 2025

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10:00 AM

~We Gather in God's Name~

*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

Prelude No. 9, Book I from the
Well-Tempered Clavier in E major
by Johann Sebastian Bach

Isabella Eredita Johnson

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel
You lead your people gently and kindly
You sent us your light and your salvation.
Hear us and restore us, Lord God Almighty
Help us to hear you and know you are here
Jesus Christ is our Lord, our light and our salvation.
Let us praise and worship him together.

*HYMN NO. 33

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times. Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. In Jesus' name we pray, 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 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)

**Lord Jesus, who brought the fire of the Holy Spirit, may that fire burn
within our hearts as we read the Scriptures today. Teach us to choose
your Way. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12:49-56

(p. 75, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“Strange Fire”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

*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!**

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OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“At the River”
Bruce Solomon, Soloist

Traditional
Arr. Aaron Copland

*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, receive these gifts as investments in your kingdom of
love, justice and peace. Use this money and use our lives to bring about
the world as you intend it. With gratitude 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. 724

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ANGEL’S STORY

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Etude op. 25, No. 1 (The Harp Etude)

Frederic Chopin

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

Announcements

Help for Flood Victims – <https://pcusa.org/donate/dr000191-disaster-relief-us-flooding>

Checks can be mailed to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) P. O. Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264

Sunday School Classes – During the months of July and August there will not be a children's message during worship. All children can be dropped off on the lower level before worship and picked up following worship. Miss Joey & Miss Mary will have fun activities for the children to do. Children are also welcome to stay in church and worship with their families.

Save the date! Our Fall Kick-off Sunday will be held on September 7th. Join us for worship as we welcome back our Chancel Choir and celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Following worship, all are invited to a special coffee hour in the Hartt Room where Long Island Softee will provide the ice cream! All are welcome to attend as we come together again after the summer months.

Save the date! Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, September 14th All children are invited to bring their backpacks/book bags to worship on Sunday, September 14. There will be a special blessing of the backpacks during the children's sermon.

Fall New Members Class - Have you been worshipping with us regularly and want to hear more about membership at FPC? Come to a new members class after worship on Sunday, September 14th in the Chapel. New members will officially join the church on Sunday, September 21st.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Book Discussion - The next book discussion will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 10 AM. The location is still to be determined so watch the bulletin for that information. The book we will be talking about is called *Miss Morgan's Book Brigade* by Janet Skeslien Charles. This book is a wonderful historical novel. Please join in.

School Supplies Collection – As children are preparing to return to school in September, we will again be collecting school supplies to distribute to needy families in our community. During the month of August, boxes will be provided at the rear entrance to the church to receive your donations. A list of specific donations can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway or in your weekly church email. All donations are due by August 26th.

Mission Ministries – Throughout the months of July and August, mission ministries is sponsoring a food and clothing drive to assist the homeless men who visit the HIHI "Amigos' Cafe" in Huntington Station on weekdays. At the Café, guests are served breakfast and lunch. But they are also in need of clothing items. Should you wish to donate to this HIHI outreach program, large boxes will be placed in the parking lot entrance to the church during the months of July and August to receive your donations. One will be marked "Food" and the other "Clothing". Here is a list of items that have been requested: FOOD: For the Cafe kitchen: cans of coffee (not instant); hot sauce; powdered iced tea; large containers of uncooked oatmeal; and granola bars. CLOTHING: sweatpants sizes S, M and L; lightweight sweatshirts & windbreakers; socks - athletic type only; undergarments - sizes M and L; and short sleeve T shirts.

Please pay your per capita for 2025 – The per-capita for 2025 is \$42.09 per person. In essence: Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Text "FPCNPT percap 42.09 to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Online - <https://onrealm.org/FPCNorthport/give/percap> or scan the QR Code on the back page.

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.

Prayers

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:** Anthony Iorio (John Iorio's father), **those in Healthcare facilities** –St. Johnland: Diane Lobaugh, Gurwin Nursing & Rehab: 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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To sign up for the church email list send
your email address to:
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The network name is FPCN_Guest
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Hartt330

Session

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