



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 24th, 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 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, Len is coming home to New York City. 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, currently studying at Pace University in New York City.

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.

Cover Art

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost

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

"Gymnopedie No. 1"
Erik Satie

Isabella Eredita Johnson

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Elder, Vicki Field

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 23

Our Lord and Our God, we come into your presence with songs of gladness
and hearts of joy, remembering the beauty of being held in your promises:

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of
righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*HYMN NO. 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

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

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

***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)

**May our collective hearing of your holy wisdom draw near to you, O God, those who feel far off.
May the healing of your holy word break down the dividing walls between us, so that Jesus the
Christ, your living word, may be our peace. Amen.**

~We Hear God’s Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 2:13-22 (p. 192, pew Bible)

HYMN NO. 802 vs. 1, 2, 3 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” ST. COLUMBA
(Please remain seated)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 6:30-44 (p. 41, pew Bible)

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

SERMON “Holy Leftovers” Rev. Len Carrell

~We Respond As God’s People~

HYMN NO. 802 vs. 4, 5, 6 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” ST. COLUMBA
(Please remain seated)

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

**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.**

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

“My Wordless Prayer”
Bruce Solomon and Cynthia Corso

Craig Courtney

*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 greener pastures and stiller waters, bless these our humble gifts which we return to you.
May they work alongside the extravagant flourishing of your grace and mercy for this world and
may we all soon sit at your table of reconciled bounty, beauty and peace for all people.**

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. 393

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Allegretto from Sonata in B-flat major, K. 570”

Wolfgang A. Mozart

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. Sunday School classes and the children's message will resume on September 7th.

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.

Adult Ed Class – September 7th – Adult Education is kicking off this year on Sunday, September 7 at 9 am before church. We are starting an eight-week video series by Devin Brown on C.S. Lewis' book *Mere Christianity*. The book highlights Lewis' take on the basic tenets of all Christianity, with his philosophy on why Christianity must be true, starting with why there must be a God! It is interesting, historical and sometimes controversial; with the book written as spiritual encouragement for England while the British were fighting the Nazis during WWII. Come and join us for pastries, coffee, and lively discussion. See you then!

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 book we will be talking about is called *Miss Morgan's Book Brigade* by Janet Skeslien Charles. This book is a wonderful historical novel. It will be held at Christine Spiller's home. Please call Christine at 631-757-8167 to let her know if you plan to attend. 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.**

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

Email: info@weekdaynorthport.com

Website: www.weekdaynorthport.com

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The network name is FPCN_Guest
The password for the guest network is
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Session

Marcia Mercer (Clerk of Session), Melissa Barasch,
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