



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 21st, 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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2025

15th 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

"Larghetto"
Bach

Daniel Berman

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

CHORAL INTROIT

"Gather Us Together"
Chancel Choir

O. Alstott

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Turn us, O God,
away from the world's temptations and distractions
Return us, O God,
to the quiet calm of your presence
Restore us, O God,
to the path you call us to follow
Orient us, O God,
to the hope of all that is possible through you.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 805

"Come Sing to God"

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, our refuge, you lift up the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless. Yet we who receive your grace so freely do not follow your example. We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, slow to show mercy. We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared. We diminish and dehumanize those around us. God of us all, hear this confession. Receive it. We ask for your forgiveness. Amen.

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 Be to the Father”

Hymn No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

~We Hear God’s Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Harold Armet

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us, so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 1:19-25

(p. 229, 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 attend Sunday School on the lower level.

HYMN NO. 459

“O Word of God Incarnate”
(Please remain seated)

MUNICH

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 78:1-7

(p. 537, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“September in the Psalms”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

***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.

*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!**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

“I Would Be True”

M. Wilberg

*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)

We give because we have been given so much. Lord, take these gifts and use them to faithfully transform others. Allow your work to be continued in the world where it is most needed. 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. 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Amen”

S. Janco

*POSTLUDE

“Plein Jeu a la Couperin”

G. Young

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

Announcements

Cow Harbor Parade Today, September 21st – Come to worship and stay for the Cow Harbor Parade and watch it from the church steps with your church friends.

Welcome our new Sunday school teacher, Lisha Schlaich! Lisha will be teaching our grade school age children (grades 1-5). She is a passionate Christian educator and is looking forward to teaching the children about the Christian faith. Sunday school will take place on the lower level of the building.

Nursery care is available on the lower level.

Adult Ed Class – During September and October, Adult Education continues the 8-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 at 9 AM before church in the chapel for pastries, coffee, and lively discussion. See you then!

Mission Ministries Fund Raiser - “the big pink pig” – In response to an item listed in the Presbyterian Gift Catalog, for the next few Sundays during coffee hour members of Mission Ministries will be accepting donations to purchase piglets. To quote the catalog, “our gifts of one - or a few piglets can serve as a valuable safety net - a source of income for a family in need. When sold at market, a pig can be the very thing that helps a family through times of struggle.” Be sure to look for “the big pink pig” on the table in the Hartt Room and make a donation, even a small one, to help a rural family in need.

Pioneers will meet again on Wednesday, October 1st – Senior adults are invited to join our Pioneers for fellowship, fun, chapel, at 10:00 in the Hartt Room. For more information, please call Sharon Noonan at 631-368-7545.

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.

Daily Devotions “These Days” – Copies of the new issue of “These Days” for October - December are available in the Hartt Room.

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.

Sign-up to be a Liturgist – 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

Karen Caputo (friend of Kathy Landi), Rebecca Zusman (friend of Marilyn Fox), Phyllis Crowley (Dennis & Janeen's sister-in-law), Don Tiberie (friend of the Newmans), Ed Cohen (friend of Diana & Bob Montusi), Cyndi Mignella (friend of Jim Zima), Diane User and son, Adam (friends of Jim Zima), Ginny Kranenberg, Lugenia Gantt, Sean Tinker (Pegge Strella's nephew), **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

 www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport

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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Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the church.
The network name is FPCN_Guest
The password for the guest network is
Hartt330

Session

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