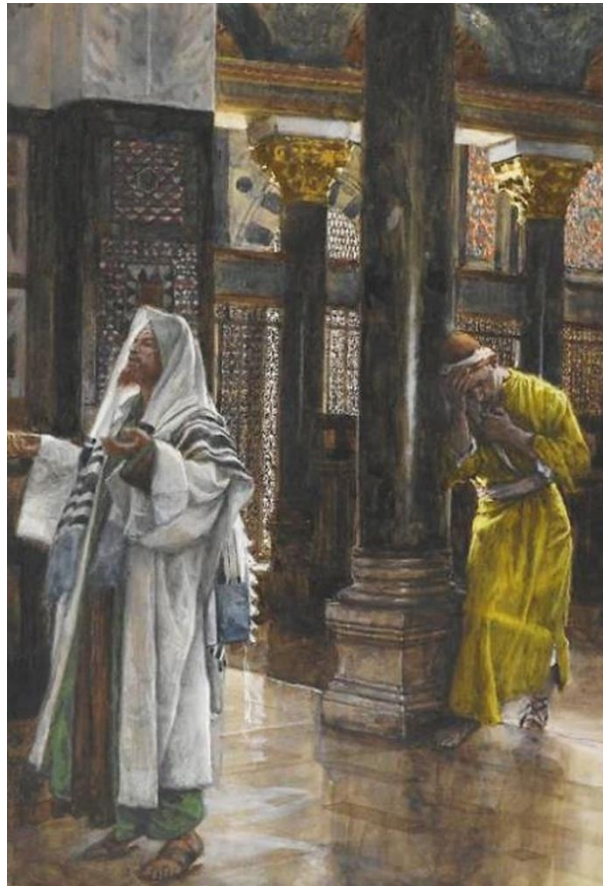




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

Reformation Sunday
October 26th, 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.

Today is Reformation Sunday

Protestants celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. These theses which criticized the sale of indulgences by church officials, are considered the beginning of the Protestant Reformation – a movement that emphasized individual relationships with God and salvation through faith alone. In honor of the celebration, this week's liturgy draws on prayers and liturgy from Protestant Reformers.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2025

Reformation Sunday

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

"Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott"
J.G. Werner

Daniel Berman

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

CHORAL INTROIT

"God Welcomes All"
Chancel Choir

J. L. Bell

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 100:2-5

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come before God's presence with singing!

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving!

Come into God's courts with praise!

Be thankful unto God; and bless God's name!

For the Lord is good; God's mercy is everlasting!

And God's truth endures to all generations!

*HYMN NO. 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

(a prayer by Martin Luther)

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS *(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

(a prayer by John Calvin)

Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.

Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*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)

(a prayer by Ulrich Zwingli)

**Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path,
open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be
conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 46

(p. 517, 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. 353

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
(Please remain seated)

SOLID ROCK

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:9-14

(p. 81, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“The Problem with Piety”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsive)**

(from *The Heidelberg Catechism*)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior,
Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from
the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my
head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my
salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes
me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

*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

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OFFERTORY

“The Church’s One Foundation”

D. Forrest

*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)

(a prayer by Martin Luther)

**O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent
if I spend them in your service. 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. 275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN’ FESTE BURG

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“God Be in My Head”

A. L. Page

*POSTLUDE

“Fantasy on Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”

Paul Fey

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

Announcements

Sunday School and Nursery Care – Sunday school with Miss Lisha will meet on the lower level of the building. Nursery care with Miss Mary and Miss Joey 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!

All Saints' Remembrances – On Sunday, November 2nd, we will be celebrating All Saints' Day by remembering those who have entered the Church Triumphant this past year. If you have a loved one you wish to have remembered, please contact Karen in the church office (631-261-6434) or email her at ktwitchell@fpcnorthport.org by **Tuesday, October 28th**.

Congregational Meeting – Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 9 following worship for the purpose of voting on the pastor's terms of call for 2026.

November Presbytery Meeting/Presbytery Day November 15 – FPC will be hosting the November Presbytery Meeting and Presbytery Day from 9:30-3:30. All are invited to come and hear speaker Corey Schlosser-Hall of the Office of Innovation of the PCUSA. Pastor Rachel will also be installed as the moderator of the Presbytery during the worship service that day.

Thanksgiving Donation – We will be making Thanksgiving care bags for our Food Pantry clients. The suggested list of donations is: canned corn, canned green beans, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, cornbread mix, applesauce, gravy, canned yams, potatoes, sweet potatoes, pudding, pie filling, canned pumpkin, treats, and local supermarket gift cards. Please bring your donations to the parking lot entrance by November 10 and place them in the bins.

Save the Date! Presbyterian Women (PW) Christmas Gathering – Saturday, December 6th

The members of the Mission Ministries committee would like to thank everyone who donated to the "help buy a piglet" campaign. As a result of your generosity, enough money was raised for Presbyterian World Mission to purchase, and then gift, four piglets to needy rural families. As was described in the Presbyterian Giving Catalog - "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." We are thankful to God that we were presented with the opportunity to serve others in this unique but very practical way. Thanks again to all who participated in this mission endeavor.

Pioneers will meet again on Wednesday, October 29th – 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 PW book discussion will be about *The Nature of Fragile Things* by Susan Meissner. This will take place at the home of Andrea Gladding at 10 AM on Tuesday, November 4th. Please call to let her know you plan to attend. (631-757-0488). Please join in. We have lovely and meaningful talks.

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

David Capobianco (Marcia & Ron Mercer's brother-in-law), 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), Lugenia Gantt, Sean Tinker (Pegge Strella's nephew), Christians who are being persecuted around the world, **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

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Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

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