



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

Christ the King
November 23, 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.

Today is Christ the King Sunday - At the conclusion of the Christian year, the church gives thanks and praise for sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign (see Revelation 1:4-8). This festival was established in 1925 by decree of Pope Pius XI. Originally it took place on the last Sunday in October, just prior to All Saints' Day. Now it is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Christian year, a week before the season of Advent begins.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 2025

Christ the King 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	"Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr" Bach/Feinberg	Daniel Berman
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WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH		Rev. Rachel Vione
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MINUTE FOR MISSION	<i>Adopt-a-Family</i>	Elder, Kim Gilbert
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CHORAL INTROIT	"Come All You People" Chancel Choir	A. Gondo
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*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)		<i>based on Psalm 24</i>
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Lift up your heads, O ye gates; be lifted up, ye ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.

*HYMN NO. 263	"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"	CORONATION
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Most Mighty and Merciful God, you have crowned Jesus as Lord of all. Yet we bow down before gods of our making. We offer our allegiance to the powers of this world. We fail to serve your Son with obedient love. May your Spirit of grace turn us away from the ways that harm us, and toward your righteousness and truth. 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

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Hymn No. 804 v.1

***Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!***

~We Hear God’s Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison) *adapted from Psalm 19:14*

Elder, Kim Gilbert

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 93

(p. 549, 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. 343, v. 1-4

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”
(Please remain seated)

GERMANY

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:33-37

(p. 113, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“Who Is Your King?”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from the Confession of Belhar

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

We believe that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

**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!**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Please scan the QR Code on the back page

OFFERTORY

“Until We Meet Again”

R. Wright

*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)

Holy God, you are the source of all love, power and justice. Our world is broken, in need of your love, your light. Take these offerings and multiply them so they may bless others. Bless those who give and those who receive, that they may know you better. 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. 268

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Amen”

M. Drohan

*POSTLUDE

Concerto on “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praetorius/P. 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 – Adult Ed will take off this Sunday, November 23rd, and then resume next Sunday, November 30th (the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend). We will spend a little time that Sunday wrapping up discussion of our series on *Strawberry Moon*, a novella about the death penalty and then begin the Advent series by Matt Rawle, titled *Experiencing Christmas; Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent*. Join us Sunday, November 30th, and through the month of December at 9 AM before service in the Chapel for coffee, pastries and lively discussion. Hope to see you then!

Pledge Dedication Sunday, November 30 – We invite you to join us November 30th for Pledge Dedication Sunday, where we will all pledge our support to FPC for 2026. Please prayerfully consider your financial pledge to FPC for 2026 and plan to participate in dedicating your pledge on Sunday, November 30th. You may pledge online <https://onrealm.org/FPCNorthport/AddPledge/stewardship2026> or by scanning the QR code on the back of your bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!

Adopt-a-Family – ‘Tis the season! We will again participate in the Adopt-a-Family this year. Beginning next Sunday, November 30th, the stars will be on the tree in the Hartt Room. Please take a star and sign your name, telephone, and email address next to your star’s number. Unwrapped gifts may be dropped off in the chapel at the church by Sunday, December 14th. Please contact Kim Gilbert with any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Guild will begin sign-ups for the Christmas dedications after worship in the Hartt Room beginning next Sunday, November 30th and continue through December 14th. You can purchase a Poinsettia(s) to adorn the Sanctuary and contributions for the brass will be accepted. Dedications will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Make sure to sign up early. Poinsettias are \$25.00. Should you have any questions, contact Sharon Noonan at 631-368-7545 or 631-487-4709.

A mission opportunity sponsored by the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative (HIHI).

On Monday, December 15th, Mission Ministries will be providing meals for 30 homeless guests staying in a motel in Huntington. If you would like to help, please make a donation for the purchase of these meals. Donations of clementines, cookies or juice boxes are also welcome. If you would like to participate in this mission outreach program, sign-up sheets will be provided in the Hartt Room following worship on Sunday, November 23rd, November 30th, and December 7th.

The Presbyterian Women’s Christmas Luncheon will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th at 12 in the Hartt Room. Please plan to attend this lovely ladies’ gathering! It will be catered by Crossroads Cafe and will include a “Champagne Dessert”. Reservations can be made after worship on Nov 9, 16, 23, 30. \$20 pp.

Pioneers will meet again on Wednesday, December 10th – 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.

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

Linda Wenze (friend of Deidre Gehrke), Bob Treanor (Susan Van Deusen's father), 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, **the family of: Bart Allen, those in Healthcare facilities** – 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.

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### **Advent & Christmas at First Pres.**

***Sunday, November 30th – First Sunday of Advent***

***Saturday, December 6th – PW Christmas Lunch 12 noon Hartt Room***

***Sunday, December 7th – Second Sunday of Advent, Communion***

***Saturday, December 13th – Holiday Concert - 7:00 PM Fellowship Hall***

***Sunday, December 14th – Third Sunday of Advent, Service of Lessons & Carols***

***Sunday, December 21st – Fourth Sunday of Advent, Children's Christmas Pageant***

***Wednesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service***

***with Communion 5:00 PM***

***Pre-service music at 4:45 PM featuring soloists, trumpet and special music***

***Sunday, December 28th – First Sunday of Christmas***

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Contact Information

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The password for the guest network is
Hartt330

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