



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 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).

Tonight 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.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

At a Christmas candlelight service, the symbolism of light takes center stage. In the Gospel of John, Jesus is described as the Word who became flesh and brought light into the world (John 1:4-5). Lighting candles during the service represents the arrival of Jesus, the Light of the world, into the darkness of our lives. It reminds us of the hope and joy that Christ's birth brings.

Childcare is provided on the lower level of the church.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2025

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

5:00 PM

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Veni Jesu” D. Green

Section Leaders: Colleen Agovino, Maia Gonzalez, Bruce Solomon, Ken Kopolovicz

“Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)” A. Grant

Soloist, Cynthia Corso

“O Come Emmanuel” E. Hagenberg

Women's Chorus: Joan Armet, Cynthia Corso, Janeen Crowley, Kim Gilbert,
Jillian Heuer, Moriah Heuer, Sharon Noonan, Libby Yoskowitz

“Noel” M. Redman, C. Tomlin, & E. Cash

Soloist, Kenneth Kopolovicz

“Pavane for a Silent Night” P. Liebergen

Chancel Choir

PRELUDE

“Jesu Bambino”

P. Yon

Daniel Berman, Organ

WELCOME

Rev. Rachel Vione

CHORAL INTROIT

“People Look East”

BESANCON

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come, let us go to Bethlehem.

Let us join the angels in singing.

We are ready to declare God’s glory on this holy night.

We are ready to join the shepherds in worshipping the Christ child.

O come.

O come let us adore Him!

*HYMN NO. 133

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born, the object of your loving care. In the fullness of time, you spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love. This year, let the miracle and the mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon you with ready hearts, asking that we be transformed through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

SUNG PRAYER

Hymn No. 115, v. 3

MUELLER

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN NO. 113

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

~We Hear God’s Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Harold Armet

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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

HYMN NO. 121

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
(Please remain seated)

ST. LOUIS

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

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

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

“God’s Interruptions”

Rev. Rachel Vione

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Please scan the QR Code on the back page.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“In Bethlehem”

E. Dewar and Dan Forrest

~Holy Communion~

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*COMMUNION HYMN NO. 145

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS [congregation sings]

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front rows, take a piece of bread, eat it, then move to the juice filled trays. After drinking the juice, please take the empty cup back to your pew and place it in the cup rack. All elements are gluten free.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“And the Glory of the Lord”
Chanel Choir, Jesse Klirsfeld, Trumpet

G. F. Handel

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*HYMN NO. 122

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

STILLE NACHT

1. Silent Night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
'Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent Night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3. Silent Night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!

4. Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior
is born.

The light spreads to Christ's disciples. Taken from the Christ Candle, the light is passed to those on the aisles, who in turn pass the light to those beside them, remembering to keep the lighted candle upright and to tip the unlit candle to receive the light.

*BENEDICTION

Following the benediction, please extinguish your candle. Candles can be placed in the baskets as you leave the sanctuary. As you leave, carry the light of Christ out into the world.

*HYMN NO. 134

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

*POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on Adeste Fideles"

P. Fey

POINSETTIAS HAVE BEEN DEDICATED

In memory of Rev. Kenneth & Victoria Mellinger given by Krista and Lenny DeRoma

In memory of Theresa and Leonard DeRoma given by Krista and Lenny DeRoma

In loving memory of Fred Mosher given by Krista and Lenny DeRoma

In loving memory of Ann and Lawrence Florio given by Krista and Lenny DeRoma

In memory of Bill Strella given by Pegge Strella

In loving memory of Helene and Mike Dunat given by Pegge Strella

In loving memory of Ken Landi given by Kathy Landi

In honor of Andrew and Katie given by Andrea and Tim Gladding

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In celebration of our family given by Jack and Cathy Coleman

In memory of Josephine and Henry Markl given by the Solomon Family

In memory of Rev. William & Lois Philipp and John & Violet Vione given by the Vione Family

In memory of Ed Bell given by Pat Bell & Family

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In loving memory of Todd D. Pierce given by Shelley and Finn Pierce

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In memory of Joseph C. Winkler given by Nancy Winkler and family

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In memory of my parents, Pat and Bill Tyrrel given by Sue Tyrrel

In memory of my parents, Ruth and Charles Mies given by Vicki Field

In memory of Helene Dunat given by Pegge Strella

In memory of Joseph C. Winkler given by Marilyn Fox

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