



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026



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.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2026

2nd Sunday after Epiphany 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

"Aria"
Bach

Daniel Berman

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

CHORAL INTROIT

"Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child"
Chancel Choir

H. C. Boyer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

I waited patiently for GOD; who turned to me and heard my cry, who lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire; and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

We sing a new song! Our mouths are full of the praise of God.

Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust, when we do not turn aside to false gods.

We sing of all your many wonders, O God, too many to declare them all. Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

based on Psalm 40

Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds. 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

*Good Christian Friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.*

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

~We Hear God's Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that in understanding we may believe, and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 40:1-11

(p. 513, 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. 410

"God Is Calling through the Whisper"
(Please remain seated)

W ZLOBIE LEZY

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:16-20

(p. 35, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

"On the Move"

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God's People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition.

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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!**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Please scan the QR Code on the back page

OFFERTORY

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”
Chancel Choir

J. Rutter

*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 new possibilities, in Christ you create a future for each of us, inviting us to flourish in our faith. Use us and the gifts we offer to create new possibilities for those who are uncertain about what the future holds. For we trust that you hold the future for us all. 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. 299

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

HANOVER

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Jesus, Light of Joy”

J. Gross

*POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary”

J. Stanley

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.

Coffee Hour Activities for Children – Parents are invited to bring their children to coffee hour where they can participate in making crafts and other age-appropriate activities while parents enjoy coffee hour.

Adult Ed Class – Adult Ed will continue the series entitled "When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box" by John Ortberg. It explores the concept of what is important in our lives; not the promotions, the financial planning and all the stuff, but our relationships with each other and our world. Join us at 9 AM before Worship for coffee, pastries and lively discussion. See you then!

New Members Class – There will be a new members class after worship on January 18th in the Chapel. Anyone who is interested in learning more about membership at FPC is invited to attend. New members will be welcomed into membership on January 25th.

Souper Bowl of Caring 2026! Sunday, February 8 is Super Bowl Sunday. We will collect food for the Food Pantry and share in a soup lunch after worship. Please join us for soup and bring non-perishable items for the pantry.

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

On Monday, January 26, Mission Ministries will be providing meals for 32 homeless guests staying in a motel in Huntington that night. If you would like to help with this mission endeavor, please make a donation for the purchase of these meals. **Sign-up sheets will be provided in the Hartt Rm. following worship today, January 18th.** Donations of clementines, cookies or juice boxes are welcome.

Today we continue our stewardship dedication for 2026!

Pledge numbers so far...61 Members/Households have pledged. Our pledge goal is \$300,000. We have received \$220,818 in pledges, so we are 74% toward our goal. Thank you to all who have already pledged for 2026. If you have not yet pledged, we invite you to do so by placing your pledge card in the offering plate today. You may also pledge online at <https://onrealm.org/FPCNorthport/AddPledge/stewardship2026> or by scanning the QR code on the back of your bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!

Give Generously. Give Smart. *A tip on tax-free, charitable giving from your IRA.* If you are 70-1/2 years of age or older and have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you can support our church by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Qualified Charitable Distributions are tax-free withdrawals transferred directly from your IRA to qualifying organizations, such as our church, up to a maximum of \$108,000 annually.

Please pay your per capita for 2026 – The per-capita for 2026 is \$42.51 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 42.51" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Online - <https://onrealm.org/FPCNorthport/give/percap>.

Presbyterian Women's (PW) Book Discussion - March 17 – The next PW book discussion will be about "*The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot*" by Marianne Cronin. That talk will be held at Peggy Denniston's home on March 17th at 10 AM. Please call Peggy if you are able to join in. (631-261-2426). The gatherings are lovely and interesting. Please come!

Pioneers will meet again on Wednesday, January 21st – Senior adults are invited to join our Pioneers for fellowship, fun, & devotions at 10:00 in the Hartt Room. For more information, please call Sharon Noonan at 631-368-7545.

Prayers

Kristopher Driffill (friend of the Mercer family), Kate Wardle (friend of the Gladdings), Dominick Marinello (friend of the Noonans), David Bartlebaugh (Claire Newman's brother), 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), 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:** Linda Wenze (friend of Deidre Gehrke), **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.

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

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The password for the guest network is
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Session

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