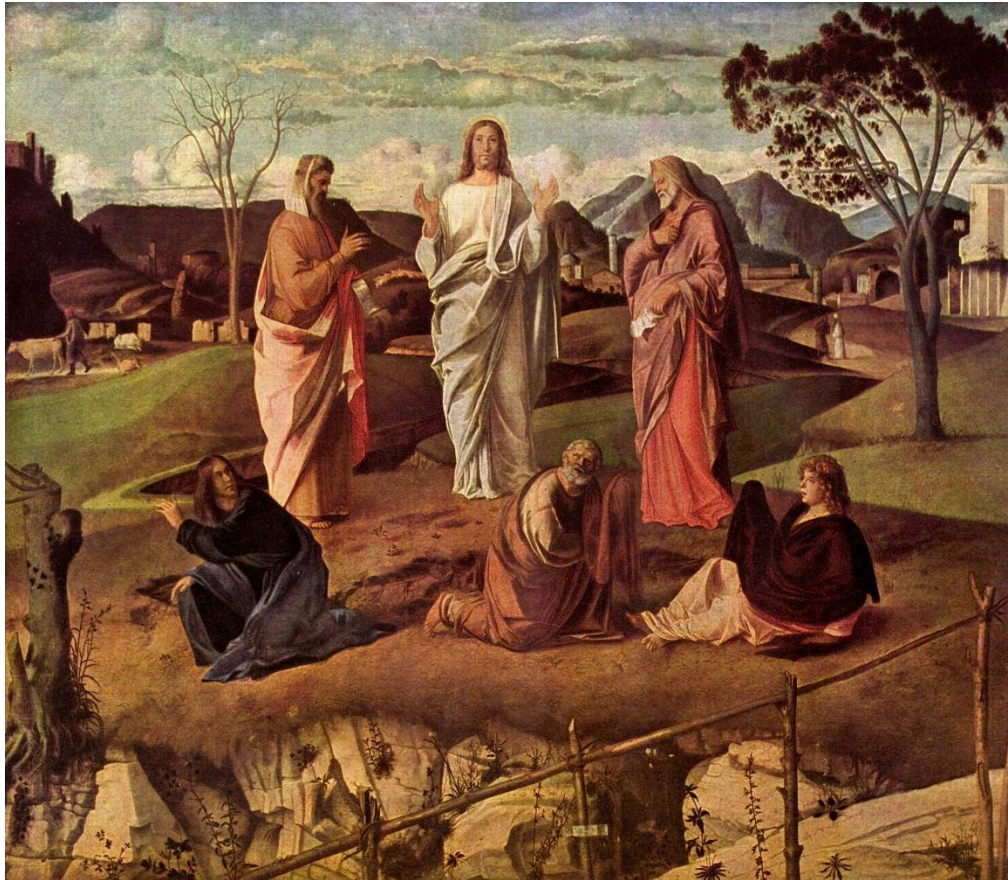




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

Transfiguration of the Lord
February 15, 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.

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.

Transfiguration of the Lord

The Sunday before Lent is traditionally named "Transfiguration of the Lord." Matthew, Mark, and Luke each tell a nearly identical story about Jesus taking several of his disciples to a mountaintop where he is transfigured. The disciples' vision includes Jesus conversing with Moses and Elijah who represent the Law and the Prophets – the religious tradition of the Old Testament. The story is read on the cusp of Lent because it occurs shortly before Jesus turns toward Jerusalem and the last week of his life, days that are the focus of the forty days of lent, which begins this Wednesday.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026

Transfiguration of the Lord

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

“Largo from Double Violin Concerto”
Bach

Daniel Berman

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

CHORAL INTROIT

“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”
Chancel Choir

J. Berthier

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

based on Psalm 99

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

For the Lord our God loves justice and works for righteousness!

So come and proclaim at the holy mountain of the Lord:

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

*HYMN NO. 189

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

DEO GRACIAS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Most amazing God, the mystery of Your radiance surrounds us. Like the disciples of Jesus, we confess our unease with transcendent mystery. Faced with Your splendor, we do not take time for attentive silence as Jesus did, but we evade the holy with busyness — anything to avoid Your power. We also confess those times when we are at ease with holiness, absorbed in prayer and thought, but so in love with Your love that we neglect those in need. As Jesus descended into the valley to work among the poor of the earth, so direct us to our responsibilities. Such is the mystery of Your love, O God, which both overwhelms and attracts. 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

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Hymn No. 620, v.1

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

~We Hear God’s Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

God of light and life, we turn to your Word for guidance and inspiration week after week. Send your Holy Spirit to move in and among us this day as we listen to the Scriptures read and interpreted. Help us to hear your challenge and your promise, and to respond with our commitment to follow Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 99

(p. 552, 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. 190

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”
(Please remain seated)

GENEVA

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

(p. 18, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“What Does the Story Mean?”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

“Amazing Grace”
Chancel Choir

D. Bishop

*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)

Gracious and holy God, we give you thanks for the many gifts in our lives. We are well and truly blessed. We dedicate these offerings to you. Multiply them beyond our imagining, that others might experience your love and grace, your mercy and justice. May we come to know a world where each person is enough and has enough. These things we ask boldly in Christ’s name. 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. 192

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

J. L. Bell

*POSTLUDE

“Praeludium”

Corelli

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

Announcements

Lent 2026 at First Pres

Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service with Communion.

Sunday, February 22, 10:00 AM First Sunday in Lent.

Sunday, March 29, 10:00 AM Palm Sunday Processional with Sunday School Children.

Thursday, April 2, 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service with Communion.

Sunday, April 5, 7:00 AM Easter Dawn Service in Northport Harbor Park.

Sunday, April 5, 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Worship Service with Communion.

Sunday School and Nursery Care – Sunday school 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 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!

Ash Wednesday Service – February 18, 7:00 PM Join us as we begin the season of Lent with a contemplative worship service and imposition of ashes, symbolizing our need for God's grace.

Attention Ministry Chairs – Annual reports are due to the church office via email (ktwitchell@fpcnorthport.org) by Monday, March 2. Please keep your report to one page, Times New Roman font size 12 done in Word. Thank you!

Peacemaking Ministry - Please join us in the Hartt Room after service **Sunday, February 15th**, when Peacemaking Ministry will bring letters for us to sign to send to our Congressional Representatives to urge them to restrict funding for ICE and Border Patrol until proper procedures are in place to keep ICE from terrorizing our neighborhoods. A vote on the budget for ICE is imminent, and we want to make sure that they know that targeting people because of their race, language or accent, taking people into custody without proper warrants and attacking and killing citizens who are peacefully protesting will not be tolerated by the people who will be voting in the next elections. We will have information on the congressional districts and will mail the letters for you. Hope to see you then!

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, February 18th – 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.

Today we continue our stewardship dedication for 2026!

Pledge numbers so far...71 Members/Households have pledged. Our pledge goal is \$300,000. We have received \$253,018 in pledges, so we are 85% 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!

Prayers

Joan Armet, 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), 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, **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

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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
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Sunday School Teacher

Karen Twitchell

Office Administrator



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The password for the guest network is
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Session

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Montusi, Claire Newman, David Ofsharick, Betsy
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