



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

1st Sunday in Lent
February 22, 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.

Today is the First Sunday in Lent. Lent is the forty-day period of preparation for Easter. (It's actually forty days not including Sundays). In the past, Lent was often associated with fasting and self-denial; indeed, many Christians still "give something up for lent" as a simple way to remember the sacrifice of Christ and focus attention on the things that matter most in life. Today, however, many Christians, especially Protestants, understand Lent as a period for focused study, prayer, or personal reflection.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026

1st Sunday in Lent 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 "Prelude on Attende Domine" Daniel Berman
P. Fey

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Rachel Vione

CHORAL INTROIT "The Glory of These Forty Days" Bach
Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *from Psalm 32*

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.
Happy are those whose sins are cast away.
Rejoice in the Lord! Be glad!
Sing out! Shout for joy!
Rejoice in the Lord!
Rejoice! Amen!

*HYMN NO. 610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, you know all about our troubles. Your Son was tested in the wilderness, tempted by the powers and principalities of the age. We confess how easily and often we give in to them. Yet, you continue to forgive us, reminding us there is nothing we can do to lose your love. Holy God, turn us from the evil powers in high places, that we may return to you and the path to which you have called us. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. 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

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Hymn No. 744, vs.1 & 2

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today*

*Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door
Proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor*

~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 32

(p. 506, 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. 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”
(Please remain seated)

KELVINGROVE

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

(p. 61, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“The Good Choice”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God's People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**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

“God So Loved the World”
Chancel Choir

R. Vandervliet, Jr.

*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)

Take these, our gifts, as we offer them today, O God. Use them for your glory and kingdom’s expansion. May these gifts go toward freeing the captives, feeding the hungry, comforting the lonely, and healing the world. As Christ’s body, use us too, in service to repairing the breached, broken places in our community. 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. 265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

DUKE STREET

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

K. Medema

*POSTLUDE

“Grand Choeur in d minor”

P. Fey

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 shift gears this Sunday, February 22, to begin a Lenten Study entitled "The Easter Experience" by City on a Hill Productions. This 6-week series is designed to deepen our relationship with Jesus and teach us that Easter is truly an experience that changes everything. Join us at 9 AM before service for coffee, pastries and lively discussion. See you then!

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!

New Church Officers – The 2026 All Church Nominating Committee is looking for names of people who can serve as church officers. If you have a name to submit to the committee, please email the church office at office@fpcnorthport.org by March 1.

Easter Flowers – The sign-up for Easter Flowers will be held in the Hartt Room after worship on March 1, March 8 and March 15. Donations for Easter Brass will be accepted also.

FPC Northport will support Soles 4 Souls once again this year. There will be a collection box in the back foyer for the month of **March**. Please remember to tie shoes together or bind them with a rubber band. Any and all shoes/slippers will be accepted, so clean your closets! Contact Kim Gilbert if you need shoes to be picked up.

Pioneers will meet again on Wednesday, March 4th – 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!

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.

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

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), 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

330 Main St., Northport, NY 11768

Phone: (631) 261-6434

Email: office@fpcnorthport.org

Website: www.fpcnorthport.org

 www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport

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
your email address to:
office@fpcnorthport.org

The Staff of The First Presbyterian Church of Northport

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Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the church.
The network name is FPCN_Guest
The password for the guest network is
Hartt330

Session

Marcia Mercer (Clerk of Session), Melissa Barasch,
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