



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026

5th 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

“Prière à Notre-Dame”
Boellman

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)

adapted from Psalm 112

People of God, praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, those who greatly delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully redeemed. We are God's very own, called together here this day.

Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 755

“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”

WEISSE FLAGGEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Hymn 132, v. 3

*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)

**Gracious God, the words we read are ancient and true. On this day, may we hear them anew.
Grant us hearts to discern your Spirit within them, and grant us courage to follow them in our
lives this day. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 112:1-9

(p. 563, 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. 629

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"
(Please remain seated)

ST. AGNES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

(p. 166, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

"Super-Luminous Darkness"

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God's People~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)**

from the Scots Confession

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom we must cleave, whom alone we serve,
whom alone we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite,
immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible...By whom we confess and believe all
things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their
being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such an end as his eternal
wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn No.1, v. 1

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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

“Joshua! (Fit the Battle of Jericho)”
Chancel Choir

Arr. B. Sharpe

*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)

Accept these, our gifts, almighty God, as a statement of our faith. May our offering bring goodness and light wherever it is needed. May our communities of faith be bearers of your light. And may we be sources of that same light to the world in all we say and do. 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. 694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

AURELIA

***BENEDICTION**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

J. L. Bell

*POSTLUDE

“Toccata in d minor”

J.E. Eberlin

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

Announcements

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

Youth Group – Our Youth Group will be meeting today following coffee hour to gather and sort the donations from the Souper Bowl of Caring. We will be stocking the food pantry shelves with the donations. All youth 6th-12th grade are invited to join us!

Special Coffee Hour, Today – Our membership committee will be providing several different kinds of soups at coffee hour in honor of the Souper Bowl of Caring. Come and enjoy a cup of soup with your church friends!

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!

A mission opportunity sponsored by the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative (HIHI). On Tuesday, February 10, 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. Donations of clementines and cookies are also welcome. Sign-up sheets will be provided in the Hartt Rm following worship on Sunday, Feb. 1 and Sunday, Feb 8.

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 11th – 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...70 Members/Households have pledged. Our pledge goal is \$300,000. We have received \$250,018 in pledges, so we are 84% 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!

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>.

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

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

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To sign up for the church email list send
your email address to:
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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

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