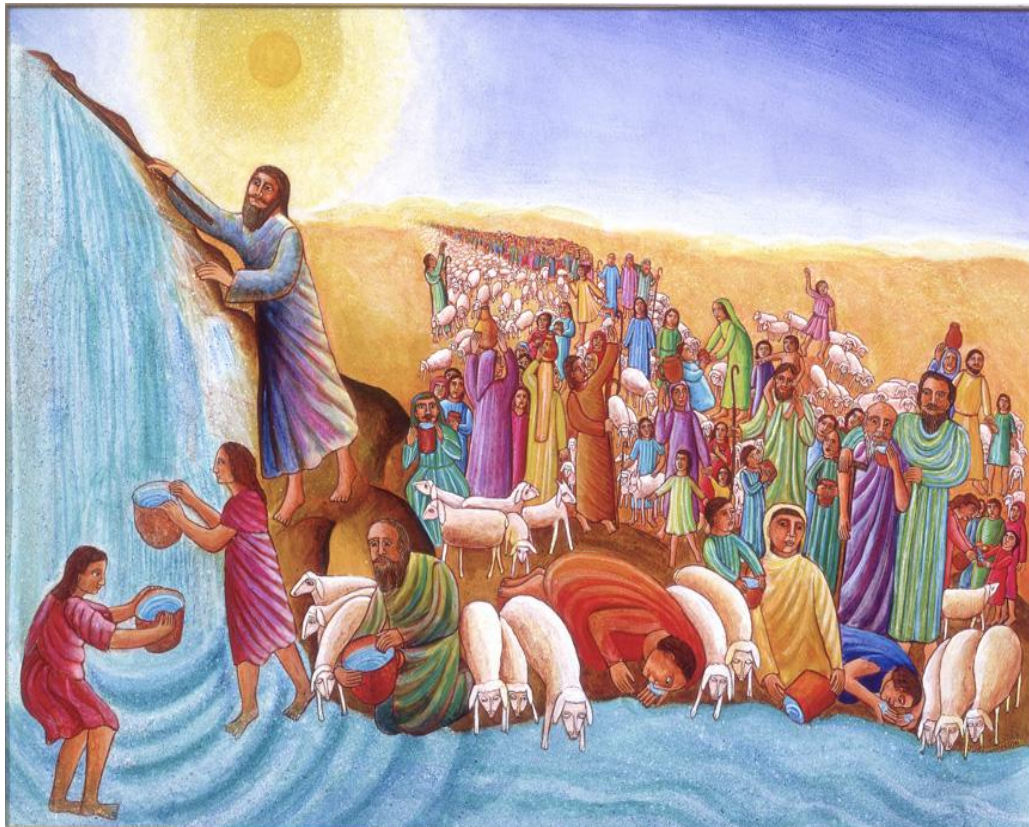




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

5th Sunday in Lent
March 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 Fifth 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.

Please welcome back our guest preacher today Rev. Len Carrell

Rev. Len Carrell is glad to be back on the east coast. After serving as solo pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, Tennessee, and before that at Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas as the Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care, Len is coming home to New York City. Some of Len's passions for ministry are to answer every day why the church matters, to give life and heart to stories simply told, and to be passionate and compassionate about incarnational ministry in building relationships and transforming our communities. Len's call to ministry has crossed many stages. He studied and worked as a professional actor, started a business representing artists in the textile design industry, and became engaged in the work of the church. His deep involvement as a member of The Brick Presbyterian Church led to his studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he earned a Master of Divinity. Len and his wife Tanisha have been married since 2001 and they have one daughter, Caitlin, currently studying at Pace University in New York City.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2026

5th Sunday in Lent 10:00 AM

~We Gather in God's Name~

PRELUDE "Ich ruf zu Dir" Daniel Berman
Bach/Busoni

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Cindy Mies

MINUTE FOR MISSION "One Great Hour of Sharing" Elder Marilyn Fox

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *Psalm 95*

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In God's hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are also God's.
The sea is his,
for he made it,
and the dry land,
which the Creator's hands have formed.
O come, let us worship the LORD, our Maker!
For God alone is our shepherd, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

*HYMN NO. 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

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; 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.

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**

“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)

Holy God, we are here! We have come to this place trusting we will meet you. Needing to hear you, we have been training our ears so we can hear the truth when it whispers. So we can hear your promise when it shouts. So that your will, and our hearts, will be one. Speak, Lord, for your loving servants are listening. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

(p. 155, 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. 53

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”
(Please remain seated)

NOEL

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

(p. 64, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“They Thirsted There”

Rev. Len Carrell

~We Respond As God's People~

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

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

“Lamb of God”
Chancel Choir

L. Larson

*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)

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring to you our gifts of this world, O God. Help us to give with them, a ready mind, a willing spirit and a joyful heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. 81

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Jesus Remember Me”

J. Berthier

*POSTLUDE

“Prelude in C 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.

Palm Sunday for Kids – Next Sunday, March 29 is Palm Sunday. The kids will process into the sanctuary with their palm branches and there will be special Palm Sunday crafts during Sunday school and coffee hour. Parents-bring your children to the narthex by 9:45 to line up for the parade!

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 – For the next few weeks we will continue our Lenten series, The Easter Experience, finishing it on Palm Sunday. We will take a break on Easter Sunday. On April 12th, we will begin a 4-session video series on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a brilliant pastor, theologian and writer who was safely in the US during WW2 and returned to his native Germany to help the resistance against the Nazi government. Hosted by Eric Metaxas, this series will help you discover the major themes of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's writing, how he helped transform an entire faith community in Germany during WW2, and how his beliefs continue to impact the Christian faith today. We welcome all to join us at 9 AM prior to service for pastries and coffee and lively discussion.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – Millions around the world face hunger, disaster, poverty, climate change, and displacement. Through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), your gift brings food, clean water, safety, and hope to those who need it most. Please mark your gift OGHS.

FPC Northport will support Soles 4 Souls – Today is the last day to donate shoes. There will be a collection box in the back foyer through **March 22**. Please 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 picked up.

Deacon's Annual Blood Drive at FPC - Monday, March 30th from 3:15 -7:45 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Women (PW) – Please save the date of **Saturday, April 18** at 12:30 for the “Annual Presbyterian Women’s Spring Luncheon.” It will be held this year at Crossroads Café. Reservation dates are March 29, April 5 and 12 after worship. A wonderful gathering time ladies!

Debtors Anonymous Meetings at FPC – A newly formed 12-step program will meet each week on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8 PM in the Chapel.

Pioneers will meet again on Wednesday, April 1st – 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.

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.

Prayers

Carol & Ray Peres, Bob Van Deusen, Kristin Lombardi & Denton, Bob Montusi (Diana's husband), Bruce Solomon (Lilli's husband), 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

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 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:
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