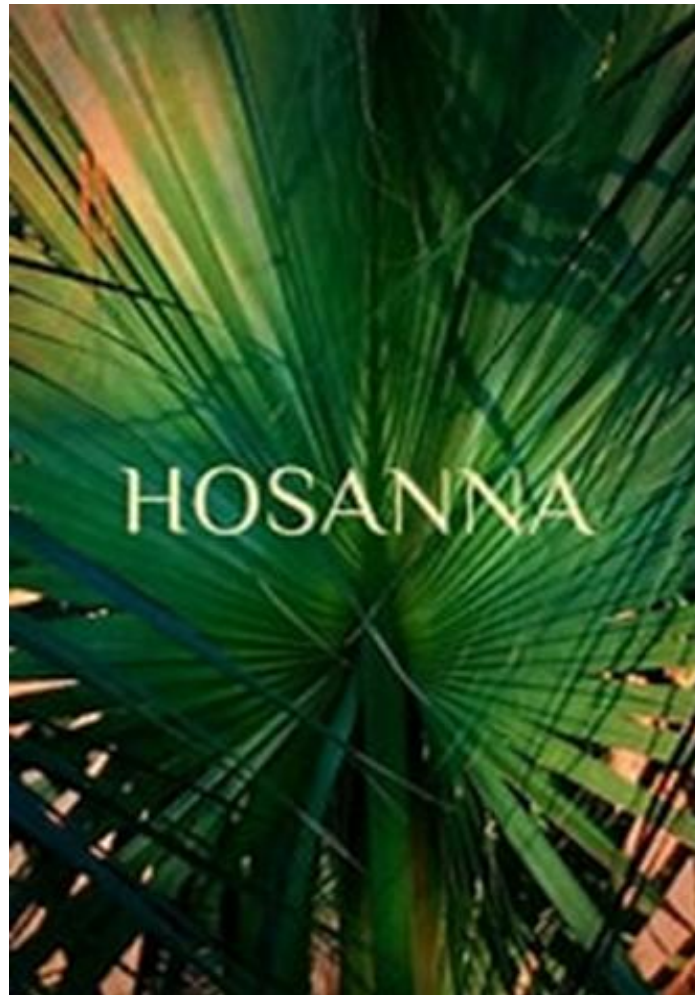




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

Palm Sunday
March 29, 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 Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the day we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, one week before His resurrection (Matthew 21:1-11). As Jesus entered the Holy City, He neared the culmination of a long journey toward Golgotha. He had come to save the lost (Luke 19:10), and now was the time – this was the place – to secure that salvation. Palm Sunday marked the start of what is often called “Holy Week,” the final seven days of Jesus’ earthly ministry. Palm Sunday was the “beginning of the end” of Jesus’ work on earth.

Cover Art: Palm Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2026

Palm Sunday 10:00 AM

~We Gather in God's Name~

PRELUDE

"All Glory, Laud & Honor"
P. Fey

Daniel Berman

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected;

Has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

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. 197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we enter Holy Week, let us prepare our hearts to follow Jesus to the cross by confessing all that turns us from our Savior's path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, as we worship you today, we remember that your Son our Savior entered Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king. Many spread garments and branches along his way but did not know that way would lead to Calvary. As we too raise branches of palms and voices singing, "Hosanna," we bow before you in humble repentance. Help us remember that the One who came in the name of the Lord, came for our forgiveness, redemption, and restoration. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” Hymn No. 93, v. 1

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.**

~We Hear God’s Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Elder, Frank Dentrone

Illuminating God, shine your light through the darkness of this world into every corner of our hearts. As we read the many words of Scripture, may we recognize the presence of your one true Word, Jesus Christ, who bears your love into the world. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (p. 565, pew Bible)

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

HYMN NO. 203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” CHEREPONI
Please remain seated

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 12:12-19 (p. 106, pew Bible)

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

SERMON “When Jesus Comes to Town” Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

based on Philippians 2:5-11

We trust in God, the source of all hope, even as we call on God to meet us in places of hopelessness. We commit to be disciples of Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself and was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the father. Amen.

**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 Palms (“Les Rameaux”)
Chancel Choir

J. Faure

*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)

As the crowds cried, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,” we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. 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. 198

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

ST. DROSTANE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Jesus Remember Me”

J. Berthier

*POSTLUDE

“Ride on King Jesus”

Arr. Kidwell

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

Announcements

Holy Week at First Pres

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 Kids – All Sunday school kids are invited to participate in the annual Palm Sunday Processional today (March 29th), and the Flowering of the Cross on Easter Sunday (April 5th).

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 – Today we finish our Lenten series, The Easter Experience. 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.

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!

Hello hikers! Peacemaking will be sponsoring a spring church hike **Saturday, April 18th at 10:30** am. We will be taking the Kings Park Trail. The trail starts in the back of the public parking lot across from the Fire Department on Main St in Kings Park. It's an easy walk on paved surfaces. We can go as long or as short as you like. Come out and join us hopefully in nice spring weather! Tell your friends, or better yet bring one! Call or email Cathy Coleman if you have questions. Hope to see all the hikers then.

Mark your calendars! Spring clean-up at church is coming - Saturday, April 25th from 8-12 PM. Looking for all who are able to give some time to clean and garden around our beautiful church. See you then!!

Soles 4 Souls - 280 pairs of shoes were collected for Soles 4 Souls. Thank you all for your contributions.

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.

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.

Sign-up to be a Liturgist – The Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Hartt Room.

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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Email: office@fpcnorthport.org

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Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

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Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

Email: info@weekdaynorthport.com

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