



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

Easter Sunday
April 5, 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.

Easter

The biblical account of Jesus' death on the cross, or crucifixion, his burial, and his resurrection, or raising from the dead, can be found in the following passages of Scripture: Matthew 27:27-28:8; Mark 15:16-16:19; Luke 23:26-24:35; and John 19:16-20:30.

The word "Easter" does not appear in the Bible and no early church celebrations of Christ's resurrection are mentioned in Scripture. Easter, like Christmas, is a tradition that developed later in church history.

In Western Christianity, Easter Sunday can fall anywhere between March 22 and April 25. Easter is always celebrated on the Sunday immediately following the Paschal Full Moon.

Since the days of early church history, determining the precise date of Easter has been a matter for continued argument and there are many misunderstandings about how the date of Easter is calculated. At the heart of the matter lies a simple explanation: Easter is a movable feast.

Cover Art: Easter Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2026

Easter Sunday

10:00 AM

*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.*

Pre-Service Music

"Cantate Domino"- N.H. Cobb

Colleen Agovino, Taylor Consiglio, Cindy Corso, Maia Gonzales

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" - G.F. Handel

Maia Gonzales

"Like Him We Rise" - T. Trenney

Cindy Corso

PRELUDE	Prelude on "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" P. Fey	Daniel Berman
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WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Rev. Rachel Vione
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CHORAL INTROIT	"Be Not Afraid" Chancel Choir	J. Berthier
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*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)	<i>from Psalm 118</i>
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The stone which the builders rejected, has become the chief corner *stone*.

This is the Lord's doing: It is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made:

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN NO. 232	"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"	EASTER HYMN
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by His glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Yet we still live in doubt and fear. Forgetting your promises, we fail to recognize the new life you offer. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may live with Christ in the joy of His resurrection. Help us to receive the Easter story into our own lives, and into our life together, so that we may trust, believe, and share the good news of this glad day. In the name of our Risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Thine Is the Glory”

Hymn No. 238, v.1

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

~We Hear God’s Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Elder, Frank Dentrone

Savior God, we need your good news. We need the challenge of your Holy Spirit. We need this time of Word and worship. Help us to tune our hearts and minds to your will and your way as we approach the Scriptures today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

(p. 565, pew Bible)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

The flowering of the cross ceremony transforms a barren cross, a reminder of Jesus’ death into an Easter symbol. Covered with fresh, living flowers, the cross serves not only as a reminder of Jesus’ resurrection but also of the continuing presence of Christ in our lives.

HYMN NO. 240

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”
Sung as the children flower the cross. Please remain seated.

ALLELUIA NO. 1

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

(p. 114, pew Bible)

SERMON

“Looking for Jesus”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“He Is Risen”
Chancel Choir & Andrew Owens, Trumpet

V. T. Ford

*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

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ’s behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ’s spirit. Amen.

~Holy Communion~

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*COMMUNION HYMN NO. 513 "This Is the Feast of Victory"

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS [congregation sings]

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front rows, take a piece of bread, eat it, then move to the juice filled trays. After drinking the juice, please take your empty cup with you, return to your pew by the side aisles, and place the cup in the cup rack in your pew. If you are unable to come forward, a server will come to your pew. All elements are gluten free.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Festival Sanctus"

J. Leavitt

Chancel Choir & Andrew Owens, Trumpet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 826

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

Chorus, vs. 1 & 3 - sung by All

vs. 2 & 4 - sung by Choir

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Festive Trumpet Tune"

D. German



Easter Flower Dedications

Tulips

In memory of John and Wanda Stambouly given by Joseph and Anita Stambouly

In memory of Dean, Darrin, Mundi, Jill and Scott given by Ron and Marcia Mercer

In memory of our parents given by the Dentrone Family

In celebration of our family given by Tom and Sharon Noonan

In memory of Ken Landi given by the Landi Family

Hydrangeas

In honor of our children given by Harry and Claire Newman

In memory of Ed Bell given by the Bell Family

Daffodils

In celebration of family members given by The Colemans

In celebration of family members given by Deidre Gehrke



Easter Lilies

In memory of Alice Fox given by Marilyn Fox
In memory of Henry and Josephine Markl given by Lilli Solomon
In memory of our parents given by the Vione Family

Hyacinths

In celebration of family members given by the Blossers

BRASS DONATIONS

In celebration of family members given by the Colemans
In loving memory of Joseph C. Winkler given by The Winkler Family
In memory of Ruth and Charles Mies given by Vicki Field
In memory of Nancy and Anthony Penfold given by Kim Gilbert
In memory of Rev. William Rambo given by Harold and Joan Armet
In celebration of our family given by the Dentrone Family
In celebration of Bruce Solomon given by Lilli Solomon
In memory of my mother given by Diane Lobaugh

The Sanctuary Guild would like to express their sincere thanks to those members and friends of the congregation who dedicated their floral gifts to beautify our sanctuary in memory of, in celebration of, or in honor of loved ones.

Please take your plant with you after the Easter Service.

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