



First Presbyterian Church of  
**NORTHPORT**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](https://www.youtube.com/@fpcnorthport)
- Follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport](https://www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport)
- Join the church!
- Find the most current information on our website ([www.fpcnorthport.org](http://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, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Communion Sunday

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

"Pastorale"  
A. Guilmant

Daniel Berman

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Helping Rural Families in Need*

Elder Marilyn Fox

CHORAL INTROIT

"Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"  
Chancel Choir

G. Scheer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

**Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.**

We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!

**Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.**

We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

**Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.**

We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

**God is with us and will never let us go. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 260

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

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

\*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

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymn No. 581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.***

~We Hear God’s Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Shelley Pierce

**Come Holy Spirit! As the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, bear witness to the truth in our hearts and minds, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 66:8-20

(p. 528, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

*5<sup>th</sup> 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. 828

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”  
(Please remain seated)

MORE LOVE TO THEE

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:15-21

(p. 109, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“I Will Not Leave You Orphaned”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Please scan the QR Code on the back page

OFFERTORY

“O Love”  
Chancel Choir

E. Hagenberg

\*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)

**Shepherding God, you lead us, guard us, prepare us and preserve us. We have responded by giving back to you what has come from your hand. Bless these gifts, and multiply them in the life of your church, so that the gates of salvation may be flung wide, and all your Beloved Community may know the love and the peace that is ours in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

~Holy Communion~

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 494 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

QUEBEC

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 the empty cup back to your pew by the side aisles and place it in the cup rack.  
If you are unable to come forward, a server will come to your pew. All elements are gluten free.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"  
Chancel Choir & Sunday School Children

E. Dewar, D. Forrest

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN NO. 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"I Love You, Lord"

L. Klein

\*POSTLUDE

"Liebeslied"

Schumann/Liszt

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

## **Announcements**

**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 on break** – Adult Ed will be taking a break for the next 2 Sundays, May 3rd and May 10th. We will return May 17th with the 4th and final session of our 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. We welcome all to join us then at 9 AM prior to service for pastries and coffee and lively discussion. More to follow on future sessions.

**Presbyterian Women's (PW) Book Discussion - Tuesday, May 12th - 10 a.m.** The next PW Book Discussion will be about "The Stolen Queen" by Fiona Davis. The talk will be held at the home of Christine Spiller. Please call Christine at 631-757-8167 to let her know if you will be attending.

**Mission Ministries** - In response to an item listed in the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, for the next few Sundays during coffee hour members of Mission Ministries will be accepting donations to purchase a family or "clutch" of chickens that will provide eggs for food, feathers for pillows, and fertilizer for crops. To quote the catalog, "by giving a family of chickens, you can help improve the food security and livelihoods of farmers and families around the world." Be sure to look for the chicken displays on the table in the Hartt Room and make a donation, even a small one, to help rural families in need.

**Exciting News About Our Theater Group!** Our theater group (Frankie & Jill Productions) has received a \$30,000 grant from the Presbytery of Long Island! This grant will allow them to update the stage, sound system and stage lighting for future productions. The next production is the musical *Pippin* which will be performed on July 30, 31 & August 1. More details to come.

**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.

**Al-Anon Meetings at FPC** – This 12-step program meets every Friday night at 8 PM in the Hartt Rm.

**Pioneers will meet again on Wednesday, May 13th** – 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.

**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](mailto:emgeetd@aol.com)

**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

Pegge Strella, Carol & Ray Peres, Bob Van Deusen, Kristin Lombardi & Denton, Bob Montusi (Diana's husband), Bruce Solomon (Lilli's husband), 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:office@fpcnorthport.org)

Website: [www.fpcnorthport.org](http://www.fpcnorthport.org)

 [www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport](https://www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport)

#### Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

Phone: (631) 261-4357

#### Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

Email: [info@weekdaynorthport.com](mailto:info@weekdaynorthport.com)

Website: [www.weekdaynorthport.com](http://www.weekdaynorthport.com)

 [www.facebook.com/weekdaynorthport](https://www.facebook.com/weekdaynorthport)

To sign up for the church email list send  
your email address to:  
[office@fpcnorthport.org](mailto:office@fpcnorthport.org)

### The Staff of The First Presbyterian Church of Northport

Rachel Vione

*Pastor*

Colleen Agovino

*Chancel Choir Director*

Daniel Berman

*Organist*

John Kennedy

*Facilities Manager*

Dana Laughlin

*Finance and Weekday School Manager*

Michelle Micucci

*Director of Weekday Nursery School*

Lisha Schlaich

*Sunday School Teacher*

Karen Twitchell

*Office Administrator*



Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the church.  
The network name is FPCN\_Guest  
The password for the guest network is  
Hart330

### Session

Marcia Mercer (Clerk of Session), Melissa Barasch,  
Pat Bell, Cathy Coleman (Assistant Clerk), Dennis  
Crowley, Frank Dentrone, Vicki Field, Marilyn Fox,  
Kim Gilbert, Susanne Haffner, John Iorio, Diana  
Montusi, Claire Newman, David Ofsharick, Betsy  
Radecki

### Deacons

Jim Beyer, Janeen Crowley (co-moderator), Tim  
Gladding, Kathleen Landi, Anne Mateer, Robin  
O'Neil Gonzalez, Robert Spiller, Pegge Strella  
(co-moderator), Marjorie Sundquist, Libby  
Yoskowitz

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