



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

7th Sunday of Easter
May 17th, 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.

Feast of the Ascension

The Christian holiday of Ascension Day, also known as the Feast of the Ascension, celebrates when Jesus ascended to heaven. This feast day is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches, along with the celebrations of the Passion, Easter, and Pentecost. Ascension Day is generally observed on a Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter.

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SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

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

“Andante Pastorale”
J. Herzog

Daniel Berman

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

CHORAL INTROIT

“Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand”
Chancel Choir

G. Scheer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

(Psalm 68:7-10, 32)

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,
the earth quaked,

**the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God,
the God of Israel.**

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your
flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

*HYMN NO. 26

“Earth and All Stars!”

EARTH AND ALL STARS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness
more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us.
Yet we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of
what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you
would have us be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

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)
(*Psalm 19:14*)

Krista Mellinger DeRoma

**May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of all of our hearts, be acceptable,
even pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our strength and redeemer. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

(p. 529, 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. 317

“In Christ There Is No East or West”
(*Please remain seated*)

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 17:1-11

(p. 111, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“An Out-of-Order Lesson”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Chancel Choir

J. Rutter

*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)

Gracious and loving God, we bring our tithes and offerings to you in celebration and thanksgiving for the good news of Easter. Give us your wisdom and grace to use what you have given us for ministries of love and compassion that will share the love of Jesus Christ. Accept what we give in response to what you have so freely given to us, your indescribable gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. 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. 733

“We All Are One in Mission”

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*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“God Be in My Head”

A. L. Page

*POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

P. Fey

Flower Dedication

*The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of my brother, Bill Koran, given by
Barbara and Nancy Healy*

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 – Adult Ed will meet today 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.

Pentecost Sunday - May 24th Reminder: We often wear red on Pentecost Sunday because red symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit, which is a vibrant reminder of the power, presence, and passion of the Spirit—and marks the birth of the Church. Join us in wearing red as we celebrate this joyful and spirit-filled day!

Graduate Recognition - Sunday, June 21st – If you have a 2026 high school, college, or graduate school graduate whose name you would like listed in the bulletin on June 21st, please call or email the church office by **Tuesday, June 16th**.

Strawberry Shortcake Sunday – June 14th – Our Membership Ministry is hosting a special coffee hour featuring strawberry shortcake. Please join us in the Hartt Room following worship to enjoy delicious strawberry shortcake!

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 27th – 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

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. 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

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Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

Phone: (631) 261-4357

Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

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To sign up for the church email list send
your email address to:
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The password for the guest network is
Hartt330

Session

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