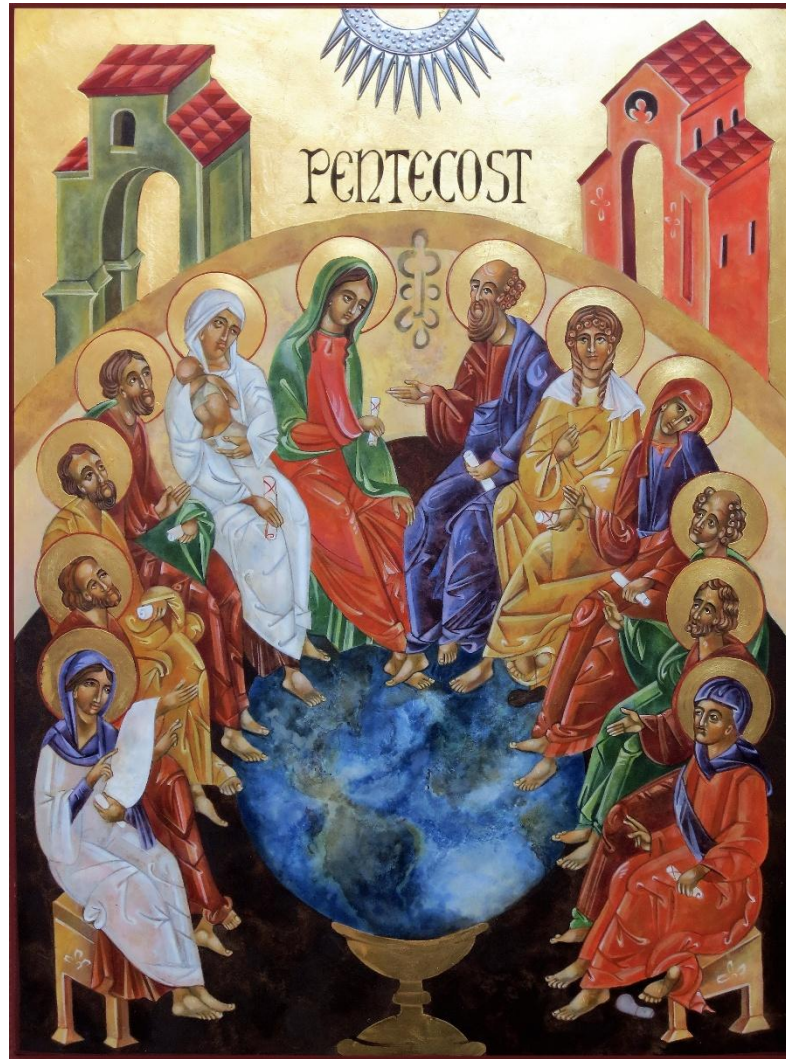




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

Pentecost Sunday
May 24th, 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.

Pentecost

The Christian holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31). In Christian tradition, this event represents the birth of the early church.

"Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us." - Robert Baer

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SUNDAY, MAY 24TH, 2026

Pentecost 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

"Largo in G"
Handel

Daniel Berman

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

CHORAL INTROIT

"Holy Spirit, Come to Us"
Chancel Choir

J. Berthier

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come, sing a new song of worship.

Come, sing a new song of praise.

Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

With joy we celebrate Pentecost.

Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.

Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration.

A day when the holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory,

and the glory was given to the people.

The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us.

Sing praises! We sing praises, indeed!

*HYMN NO. 289

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

MUNICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, oh God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”**

Hymn No. 582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

~We Hear God’s Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Carolyn Louis

**Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive
the message you intend for us today. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 104:24-34

(p. 555, pew Bible)

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. 291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”
Please remain seated

SPIRIT

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 11:1-9

(p. 9, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

“Confusing Communication”

Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God’s People~

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

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen
and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the
Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one
Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly
human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of
the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn No. 1, v. 1

NICA EA

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

“Breath of God”
Chancel Choir

M. Foreman

*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. 280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

EBENEZER

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“I Love You, Lord”

L. Klein

*POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary”

J. Stanley

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

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

Announcements

Sunday School and Nursery Care – Sunday School will not meet this Sunday. Nursery care with Miss Mary and Miss Joey is available on the lower level.

Adult Ed Class – Adult Ed will continue for the next two Sundays with an interesting and optimistic series of short videos on climate change and our Christian response to it, led by Katharine Hayhoe, a renowned Christian Climate Scientist. We welcome all to join us at 9 AM prior to service for pastries, coffee and lively discussion. More to follow on future sessions. Hope to see you then!

Today is Pentecost Sunday – 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!

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!

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**.

Mission Ministries - In response to an item listed in the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, today will be the last Sunday 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. **This Sunday marks the end of this mission outreach program.**

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

Linda (Pat Bell's sister), Becky Padgett, Pegge Strella, Carol & Ray Peres, Bob Montusi (Diana's husband), Bruce Solomon (Lilli's husband), Kate Wardle (friend of the Gladdings), David Bartlebaugh (Claire Newman's brother), Bob Treanor (Susan Van Deusen's father), Rebecca Zusman (friend of Marilyn Fox), 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, **the family of:** Phyllis Crowley (Dennis & Janeen's sister-in-law), **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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Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

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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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Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the church.
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The password for the guest network is
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Session

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Montusi, Claire Newman, David Ofsharick, Betsy
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