



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

5th Sunday of Easter
May 3rd, 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.

Please welcome our guest preacher Elder Amy Means. Amy Means is an actively serving Elder at Old First Church in Huntington. She was born and raised in Metro Detroit, Michigan, where she first served as an Elder and Evangelism Team leader for three years. She and her husband reside in Huntington where they stay busy cheering their girls on in dance, cross-country, lacrosse, and field hockey. They are also proud Michigan State University alumni and parents to their son, who recently completed his freshman year as an MSU Spartan. Amy has spent over twenty years as an educator and teaches in the South Huntington Union Free School District.

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SUNDAY, MAY 3RD, 2026

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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

“Prière à Notre Dame”
L. Boelmann

Daniel Berman

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Elder Frank Dentrone

CHORAL INTROIT

“In My Life (Lord, Be Glorified)”
Chancel Choir

B. Kilpatrick

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 63

O God, you are my God; my soul thirsts for you and my flesh cries out for your eternal presence.

We gather before you in your sanctuary to witness your power, glory, and majesty.

Your steadfast love is better than life; my heart and voice join to praise your name.

We will bless you as long as we live; we will lift up our hands and call upon your name.

In you my soul is satisfied and in your holy presence my mouth opens with joyful praise.

We gather in the shadow of your wings to sing for joy, for you have been our help!

Upheld by the unconditional love and everlasting grace of the Lord, our God, let us lift our hearts and voices as we worship God together in Spirit and Truth.

HYMN NO. 321

“The Church's One Foundation”

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Holy God, the first and last, the beginning and end of all things, Alpha and Omega, you are worthy of praise from all your creation. Sun, moon, and stars praise you. Earth, sea, and sky praise you. Every living thing praises you in its own way. And so we praise you in our human diversity, joining our varied voices with all your creatures in heaven and on earth. You fill our lives with the wonder of your love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Your Spirit moves throughout the world to reveal your purpose for every living thing. Receive our prayers and praise this day, for you are the source of our life and our hope, Holy God, Risen Christ, Living Spirit, now and forevermore.

Gracious God, Jesus commanded us to love one another so that the world would know we follow him. Yet we confess we do not always love one another, at least not the way Jesus loves us. The world has seen our squabbling, our history of hypocrisy, and our lack of compassion for those who do not measure up to our inconsistent standards. Loving God, forgive us. Lord Jesus Christ, continue to love us. Holy Spirit, fill us with love for others. Empower us to love one another so that the world may see the love of our Risen Savior in our words and actions. Amen.

*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand

SILENT PRAYERS

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Once, we were not a people, but now we are God's people. Once, we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. Jesus Christ, the living cornerstone, has borne our sin, carried our grief, and opened the way of eternal grace.

Christ does not leave us in fear. Christ does not abandon us in uncertainty. Christ meets us with mercy and calls us beloved. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. In Jesus Christ, we are restored. In Jesus Christ, we are made new. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Hymn No. 240
Refrain, vs. 1 & 2

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

God of resurrection and new life, breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, so that as your Word is read and proclaimed, we may open our ears to hear, our minds to understand, and our hearts to believe. Speak with authority through these Scriptures. Empower us to hear your voice, so that we may commit to living as part of the story of faith you continue to write upon the hearts and lives of your people, today and always. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 46

(p. 517, 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. 22

"God of the Sparrow"
Please remain seated

ROEDER

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

(p. 120, pew Bible)

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

SERMON

"Step Out of the Traffic!"

Elder Amy Means

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Hymn No. 240
Refrain, vs. 3 & 4

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

"God So Loved the World"
Chancel Choir

R. M. Vandervliet, Jr.

*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)

Generous God, we thank you for the hope you offer through the resurrection. In Jesus, we witness the impact of sacrificial love, and we trust fully in the hope of new life he offers. Receive our offerings, given in joyful gratitude and thanksgiving for all we have received in his name. Multiply each gift of time, talent, and treasure, so that the transformative work of God may continue to be experienced by others. 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. 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"God Be in My Head"

A. L. Page

*POSTLUDE

"Toccata in Seven"

J. Rutter

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

Announcements

Birthday Celebrations First Sunday of the Month! Everyone with a May birthday is invited to celebrate their birthday with us at coffee hour. We will sing Happy Birthday and enjoy an ice cream cake!

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.

Thank you to all who helped at the **Spring Clean-up Day** last Saturday. Many tasks were accomplished and the grounds and building look great!

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.

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

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. 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

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Email: office@fpcnorthport.org

Website: www.fpcnorthport.org

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Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

Phone: (631) 261-4357

Weekday Nursery School

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To sign up for the church email list send
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The password for the guest network is
Hartt330

Session

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