



First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 28th, 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 back our guest preacher today Rev. Len Carrell

Rev. Len Carrell is glad to be back on the east coast. After serving as solo pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, Tennessee, and before that at Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas as the Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care, Len is coming home to New York City. Some of Len's passions for ministry are to answer every day why the church matters, to give life and heart to stories simply told, and to be passionate and compassionate about incarnational ministry in building relationships and transforming our communities. Len's call to ministry has crossed many stages. He studied and worked as a professional actor, started a business representing artists in the textile design industry, and became engaged in the work of the church. His deep involvement as a member of The Brick Presbyterian Church led to his studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he earned a Master of Divinity. Len and his wife Tanisha have been married since 2001 and they have one daughter, Caitlin, who graduated from Pace University in New York City.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2026

5th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM

~We Gather in God's Name~

PRELUDE

Violin Concerto - Andante, BWV 1041
JS Bach arr. K. Schoonenbeek

Daniel Berman

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Elder Vicki Field

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

God called Abram, saying, "Go to the land I will show you."

And Abram went.

The Lord God called Samuel by name, three times.

And he answered, "Here I am, Lord, for you called me."

God sent Gabriele to Mary saying, "O favored one, be not afraid, I am with you."

And her heart sang, "He who is mighty has done great things for me."

Jesus invited new friends saying, "Follow me, come and see."

And they dropped their nets, and left their taxing tables, and followed.

God is in this place.

Let us give glory to God!

*HYMN NO. 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God,

Forgive our bleak imagination and our dreams that refuse inspiration.

We imagine that things are as they must be, so we dream of little more than refining what is.

Forgive our poor memory and our fragile trust.

We remember no help in ages past, so we summon no hope for years to come.

Forgive our cynical hearts and our tired fear. We have grown accustomed to the brokenness around us, so we are suspicious of joy when it appears.

Come to us, O God, and revive our spirit with your Good News.

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

**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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any other voices, or distractions of your own, that in hearing your wisdom and sensing your presence we may discern your desire and direction for our life together; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~We Hear God’s Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

(p. 259, 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. 288

“Spirit of the Living God”
(Please remain seated)

LIVING GOD

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 1:3-7a

(p. 196, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Lost Belongings”

Rev. Len Carrell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*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

Sposalizio

F. Liszt

*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 God, pour out your love upon these our humble gifts we bring to you today.
Bless these offerings, and all who give them, to the fulfillment of your divine purposes and pursuits.
We trust that you will show up in even these small ways in which we show our gratitude and joy.
Help us to become the people you created and imagined us to be. Loving, Honest, and Generous
people. In Christ's name we pray. 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. 754

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

BARONITA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Sortie on Quid Nunc in Tenebris Tristis Aberras

A. Guilmant

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



*Liszt's Sposalizio ("The Marriage") was inspired by Raphael's painting The Marriage of the Virgin.
Liszt's music reflects the painting's sense of sacred promise and quiet prayerful devotion,
unfolding from a simple bell-like motif into a serene radiant climax.*

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 continue our final series of the season with a 6-week video series by Adam Hamilton, entitled “Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith.” We will learn that doubt is entwined with faith, and to paraphrase Hamilton, “my life has been better because I choose to believe.” Join us at 9 am in the Chapel for coffee, pastries and lively discussion. See you then!

Sunday, July 5 – Independence Day Worship Service – Join us for worship on July 5 as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our country. The worship service will include patriotic hymns and music from our chancel choir as well as the celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Thank you for your generous donations of food and money to the Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry. \$240 was given to the Food Pantry last week.

Daily Devotions “These Days” – Copies of the new issue of “These Days” for July - September are available in the Hartt Room.

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.

Mission Ministries is sponsoring a food and clothing drive throughout the months of June, July and August, to assist homeless men who visit the HIHI "Amigos' Cafe" in Huntington Station on weekdays. At the Cafe, guests are served breakfast and lunch. But they are also in need of clothing items. Boxes will be placed in the parking lot entrance to the church during the months of June, July and August to receive your donations. One will be marked "Food" and the other "Clothing". Here is a list of the items that have been requested: **FOOD:** hot cups, large paper plates, disposable forks and spoons, ground coffee, instant iced tea mix, oatmeal. **SNACKS:** (individual servings please), cookies, granola bars. **BEVERAGES:** juice, lemonade. **CLOTHING: (NEW OR GENTLY USED)** - light weight jackets, sweatpants, sweatshirts, socks, t-shirts, hats/caps - Sizes small and medium. **DONATIONS OF TOILET PAPER WOULD BE ALSO APPRECIATED.**

Presbyterian Women’s (PW) Book Discussion - Tuesday, September 15th - 10 AM -The next PW Book Discussion will be about "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi. The talk will be held at the home of Leah Fink. Please call Leah at 631-912-6997 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.

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

Barbara Healy, Margaret Frey (Kathleen Landi's cousin), Simone Seth (friend of Anita D'Amico Stambouly), Linda (Pat Bell's sister), Carol & Ray Peres, Bob Montusi (Diana's husband), Kate Wardle (friend of the Gladdings), David Bartlebaugh (Claire Newman's brother), Bob Treanor (Susan Van Deusen's father), 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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Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

Phone: (631) 261-4357

Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

Email: info@weekdaynorthport.com

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The password for the guest network is
Hartt330

Session

Marcia Mercer (Clerk of Session), Melissa Barasch,
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