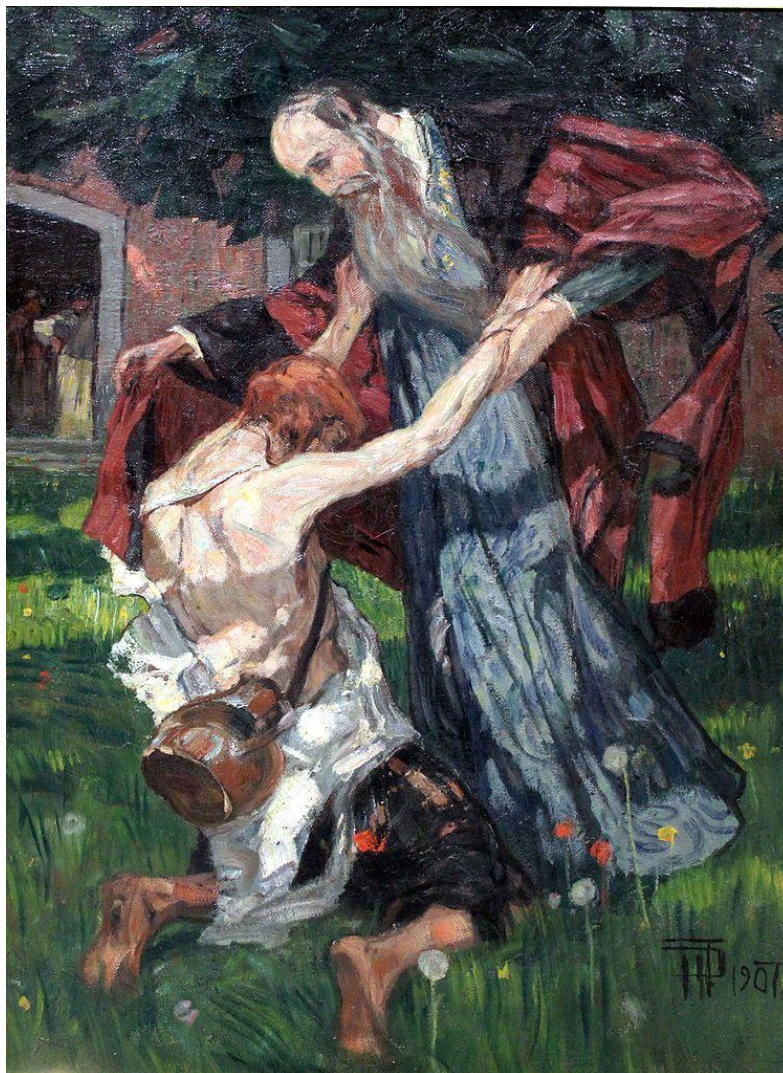




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23rd, 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.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Goldberg Variation #13
Johann Sebastian Bach

Isabella Eredita Johnson

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rachel Vione

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations. Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 4

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devises and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Forgive us, O God, and create a new and right heart within us. Set us free from a past we cannot change, and open us to a future in which we will be changed, so that by your grace, we would grow more and more into the image of Christ, for it is in his name we pray. 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 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Elder, Marcia Mercer

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth
find freedom, and in your will discover your peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

~We Hear God’s Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 22:1-5, 25-31

(p. 500, 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. 418

**“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”
(Please remain seated)**

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:25-32

(p. 79, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Summery Christians & Wintery Christians”

Rev. Rachel Vione

*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.

**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

Andante from Sonata in A major, Op.120

Franz Schubert

*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)

God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts of our lives, as signs of the goodness and mercy that overflows from your generous heart. Receive them and all who give them with our gratitude and joy, that through your church all people will know that they are known and beloved by you. 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. 649

"Amazing Grace"

AMAZING GRACE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in G major, op. 32 #5

Sergei Rachmaninoff

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

Announcements

Sunday School and Nursery Care – Children (5th grade & younger) are invited to go to Sunday school with Miss Lisha following the children's message. Nursery care with Miss Mary and Miss Joey is available on the lower level.

Adult Ed Class – We are taking a break for the summer in Adult Ed. We will restart in September, date to be announced. Have a great summer!

School Supplies Collection – As children are preparing to return to school in September, we will again be collecting school supplies to distribute to needy families in our community. During the month of August, boxes will be provided at the rear entrance to the church to receive your donations. A list of specific donations can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway or in your weekly church email. All donations are due by August 24th.

Save the date! Our Fall Kick-off Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks will be held on September 20th Following worship, all are invited to a special coffee hour in the Hartt Room where Long Island Softee will provide the ice cream! All are welcome to attend as we come together again after the summer months.

All children are invited to bring their backpacks/book bags to worship on Sunday, September 20th. There will be a special blessing of the backpacks during the children's sermon.

New Food Pantry Hours - Starting Thursday, September 10, the ELC Food Pantry will be open from 5:00 -7:00 PM every Thursday. This is to accommodate any client who is unable to shop during the daytime hours.

Thank you from Mission Ministries – Thank you to everyone who donated food & clothing to help support the HHIH mission. We collected a lot of items to help the men at Café Amigos in Huntington Station. Thank you for your generosity in reaching out to those in need.

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

Dennis Crowley, Arlene McGaha & Linda (Pat Bell's sisters), Ron Pukas (friend of Kathy Landi), Margaret Frey (Kathy Landi's cousin), Simone Seth (friend of Anita D'Amico Stambouly), Bob Montusi (Diana's husband), Cyndi Mignella and Diane User and son, Adam (friends of Jim Zima), Christians who are being persecuted around the world, **those in Healthcare facilities** – Gurwin Nursing & Rehab: Lillian Mosher, **the family of:** Katherine Kirsner, Susan Harmon (Audrey & Bob Van Deusen's niece), **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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Email: office@fpcnorthport.org

Website: www.fpcnorthport.org

 www.facebook.com/fpcnorthport

Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

Phone: (631) 261-4357

Weekday Nursery School

Phone: (631) 757-1342

Email: info@weekdaynorthport.com

Website: www.weekdaynorthport.com

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