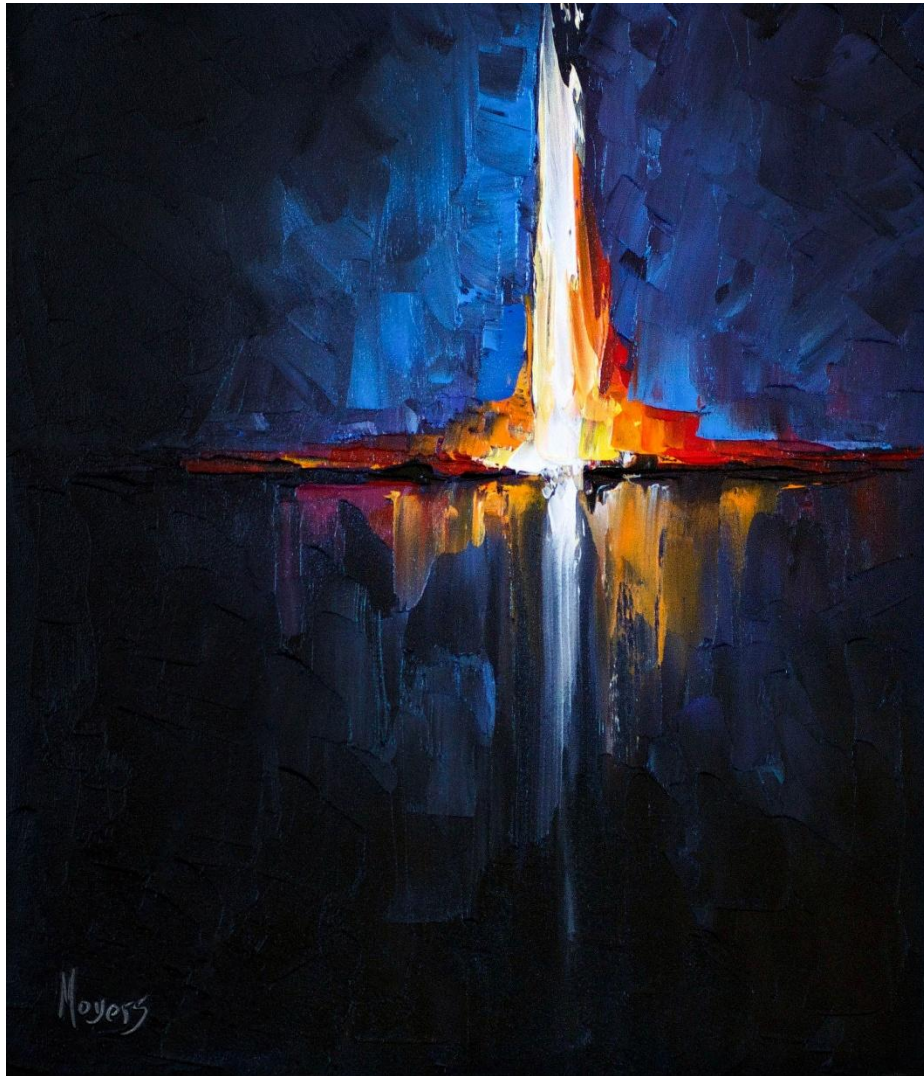




First Presbyterian Church of
NORTHPORT

14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30th, 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, a recent graduate from Pace University in New York City.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 2026

14th 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

“Arioso”
George Frederick Handel

Dana Warren

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Elder, Vicki Field

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

In the beginning when it was void and quiet, The Word was with God.

Where God was, the Word was, and what God was, the Word was.

In the beginning and in the darkness, God spoke: “Let there be light.”

And there was light.

When the time was right God sent Jesus.

He came to dwell among us. He was one of us.

Let us worship God.

True light of true light, no darkness could ever overcome, heaven's tender Word spoken to the world.

*HYMN NO. 23

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

PLEADING SAVIOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess my brokenness: to the ways I harm life
the lives of others, and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

**Before God, with the people of God, we confess our brokenness: to the ways we harm life,
the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

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

**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 OF ADORATION (in unison)

**Creator of beauty and grace, you have made us in your own image. You have freely given us the
breath of life. You have made a covenant with us to be your children, and to love and follow you.
You have delivered us from our wandering ways. You have written your law upon our hearts, and
you have awakened our lives by the very presence of your Holy Spirit.**

**As we gather in this place, where we choose to worship you with amazement and wonder, receive
us. We pray our worship may be pleasing to you, O God of holy light. Cleanse our hearts, steady
our minds and kindle our affections that we may hear your Word, and respond to your grace, in
loving service to you and to one another. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**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, we pray.
Amen.**

~We Hear God’s Word~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-5

(p. 91, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Begotten, Not Made”

Rev. Len Carrell

HYMN NO. 698

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

TAKE ME AS I AM

(Sung twice through. Please remain seated)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from the Nicene Creed

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God:
before all the ages He became truly human, light of light,
true God of true God, begotten not made,
His love will have no end. 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

“Over the Sunset Mountains”

John W. Peterson

*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 and graces.
Bless these offerings, and all who give them, to the fulfillment of your divine way and will.
We trust that you will show your face in the ordinary ways we can show our gratitude
and joy to others. 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. 694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

AURELIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Triumphal March”

Edward Grieg

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

Announcements

Guest Organist - Welcome back Dana Warren as our guest organist today!

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.

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.

Adult Ed Class – Adult Education will begin again on September 20, Kick-off Sunday. We meet at 9 AM before Sunday service in the Chapel. We are beginning this fall with a 5-session study by John Ortberg, entitled "Who is this Man, the Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus". We welcome all to join us every Sunday starting September 20 for coffee, pastries and lively conversation. Hope to see you then!

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 HIHI 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.

Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, September 16th – 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. On September 30th, Kevin McKerr will give a special presentation entitled "Something about Mary".

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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Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry

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