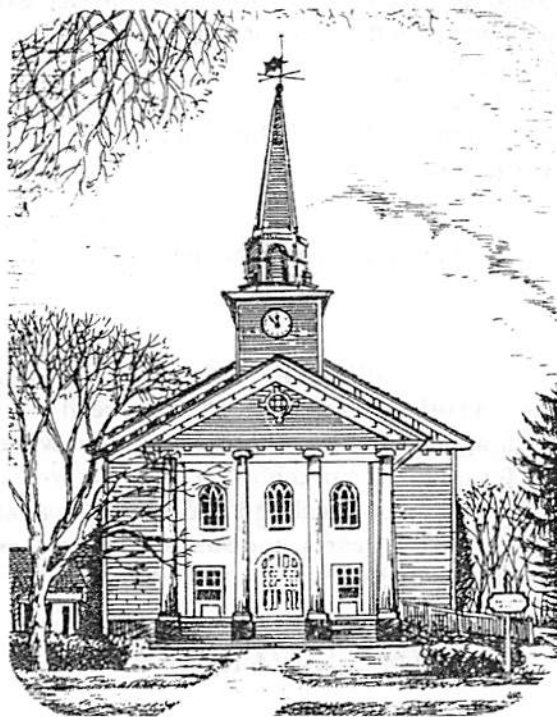


First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648



August 20th, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 20th, 2017

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

*Call to Worship (*Psalm 133*)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like a summer rain which restores the parched earth.

Leader: It is like a cool breeze at the shore of a lake, at the top of a mountain or through a crowded city street.

People: God meets us here.

Leader: We have gathered to worship the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives.

*Opening Prayer

* Hymn #439 "In Christ There Is No East or West" *Alexander Robert Reinagle*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We admit, Merciful God, that we have difficulties living as your children. From our hearts to our mouths flow words that hurt others, come thoughts that lead us away from you. We have been shown the way to your kingdom, but turn into blind guides when asked for the directions by others. When we could offer others the precious oil of peace, we hand them the vinegar of despair and rejection. Have mercy on us, Healing Lord. When you call to us, may we listen with open ears, understand with embracing hearts, and share your grace with others, even as we have been graced by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*) "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us" *Merbecke*

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: I ask you, has God rejected us?

People: No! By God's grace, God's gifts and calling are never taken back.

Pastor: I ask you, again, has God rejected us?

People: No! That Love we know as God will never let us go.

Pastor: This is good news, dear friends, believe it.

People: Thanks be to God. We are forgiven! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

**denotes stand as you are able...*

*Gloria (Hymn 579)

“Glory Be to the Father”

Henry W. Greatorex

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Genesis 45:1-15 (OT Page 42)

Psalter: Psalm 133:1-3 (OT Page 575)

Gospel: Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28 (NT Page 17)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Course Corrections

Rev. Scot McCachren

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

* Hymn #280

“Amazing Grace”

John Newton

*Affirmation of Faith – From the Confession of 1967 (*unison*)

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal Page 16

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem

*Doxology (Hymn 592) “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Bless these gifts, O God,

People: **May they bring mercy and grace, compassion and love, healing and hope, through the ministries and missions we support.**

Leader: In Christ's gracious name, we pray. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #358	“Help Us Accept Each Other”	Doreen Potter
*Benediction		
*Response (#586)	“Amen”	Danish
*Recessional, Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
Postlude	"A Mexican Town Square"	Dennis Janzer

Participating in this morning's service: The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Musical Director; Joshua Borsack, lay reader; Carol Kluge, Marcia Schenck, Carol Symer and Donna Symer, ushers.

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton! Whether today is your first time worshipping with us or you are part of one of our founding families, we welcome you. If you are visiting, we would appreciate your completing the "Welcome" card found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering box.

Flowers in the church this morning are to the Glory of God from the Deacon's Flower Fund. The rose on the baptismal font is in honor of Payton Jean Foster, born August 9th, 2017. Our congratulations to the parents – Jordan and John Foster, and to the entire Schenck family. To offer flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact Summer Borsack, 631-903-0778, or summerborsack@gmail.com.

"Care Notes" are available in the Narthex--please help yourself. Send a note to someone and brighten their day

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***Elder of the Month—Alice Wood
Deacon of the Month—Summer Borsack***

FOOD PANTRY ITEM TO BRING NEXT SUNDAY: *Rice & Beans.*

MEN'S CLUB: John Papas Cafe: breakfast and fellowship - Tuesday mornings at 7:30 am.

RALLY DAY KICKS OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR ON SEPTEMBER 10TH!

Plan to join us for an all-church picnic with games and activities for every age! As we prepare for the new school year, **please volunteer to teach Sunday School** for a one-month session. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex

CALENDAR

This Week: *(Italics indicate non-church event)*

Sunday, August 20th

10:00 am Worship

Monday, August 21st *Office Closed*

12:30 pm *Al-Anon, Session House*

Tuesday, August 22nd

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

10:00 pm Ukelele lessons, Session House (spots still available)

Wednesday, August 23rd

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Thursday, August 24th

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study

12:30 pm *Al-Anon, Session House*

2-4 pm *Suffrage Parade (across street)*

4:00 pm Handbell rehearsal

5:30 pm *Debtor's Anonymous, Session House*

Next Week:

Sunday, August 27th

10:00 am Worship

Monday, August 28th *Office Closed*

12:30 pm *Al-Anon, Session House*

Tuesday, August 29th

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

9:30 am Membership meeting

10:00 am Ukulele lessons, Session House

Thursday, August 31st

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study

12:30 pm *Al-Anon, Session House (downstairs)*

5:30 pm *Debtor's Anonymous, Session House*

Unceasing Prayer

"...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6b-7)

You will find in your pew racks a "Request for Prayer" card. Please use these cards to request

- a prayer to be included in "Prayers of the People" this morning (please give to Pastor before (the service begins)
- prayers by the Pastor, Deacons &/or Elders of the church (if confidential)
- names to be included in the prayer list below
- names to be included in our EPrayer Chain

Unless otherwise requested, names on this prayer list will be included in the prayers of our congregation and pastor for the next four weeks. Requests can always be renewed.

Trusting that God knows each person and need, please hold in your prayers...

Congregation members hospitalized or shut-in:

Jean Symer

Greg Fariel

Others for whom prayer has been requested:

Dee Burke

Elizabeth Carol

Paul Vogel

PARISH CONCERNS

PLEASE WELCOME PAYTON JEAN FOSTER, born August 9th, 2017, to parents, Jordan and John Foster. Congratulations to the entire Schenck family.

LABOR DAY ON THE BEACH! Join your First Presbyterian family for an evening at Wiborg Beach on Labor Day, September 4. We'll meet there at 6:00. Bring some chairs and a packed dinner and be ready to relax.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Eleanor Dordelman will be held graveside on Wednesday, September 13, 11:00 am, at Cedar Lawn Cemetery.

ATTENTION, DATE/TIME CHANGE! LYRA, a cappella vocal quintet all the way from St. Petersburg, Russia, will perform a concert in the church on **Friday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m.**

DID YOU KNOW? You can access recent sermon recordings and bulletins on our website? It's perfect to use in Care & Outreach for those who are unable to attend church – or for you to catch up if you miss a Sunday! You can find them at fpech.org/sermon.htm.

UKELELE CLASSES: The Ukelele Group meets on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 am in the Session House. Ukuleles are provided in class. Beginners still welcome. Contact Jane Hastay or call the office for more information.

GET WELL CARDS FOR REV. TOM SCHACHER: If you would like to send a "get-well" card for Pastor Tom and need his address, please contact Christine in the church office and she will give it to you.

IS THE DOOR LOCKED? The church doors do not always properly close on their own. If you are the last one out, please push the door closed and then try to open again to ensure that it is locked. We thank you!