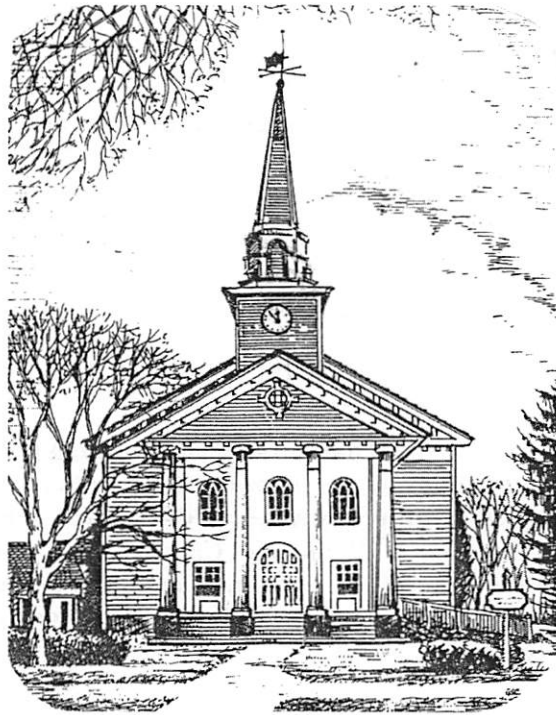


First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648



CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 2016

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 25th, 2016

Christmas Day

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Voluntary

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Jane Hastay
Joe Ecker, Trumpet

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Wonder of wonders, God has come to us!

People: Not as a judge, but as Savior, not in power, but as a servant.

Pastor: Wonder of wonders, God comes to us!

People: Not in silence, but in the Word made flesh; not in the shadows, but bringing Light.

Pastor: Wonder of wonders!

People: God is with us!

*Hymn 40

"Joy To The World!"

Mendelssohn

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

You came in weakness, Mighty God: forgive our grasping for power. You came in humility, Prince of Peace: forgive us for wanting more than others. You came in poverty, Everlasting One: forgive us when we do not see your family sleeping on our streets. You came in gentleness, Wonderful Counselor: forgive us for the anger we speak and the pain we cause. Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today: forgive, us, heal us, make us new; then we will join the angels in singing your praises this Christmas Day and all the days to come.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria (*Hymn 579*)

"Glory Be to the Father"

Gloria Patri

*Passing of the Peace

** denotes please stand as you are able*

*Hymn 23

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

French Carol

Children’s Message

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Christmas Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Readings

Isaiah 52: 7-10 (OT Page 683)

Psalms 98 (OT Page 551)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Praise be to God!

*Hymn 49

"Once in Royal David's City"

Irby

New Testament Scripture Readings

Hebrews 1:1-14, 5-12 (NT Page 219, 220)

Gospel of John 1:1-14 (NT Page 91)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Praise be to God!

Meditation

*Hymn 29

“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”

Spiritual

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Affirmation of Faith – from 2010 Book of Order and The Theological Declaration of Barmen
(*unison*)

God was incarnate in Jesus Christ, who announced good news to the poor, proclaimed release for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, let the broken victims go free, and proclaimed the year of the Lord’s favor. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost; in his life and death for others God’s redeeming love for all people was made visible; and in the resurrection of Jesus Christ there is the assurance of God’s victory over sin and death and the promise of God’s continuing presence in the world. As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Following each petition...

Pastor: God of love,

People: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal Page 16

Prayer Response

“Wexford Carol”

Traditional

Offertory Invitation

Offertory "Mary Did You Know?" Barbara Borsack

*Doxology: Hymn 592 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" *Psalter*

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace.

People: With this offering of gifts returned to you today, help us share the peace of Christ and speak words of blessing and healing in his holy name. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 28 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" *German Folk Tune*

*Benediction

*Response (586) "Threefold Amen" *Danish*

*Chimes Recessional Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude "Wake From Your Sleep"

Participating in this morning's service: The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Director of Music; the Chancel Choir; Barbara Borsack, soloist; Joe Ecker, trumpet, Emily McCachren, lay reader; Aleaze Hodgens, Jean Hodgens, greeters.

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.

Prayer Request cards can be found in the pew. If you prefer that the pastor read your request during the Prayers of the People rather than voicing it yourself, please give to the pastor before the service. If the card is completed after the service begins, please have an usher hand to the pastor prior to the prayer time.

Flowers are in memory of Harriet and John Boettger, "remembering Christmas's past! – with love, from your daughter."

Poinsettias today are offered to the glory of God and are in memory or honor of those notated on the insert to this bulletin.

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

Keeping in Touch: In an effort to care for our members and friends, please notify the church office at (631) 324-0711 if you (or a family member) are hospitalized.

PARISH CONCERNS

FOOD PANTRY this week: Canned Meat.

SPECIAL THANKS to **Buckley's Floral Shop** in East Hampton for the lovely greens and floral additions gracing our exterior and sanctuary this holiday season.

CHOIR REHEARSAL – will resume on December 29th, 2016 at 7:00pm.

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING – will resume on January 3rd, Tuesday at 1:00 pm, Mary Siska's house. Please direct all prayer shawl needs to Nancy Andrews at 631-324-1347 or nancylee0523@yahoo.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - After a successful initial get-together in December, we will begin a weekly meeting schedule for grades 6-8 on Sunday, January 8, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, in the Session House. Bring friends! The adult advisors are Jean Hodgens and David Cataletto.

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

BOOK CLUB – Next meeting will be Wed., Jan. 11th, at 1:00 pm. book The Storied Life of AJ Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin will be discussed.

COMMUNITY SOUP DINNERS sponsored by the Clericus will be held in the new year on the second Wednesdays of the winter months--January 11th, February 8th and March 8th--at Most Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 77 Buell Lane, 5-7pm. Supported by community vendors, the simple meal is open to all and free for all.

THE EAST HAMPTON FOOD PANTRY – will be temporarily re-locating to the Hampton Country Day Camp, 191 Buckskill Road.

CLOTHING FOR MAUREEN'S HAVEN--Slightly used or new season-appropriate clothes for the homeless may be placed in the labeled basket in the Narthex.

LAUNDRY LOVE – a local on-going mission effort “to help people who are struggling financially by assisting them with doing their laundry.” See the labeled container in the Narthex. All monies are accepted, but quarters are especially helpful. Thank you! (*Deacons*)

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
- prayers by the Pastor, Deacons &/or Elders of the church (if confidential)
- names to be included in the prayer list below

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
Don Halsey	Catherine Verhaegen

Others for whom prayer has been requested:

Jean Knoesel	Shane Hamley
Dell Cullum	David King
The Halvorsen family	Carmen Rosa Lopez
Elizabeth Carol	Virginia Backlund
John "Kenny" Wessberg III	Tricia Olszewski
The Rev. Alan Widerquist	Family of Richard Wheaton & Aimee Edwards
Lee Andrews	Raymond Wodarski

CALENDAR

(Italics indicates non-church event)

This Week:

Sunday, December 25th

10:00 am Christmas Day Worship

Monday, December 26th

12:30pm Al-Anon, Session House

Tuesday, December 27th

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

9:30 am Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 28th

7:00 pm Session Meeting, Session House

Thursday, December 29th

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Office Administrator, Christine Cadarette will be on vacation Dec. 27, 2015 through Dec. 30th, 2016.
Harriet Snowden will be in the office.

Next Week:

Sunday, January 1st

10:00 am Worship with Communion & Sunday School (3 year old through 5th grade)

Monday, January 2nd

12:30pm Al-Anon, Session House

Tuesday, January 3rd

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Knitting, Mary Siska's House, starts back up for 2017

Thursday, January 5th

12:30 pm – Al-Anon, Session House

7:00 pm Choir

Friday, January 6th

Lunch preparation for Maureen's Haven, Session House (Call 561-358-5597 to volunteer)

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The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz, Pastor Emeritus

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Ruling Elders

Class of 2016

Harriet Edwards
Joyce Lys
Hilary Malecki
Sherry Wolfe

Class of 2017

Linda Child
Peter Cooper
Lori Dalene
Alice Wood

Class of 2018

Lee Andrews
Bruce Bluedorn
Aleaze Hodgens
Ann Roberts

Elder of the Month—Aleaze Hodgens

Deacons

Leslie Clarke
Zanetta Classens
Michelle Grant
Matthew Lester

Jennifer Anderson
Linda Brown
Regina Foley
Summer Borsack

Polly Bruckmann
Carol Kluge
Jane Kiembock
Paul Vogel

Deacon of the Month—Polly Bruckmann

*Poinsettias gracing our chancel for the Christmas Eve
worship services are given to the Glory of God and...*

In memory of loved ones, given by Rob & Sue Nicoletti.

In memory of my parents, John & Edith Talmadge, given by Harriet Peele.

In memory of Walter A. Preische, Jr., given by Carolyn Preische.

In memory of Dr. & Mrs. Walter A. Preische, given by Carolyn Preische.

In memory of Rev. & Mrs. David G. Davies, given by Carolyn Preische.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. James A. Harkness, given by Stew & Gay Quarty.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Norman F. Quarty, given by Stew & Gay Quarty.

*In memory of Margaret Starke & many family members, given by Ann
Roberts.*

In memory of Thomas T. Thoreson, given by Angel & Curt Schade.

In honor of Roy & Lori Dalene, given by Chuck & Arlene Simonton.

In memory of loved ones, given by Bruce and Mary Siska.

In memory of Sue Bailey Grant, given by The Grant family.

In memory of Jean Ferguson, maternal grandmother, given by The Lys family.

In memory of loved ones, given by The Symer/Rafferty family.

In memory of Arthur, Violet & Steve Wadzinski, given by Patricia Wadzinski.

In memory of Henry & Dorothy Walker, given by Joyce Walker.

In memory of Ralph Wolfe & loved ones, given by Sherry B. Wolfe.

In loving memory of Jon P. York, given by Diane York.

Poinsettias gracing our chancel for the Christmas Eve worship services are given to the Glory of God and...

*In loving memory of **George Anderson**, given by Shirley Anderson & his family.*

*In memory of **Donald Bruckmann**, given by Polly Bruckmann.*

*In memory of his grandfather, **Jay Collins**, given by David Cataletto.*

*In loving memory of **Dr. & Mrs. Oliver Moore**, given by David & Leslie Clarke.*

*In loving memory of **Janice Brightwell & Lawrence Clarke**, given by David & Leslie Clarke.*

*In memory of **Kathryn Gaynor**, given by Peter, Rachel, Nicholas & Henry Cooper.*

*In memory of **Carrie & Pat D'Andrea & Betty & Leslie Wilson**, given by Barbara & Dennis D'Andrea.*

*In memory of **Grace Diamond**, given by Marjorie & John Diamond.*

*In memory of **Louis, Marion & Elbert Edwards**, given by Harriet, Heddie & Pember Edwards.*

*In memory of **Elbert T. Edwards**, given by Heddie & Pember Edwards.*

*In memory of **Joan Anderson Stone**, given by her husband, children, grand & great-grand children.*

*In memory of my parents, **Herbert & Elsie Garretson**, given by Jane Kiembock.*

*In loving memory of **Larry Miller**, given by Linda Miller.*

*In loving memory of **Fred & Phyllis Lester**, given by Linda Miller.*

*In memory of **loved ones**, given by James & Susan Nicoletti.*