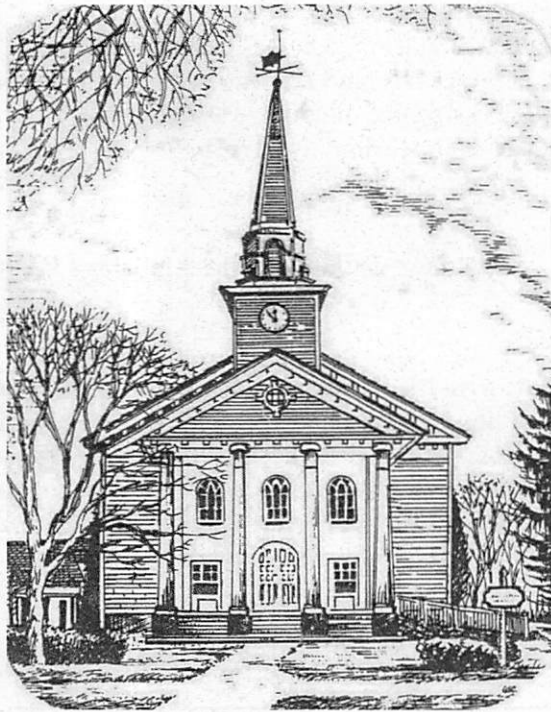


*First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648*



January 21st, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 21st, 2018

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

"Morning Song"

arr. Rosalie Bonighton

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come and sit at the feet of our teacher.

People: Christ reveals the ways of God.

Leader: Come and see that God's kingdom has drawn near.

People: God sets the captives free and fills the needy with good things.

Leader: Come and praise our source of courage and strength.

People: The Spirit leads us in wisdom and truth.

Leader: Come! Let us worship the Lord.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn #482**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Stralsund

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God our God: we fill our souls with the empty sounds of our culture, and wonder why we are so empty when we need words of hope, of grace, of comfort. We are careful to follow the prescriptions our doctors give us, yet pay little heed to your hopes for us. Forgive us, Holy One, and be gracious to us: astound us with your words, so we may learn your ways; nourish us with your mercy, so we may be filled with life; enter our empty souls, till they overflow with praise for your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Of all the astounding works of God, this may be the most wonderful: God is gracious and merciful – to us!

People: What has this to do with us? Everything! What is this? Good news, of the very best kind! We are forgiven. We give thanks to God with all our hearts. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

***Gloria (Hymn 579)**

"Glory Be to the Father"

Henry W. Greatorex

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Old Testament:	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	(OT Page 174)
Epistle:	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	(NT Page 182)
Gospel:	Mark 1:21-28	(NT Page 35)
Reader:	This is the Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God!	

Sermon

The Power of Love

Rev. Scot McCachren

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Hymn #339

"Be Thou My Vision"

Irish Ballad

*Affirmation of Faith – Adapted from the Confession of 1967 (9.15)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal Page 16

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem

"Hallelujah Round of Praise"

arr. by Austin C. Lovelace

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

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

God of splendor and might, you lead us across the wilderness of our lives, setting our hearts aflame; you teach us the ways of life and death and send us prophets to bless us with understanding and wisdom. May these offerings show our commitment to grow ever deeper in your ways, through the one who leads us into life. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #276

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

William Marion Runyan

*Benediction

*Response (#586)

"Amen"

Danish

*Recessional, Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

"Voluntary in E Minor"

John Stanley

Participating in this morning's service: The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Music Director; Jeffrey Miller, lay reader; Fred & Gayle Lester, Linda Miller and Dana Lester, ushers.

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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 on the communion table and two large pedestals are given in loving memory of Sherry Wolfe by her church 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 to brighten the day

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Elder of the Month—Linda Child
Deacon of the Month—Jane Kiembock

VICENTE TOVAR retired from First Presbyterian at the end of 2017 after many years serving faithfully as the church sexton. At the same time, his wife Sonja concluded her service managing the cleaning for us. We would like to recognize Vicente and Sonja's years of work for the church through a **Freewill Love Offering**. If you would like to participate, you may write a check to First Presbyterian designated for the Tovars and put it in the offering box today.

PER CAPITA FOR 2018 is 36.78

THE 2018 ENVELOPES BOXES are available for pick-up in the Narthex. **Please note that your envelope number may have changed.**

FOOD PANTRY ITEM TO BRING NEXT SUNDAY: Peanut Butter & Jelly

CALENDAR

Nursery School in Session House (Monday/Wednesday/Fridays 9am-11am)

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

Sunday, January 21st

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

No Youth Group meeting today.

Monday, January 22nd *Office Closed*

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

Tuesday, January 23rd

7:30 am Men's Club

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl knitting at Mary Siska's house

Wednesday, January 24th

7:00 pm Session meeting

Thursday, January 25th

12:00 pm Bible Study

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

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Next Week:

Sunday, January 28th

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

Monday, January 29th *Office Closed*

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

Tuesday, January 30th

7:30 am Men's Club (venue TBD)

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl knitting meeting at Mary Siska's house.

Thursday, February 1st

12:00 pm Bible Study

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

5:00 pm Mission meeting

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

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:

The Schade family

The family of Jen Balnis

Paul Vogel

Bill Stowell

Ray Dee

The family of Alan Dixon

The Lind family

The family of Sherry Wolfe

MaryBeth Fisher

PARISH CONCERNS

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Sherry Wolfe will be held in the sanctuary after church today, at approximately 11:30 am.

STONY BROOK SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL is seeking volunteers for its No One Dies Alone (NODA) chaplaincy program. A free training session will be held at the Hospital on Thursday, January 25 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. If you are interested in attending or learning more, call the Palliative Care Chaplain, Mary Hogarty, at (631) 726-8296.

SUMMER CAMP! Boating, swimming, cookouts, arts & crafts, archery, nature trails – all the things summer camp is supposed to be! Come with your children of all ages, 1st grade through high school, to find out about great choices for a memorable experience this summer at Holmes Presbyterian Camp. A representative from the camp will provide a slideshow, materials, talk about transportation options, and answer questions after church next week, **January 28, in the Session House.**

OUR ANNUAL HAM DINNER, SAVE THE DATE, Saturday, March 10th from 5:00-7:00 pm. Tickets are \$16 for Adults, \$10 for children 11 and up, and kids 10 and under eat free. Please see Zanetta Classens for further details.