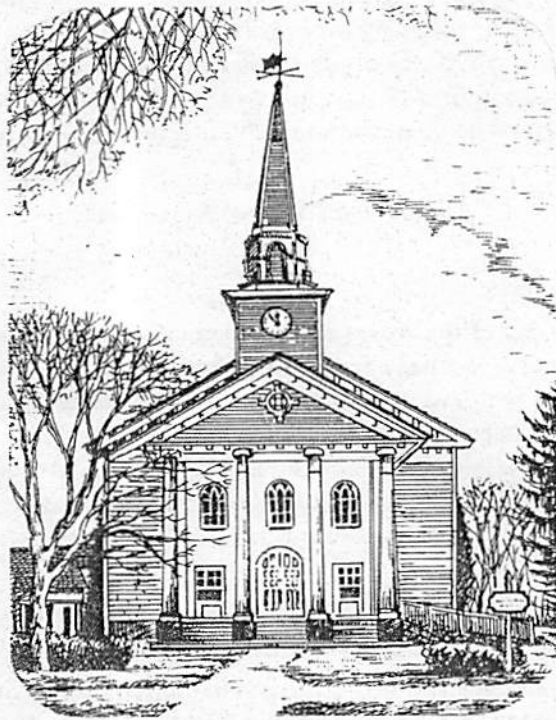


*First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648*



February 26, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 26th, 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

"Pastorale"

Wesley

*Call to Worship (*Matt 17:1-9; Exodus 24:12-18*)

Pastor: On glory's mountaintops of wonder and delight, we wait:

People: For God's amazing grace to transform our shadowed lives.

Pastor: In the valleys of everyday life, where noise overwhelms us, we wait:

People: Willing to waste time simply being in God's presence.

Pastor: In the devouring fires of fear, in the mist of misguided living, we wait,

People: For the One who comes in majesty, to lead us down the paths of humility.

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #142

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Holden

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of mountaintops, the din of the world can harden our hearts to your Word. We watch news, reality TV, silly sitcoms, yet have trouble bearing witness to your presence in our lives. Our faith is placed in those who fail us, our trust is given to those who misplace it. Forgive us, Revealer of Mystery. You offer mercy to us, that we might hear your call to discipleship. You whisper our names, that we might know how loved we are. Caught by the surprise of your never-ending love for us, how can we not follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, onto the mountaintops of worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service! Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (Hymn 572)

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: On mountaintops and in the valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

People: By God's mercy, we are forgiven. By God's mercy, we are made whole. By God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

*Gloria (Hymn 579)

"Glory Be to the Father"

Gloria Patri

Children's Message

** denotes please stand as you are able*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18 (OT Page 70)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9 (NT Page 18)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Eyes Wide Open

Rev. Scot McCachren

*Hymn #464

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Beethoven

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's Creed (*traditional*)

Hymnal page 14

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Following each petition...

Pastor: God of light,

People: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal Page 16

Response: Psalm 2 (*All sing*)



Offertory Invitation

Offertory Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Hopson

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

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

We have not kept these treasures stored in the mountaintops of our fears of how others might use them, but pour them out so they might be used to transform all those who find themselves in the valleys of hunger, of loss, of loneliness, and of injustice. We ask that they be accepted and blessed in the name of your Beloved. Amen

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #485	"To God Be the Glory"	<i>Doane</i>
*Benediction		
*Response (587)	"Amen"	<i>African American</i>
*Recessional, Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
Postlude	"A Mexican Town Square"	Janzer

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Participating in this morning's service: The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Musical Director; Chancel Choir; Donald Smith, Lay Reader; Regina Foley, Donna Nichols, Karen McCaffrey, Kerrie McCaffrey.

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 today are offered to the glory of God. 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!

PARISH CONCERNS

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: We will be joining the Springs Community Presbyterian Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Amagansett for several Lenten worship services, beginning with Ash Wednesday in *Springs* on March 1 at 7:00 pm. Look for the entire Lenten calendar in this week's bulletin insert and in the March newsletter, including Maundy Thursday service with communion here at East Hampton and Good Friday at Amagansett.

BROWN BAG THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: We will resume Thursday Bible Studies on March 2, 12:00 noon in the Session House. Bring a lunch and study the Gospel of John with us. In the first meeting, we'll have an overview of the book and begin talking about the prologue, 1:1-18.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL: We have a supply of our recommended Lenten devotional, *A Way Other Than Our Own*, by Walter Brueggemann, available in the narthex for the next several Sundays and in the church office the rest of the week. The suggested donation for the book is \$10. It is also available online at the PC(USA) Store and Amazon.

CONGREGATIONAL PHOTOGRAPH: The picture for the Cuba Mission team to take on their upcoming trip will be next week, March 5, immediately after church, instead of today.

WHAT WOULD GOD HAVE US DO? The Presbytery of Long Island invites you to a series of facilitated Saturday afternoon conversations about "listening to God and each other in a new political environment." The closest one to us will be at Old Whaler's Church in Sag Harbor on March 4, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Everyone from all political perspectives will have a chance to speak, to express their fears and concerns or their happiness and satisfaction. Join us as we discover areas of commonality and deeper understanding.

SIGN UPS FOR JR. CHOIR: Let's have youth choir for our Easter Sunday celebration! We will meet once a week starting in March for 5-6 weeks. There was a sign-up sheet in the February newsletter and you will also find some in the narthex this morning. Contact Jane Hastay for more information, 631-332-2550.

FOOD PANTRY THIS WEEK: Pasta & Sauce.

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING: Tuesdays 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.

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

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 (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
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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:

Catherine Verhaegen

Jean Symer

Greg Fariel

Others for whom prayer has been requested:

Family of Matthew Lester

Virginia Backlund

Family of David King

Tricia Olszewski

Family of Don Halsey

Elizabeth Carol

The Rev. Alan Widerquist

John "Kenny" Wessberg III

CALENDAR

(Italics indicate non-church event)

This Week:

9:00 – 11:00 am *Session House Preschool (M-W-F)*

Sunday, February 26th

10:00 am Worship, Sunday School for PreK through grade 5.

11:00 am Fellowship meeting

5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

Monday, February 27th

Office Closed

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

7:30 pm *Choral Society of the Hamptons rehearsal*

Tuesday, February 28th

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

9:30 am Membership meeting

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

Wednesday, March 1st

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service, Springs Presbyterian Church

Thursday, March 2nd

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

12:00pm **Brown Bag Bible Study**

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday, March 4th

10:00-2:00pm *Choral Society of the Hamptons rehearsal re-scheduled from last Saturday*

5:00 pm *Soup and Chili Supper at the Amagansett Presbyterian Church*

Next Week:

9:00 – 11:00 am *Session House Preschool (M-W-F)*

Sunday, March 5th

10:00 am Worship, Communion Sunday, School for PreK through grade 5

11:00 am Meeting after worship regarding the upcoming Ham Dinner.

5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

Monday, March 6th

Office Closed

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

7:30 pm *Choral Society of the Hamptons rehearsal*

Tuesday, March 7th

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

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

Wednesday, March 8th

1:00 pm Book Club Mtg

Thursday, March 9th

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

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

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Ruling Elders

Class of 2017

Linda Child
Peter Cooper *
Lori Dalene *
Alice Wood *

Class of 2018

Lee Andrews
Bruce Bluedorn
Aleaze Hodgens
Ann Roberts *

Class of 2019

Josh Borsack
Ken Brown
Debbie Mansir
Wendy Mott

Elder of the Month—Linda Child

Deacons

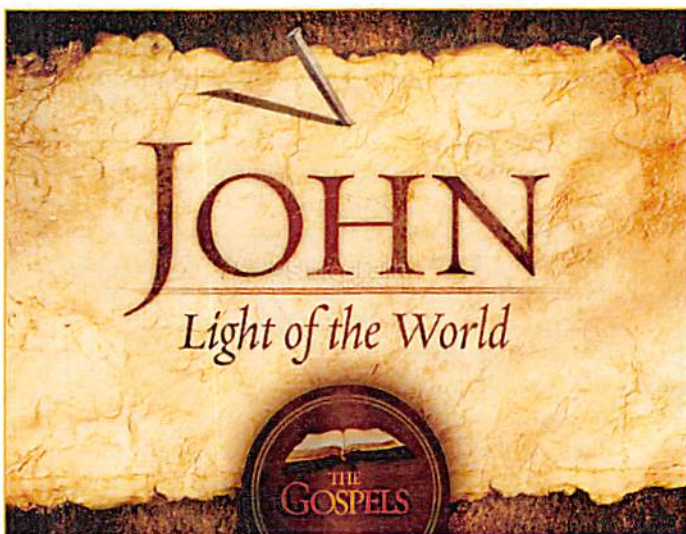
Jennifer Anderson
Summer Borsack
Linda Brown
Regina Foley

Polly Bruckman
Jane Kiembock
Carol Kluge
Paul Vogel

David Cataletto
Zanetta Classens *
Joy Anne Dixon
Vicky Roarick

Deacon of the Month—Zanetta Classens

*Officer is currently serving second consecutive term



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A Walk Through the Season of Lent
at
The First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton

Lenten Devotional

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Ash Wednesday Service

March 1, 7:00 pm, at the Springs Community Presbyterian Church.

Prayers Along the Way of Grace

A participant-led Lenten prayer service, Thursdays in Lent, 8:15 – 9:00 am, beginning March 2. (*Prayer leadership is on a volunteer basis. You will not be asked to lead unless you express an interest in doing so.*)

Pilgrimage to Montauk Prayer Labyrinth

Saturday, March 18, 9:00 am, meet at First Presbyterian parking lot to arrange carpools, or meet us at the Labyrinth at 9:45, in the parking lot at the end of Navy Road, at Edward V. Ecker, Sr. County Park. Pastor Scot will lead this meditative experience.

Palm Sunday Service

April 9, 10:00 am, in the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday Service

April 13, 7:00 pm, at the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper, hosting our sisters and brothers from Springs Community Presbyterian Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Amagansett.

Good Friday Service

April 14 at the First Presbyterian Church of Amagansett

Holy Saturday Easter Prayer Vigil

Saturday, April 15, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, the sanctuary will be open for anyone who wishes to pray, meditate, and be blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Prayer resources will be available in the narthex.

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 16, at East Hampton Main Beach, time TBD

Easter Sunday Service

April 16, 10:00 am, in the sanctuary