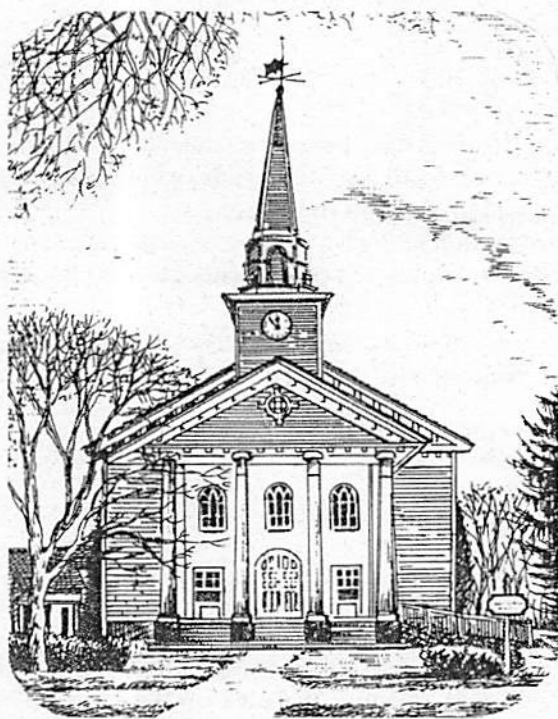


First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648



April 9th, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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Palm/Passion Sunday

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem –

Matthew 21:1-11

Anthem for Palm Sunday

"Who is This King of Glory?"

Macek

Welcome and Parish Concerns

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Here in this place, with these people, we begin that week we call Holy.

People: We crane our necks to see the parade, we will bow our heads as the funeral procession winds through the streets.

Pastor: We have been with Jesus on this journey; we long for courage to go to the end.

People: In one hand, we clutch the palm branches; in the other, we cradle our broken hearts.

Pastor: As children dance excitedly around him, Jesus humbly enters our lives.

People: Hosanna! We welcome the kingdom bearer into our midst. Hosanna!

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #88

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, we welcome Jesus, until he refuses the power we offer him, choosing to become our servant. We pick up the faith we had laid on the ground before him, and put it back on the shelf where it belongs. Our pride keeps us from being able to follow him all the way to Calvary. Hosanna, Steadfast God, save us! Help us to let our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your feet, so we may stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name, in your glory, in your grace to save us. Amen.

Silent Confession

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

Kyrie (*Hymn 513 refrain*) "Let Us Break Bread Together" *African-American Spiritual*
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness: Christ has come to save us!

People: Hosanna! We will give our thanks to God, who comes to bring us grace, hope, life. Hosanna in the highest. Amen!

Passing of the Peace

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Gloria (*Hymn 579*) "Glory Be to the Father" *Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

The Passion According to Matthew 27:11-54 (NT Page 11)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Culminations Rev. Scot McCachren

*Hymn # 98 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" *Passion Chorale*

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Following each petition...

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*) Hymnal Page 16

Prayer Response "Psalm 31" Chancel Choir

Offertory Invitation

Handbell Offertory Holy, Holy, Holy *arr. Helman*

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

***Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)**

Pastor: Blessed are you, Christ Jesus, as you come to us this day.

People: Blessed are you, as you work through the gifts we bring you now.

Pastor: Blessed are you as you live in our lives, helping us become faithful disciples and stewards of your love.

People: Bless and strengthen our gifts, that they may bless and strengthen others. With gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn #89**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Threlfall

***Benediction**

***Response (#586)**

"Amen"

Danish

***Recessional, Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

Handbell Postlude

"Jubilant Fanfare"

McChesney

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Participating in this morning's service: The Rev. Scot McCahren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Musical Director; Chancel Choir; Debbie Mansir, lay reader; Peter Cooper, Nicholas Cooper, Thomas Cooper, Jack Cooper, 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 today are offered **"in loving memory of my Mother, Isabel Barclay, given by Suzanne Nicoletti."** 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

After the Children's message all children should go to the Session House for music with Suzanne Nicoletti. After that is finished, the 3rd-5th graders are welcome to stay and assist the teacher who is teaching the younger children or return to the sanctuary for Sunday morning worship service.

We will be combining our Toddlers through 2nd grade to create one class this session. The 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class currently does not have a teacher.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING envelopes will be in the bulletin this week and next week. The children's coin banks will be collected at the Easter Sunday 10am service.

YOUTH CHOIR: Rehearsal for the Easter Sunday song will be during Sunday School, Youth Group, and all together, today, right after church. Any age can participate. Contact Jane Hastay for more information, MusicDirector@fpceh.org, 631-332-2550.

JOIN IN SINGING! It has become a beloved tradition to conclude our Easter morning service with a singing of the magnificent "Hallelujah" from Handel's Messiah. If you've sung the great chorus in a school or church choir, please join in singing. It is also a great time to invite a friend or neighbor!

FOOD PANTRY ITEM TO BRING NEXT SUNDAY: Pasta and Pasta Sauce.

WISH UPON A STAR, a concert of favorite Disney Songs, will be performed by vocalists Josh and Hannah Faye Huizing, accompanied by Jane Hastay and Peter Martin Weiss, on Sunday, April 23, at 4:00 p.m. in the Session House. Bring the whole family!

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.

Holy Week Observances

Maundy Thursday, April 13th, 7:00 pm

In our sanctuary, a traditional service with communion.

Good Friday, April 14th, 7:00 pm

Held at First Presbyterian Church of Amagansett

A Tenebrae service of descending darkness

Easter Sunday, April 16th

6:00 am Sunrise Service at Main Beach with EH United Methodist Church

Continental breakfast following, in the Session House

10:00 am Celebration of the Resurrection

In the sanctuary

followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn for children

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:

Catherine Verhaegen

Sherry Wolfe

Jean Symer

Greg Fariel

Others for whom prayer has been requested:

Family of Matthew Lester

Family of Don Halsey

Virginia Backlund

Elizabeth Carol

Family of David King

The Rev. Alan Widerquist

Tricia Olszewski

John "Kenny" Wessberg III

Ilene Blondell

Pam Busch

Gail Conrad

CALENDAR

This Week: (*Italics indicate non-church event*) 9:00 – 11:00 am Session House Preschool
(M-W-F)

Sunday, April 9th, Palm Sunday Service

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

11:00 am Junior Choir rehearsal directly after service

(No Middle School Youth Group this evening)

Monday, April 10th

Office Closed

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

2:00 pm *LVIS meeting, Session House*

Tuesday, April 11th

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

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

4:30 pm Christian Education meeting

6:00 pm *Ramblers meeting, Session House*

Thursday, April 13th

8:15 am Prayers in the sanctuary

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

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

6:15 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday service

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

Sunday, April 16th, Easter Sunday Services

6:00 am Sunrise Service, Main Beach, EH (with the United Methodist Church of EH)

6:45 am Light Breakfast at the Session House, immediately following Sunrise Service
(Middle School Youth Group will meet before the 10am service – secret mission)

10:00 am Easter Sunday Worship in the sanctuary.

(No Middle School Youth Group this evening)

Monday, April 17th

Office Closed

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

Tuesday, April 18th

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

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

Thursday, April 20th

12:00pm **Brown Bag Bible Study, Session House.**

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

4:00 pm Worship & Music meeting

6:00 pm Deacons Meeting

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

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The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz, Pastor Emeritus

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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—Peter Cooper

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—Regina Foley

*Officer is currently serving second consecutive term