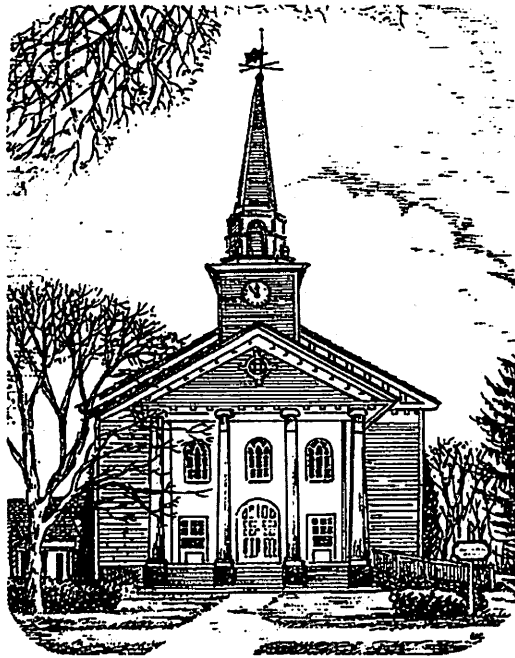


First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648



September 3rd, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 3, 2017

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

“Cornet Voluntary”

John Travers

*Call to Worship

Leader: We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High

People: **Seek God here.**

Leader: We who come to be inspired and changed

People: **Seek God’s Spirit here.**

Leader: We who know how little we know

People: **Seek God’s Word here.**

*Opening Prayer

* Hymn #334

“When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”

African-American Spiritual

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of peace, have mercy on us. We have created divisions among ourselves, even though you call us to live in peace. We have given in to hatred, vengeance, enmity, and evil, even though you call us to serve and to love. Servant God, give us hearts that overflow with love, compassion, and service, that we may offer forgiveness as freely as you have offered it to us; and that we may give as freely as you have given to us. In your amazing love, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

“Lord, Have Mercy on Us”

Merbecke

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

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us!

People: We are God's children, called to be different, called to act differently, called to live as new people. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

*Gloria (Hymn 579)

"Glory Be to the Father"

Henry W. Greator

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Exodus 3:1-15 (OT Page 50)

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28 (NT Page 18)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Staying in Class

Rev. Scot McCachren

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

* Hymn #393

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

Attr. Freeman Lewis

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

Hymnal page 14

Moment for Mission

Hurricane Relief

Debbie Manser

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal page 16

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem

"A Simple Song"

Leonard Bernstein

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old Hundred

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Creator God, in remembrance of your wonderful works and your overflowing abundance, we bring gifts that we have received from your hand. Generous One, in gratitude for your miraculous deeds, we bring these offerings of praise. Loving Spirit, in joyous trust, we place these blessings in your keeping to bless a world in need of your love. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, hol - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry,
Ho - san - na in the high - est. bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The pastor continues...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

The pastor continues...

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever:

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(To signify our oneness in Christ, please hold the bread and cup until everyone has been served.)

Communion Prayer (*unison*)

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #371

“Lift High the Cross”

Sidney Hugo Nicholson

*Benediction

*Response (#587)

“Amen”

Danish

*Recessional, Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

arr. Carlos Staszski

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Participating in this morning's service: The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Musical Director; Suzanne Nicoletti, soloist; Barbara D'Andrea, lay reader; Linda Child, Alice Wood, Lori Dalene, Josh Borsack, Lee Andrews, elders.

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 have been provided by the Deacons 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!

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:

Edwin Geus

Jen Balnis

Paul Vogel

The family of Eleanor Dordelman

Dr. Neil Dash

Ray Dee

Eleanor Streelman

PARISH CONCERNS

VOLUNTEER TO TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL for a one-month session. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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

LYRA, a cappella vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg, will perform a program of sacred and ancient music of the Russian Orthodox church. Their traditional dress and jaunty folk tunes will leave everyone wanting more! 7:00 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 in the sanctuary.

RALLY DAY/CHURCH PICNIC IS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, directly after service. Dress appropriately for the all-church picnic with games and activities for every age! Also, please do not park between the Session House and the garage on the 10th as we will be setting up tables and chairs in that space.

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

FOOD PANTRY ITEM TO BRING NEXT SUNDAY: Canned Meat

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

DID YOU KNOW? You can access recent sermon recordings, bulletins and the newsletter 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.

CALENDAR

(Italics indicate non-church event)

This Week:

Sunday, September 3rd

10:00 am Worship w/communion and Sunday School

Monday, September 4th

Office Closed

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

Tuesday, September 5th

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

(Prayer Shawl Knitting will start back up on September 12th)

Thursday, Sept 7th

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

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

4:30 pm Mission meeting

5:30 pm *Debtors Anonymous, Session House*

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Sept 8th

7:00 pm Lyra Concert

Next Week: (Nursery School Starts, M-W-F, 9am-12noon)

Sunday, September 10th, Rally Day

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

Monday, September 11th

Office Closed

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

Tuesday, September 12th

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

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

6-9 pm *Ramblers meeting, Session House*

(Christian Education meeting moved to next Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 7pm)

Wednesday, September 13th

11:00 am Eleanor Dordelman graveside service

1:00 pm Book Club meeting

Thursday, September 14th

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

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

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

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 – Ken Brown

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—Polly Bruckmann

*Officer is currently serving second consecutive term

JOIN US FOR RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

THE FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL & REGISTRATION FOR
AGES PRE K THROUGH 5TH GRADE!

VOLUNTEER TO BE A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER!

CONTACT LORI DALENE:

loridalene@gmail.com or 631-907-2625

Following morning worship, we will gather on the back lawn for an
All-Church picnic lunch with games & activities for every age!

*God is love, and he who lives in love, lives in God
and God in him. 1 John 4:16*

Press Release

Lyra Vocal Ensemble Concert

Friday, Sept. 8, 2017, 7:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton

120 Main Street

Suggested donation: \$20

Although the Russian Orthodox Church has inspired vocal music of incredible beauty, that music doesn't get sung much by stateside ensembles; there's a language barrier, and few singers can navigate the complex modal harmonies without accompaniment. Lyra, an a cappella St. Petersburg-based vocal collective, will perform a program of sacred and ancient music of the Russian Orthodox church, works by Russian masters of the 18th - 20th centuries and Russian folk songs: comic, lyric, dancing, love songs. Lyra produces a pure a cappella sound that can both fill intimate spaces and drop to an edge-of-your-seat whisper. The ensemble's impeccable coordination and clear harmonies through the most complex polyphony showcase the unique flavor of Orthodox music. Their traditional dress and singing of jaunty folk tunes will leave everyone wanting more.





Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. — Song of Solomon 8:7

Hurricane Harvey may have been downgraded, but the torrential rains are still pounding parts of Texas and Louisiana. Historic flooding has forced rivers and streams from their banks and submerged homes, churches, businesses and roads, stranding thousands of people. We are relying on the generosity of Presbyterians to provide financial and hands-on support to help the whole church stand with these communities and the Presbyterian family as it responds to its neighbors.

The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

Five years ago next month, the folks in Texas were watching the devastation that Sandy visited on our Island and Metro from their TV screens. This week we are seeing the devastation that Harvey has visited upon Southeast Texas on our TV screens. After Sandy, the Presbytery of Long Island was blessed by funds and support from sister congregations and Presbyteries across the country. Now Long Islanders are called upon to be the "givers".

PRAY: God, our Shelter, be a strong presence in the lives of neighbors who, having survived the winds and rains of Harvey, now face grief, uncertainty and weary days. May our generosity in prayer and in tangible signs of support overflow more than floodwaters, to sustain your work of healing and rebuilding and to bring comfort and strength to those who suffer. Amen.

Please open your heart, mind, and treasure to help our neighbors begin to rebuild their lives. Please make checks out to your church with notation Hurricane Harvey.