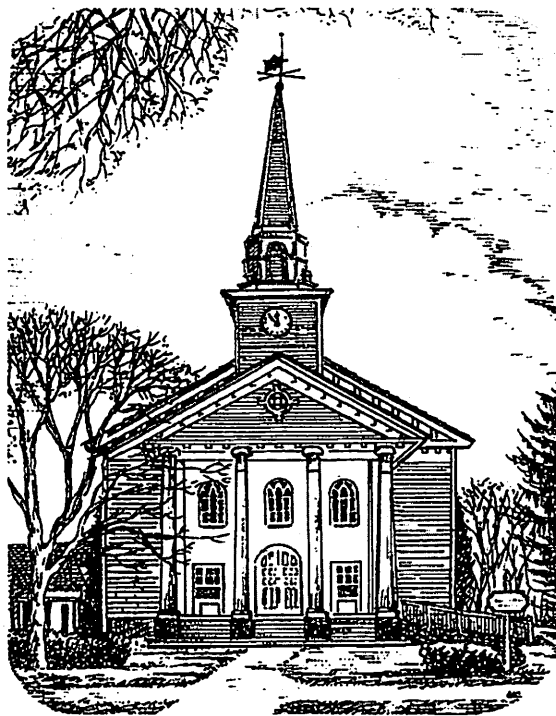


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*The Old Town Church*  
*founded in 1648*



*September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

“Pastorale”

*William Russell*

\*Call to Worship (*Psalm Exodus 1-2*)

Leader: When two or three gather, Christ lives in every moment.

**People: Where two or three gather, Christ is present with them.**

Leader: Where two or three gather to worship God,

**People: Glad songs of praise are lifted, hearts are filled with hope.**

Leader: When two or three gather to serve God's creation,

**People: Christ is feeding the hungry, Christ is building shelters of peace.**

\*Opening Prayer

\* Hymn #438

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*Johann Georg Nägeli*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**All you ask of us is to love one another, God of our lives, and you are more than willing to teach us how. Yet we find this simple request so hard to carry out, this easy lesson so difficult to learn. Someone cuts us off in traffic, and we curse them. Another buys something we want but cannot afford, and we overflow with jealousy. A friend gets the acclaim we wanted, and we whisper about them behind their backs. Forgive us, Merciful God, and unclasp our hands from our grudges. With Christ in our midst, we can become the people your dream about: loving, merciful, gentle, and compassionate children of God.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

*Merbecke*

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: 2, 3, 30, 300 - we have gathered as God's people: broken, we are made whole; alone, we are welcomed into a family; forgiven, we are sent to serve.

**People: Fed, forgiven, restored, loved. This table and font are our constant reminders of God's presence in our lives, of God's grace which makes us new in every moment. Thanks be to God! 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: Exodus 12:1-14 (OT Page 58)  
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 (NT Page 20)  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Called to Unity

Rev. Scot McCachren

## RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

\* Hymn #440 "In Christ There Is No East or West" *African American spiritual*

\*Affirmation of Faith – Adapted from the Confession of Belhar (*unison*)

**We believe that the church must together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ. We believe that together we are built up to the stature of Christ, the new humanity. We believe that we must together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ. We believe that we are called to admonish and comfort one another; to suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; to pray together; and together serve God in this world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal Page 16

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem

"Laudamus Te"

*Natalie Sleeth*

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

*Old Hundredth*

\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

**God of light and love, you provide all that we need. As first you gave the gift of life and love to us, so now we bring our gifts to you. May they reflect the love and concern we have for our neighbors. May they represent our commitment to build communities of freedom and hope. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn #367

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

*Ghanaian folk melody*

\*Benediction

\*Response (#586)

"Amen"

*Danish*

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

Postlude

"Allegro Non Troppo"

*Felix Mendelssohn*

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***Participating in this morning's service:*** The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Musical Director; Chancel Choir; Jean Hodgens, lay reader; Linda Brown, Shirley Wornstaff, Joy Anne Dixon & Kenneth Brown, 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 in the church this morning are to the Glory of God from the Deacon's Flower Fund.*** To offer flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact Summer Borsack, 631-903-0778, or [summerborsack@gmail.com](mailto:summerborsack@gmail.com).

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

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***Elder of the Month—Alice Wood***  
***Deacon of the Month—Summer Borsack***

## 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  
Eleanor Streelman              Ray Dee  
Dr. Neil Dash

## PARISH CONCERNS

**RALLY DAY KICKS OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR TODAY!, immediately following worship.** Plan to join us for an all-church picnic with games and activities for every age! As we prepare for the new school year, **please volunteer to teach Sunday School** for a one-month session. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex

**FREEWILL LOVE OFFERING:** Nancy and Steve Howarth have faithfully given years of ministry and service to the East Hampton community including First Presbyterian. As they prepare to depart for Colorado at the end of this month, you have an opportunity to honor their service with a love offering. You can use an envelope for cash or write a check to First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton, noting that it is a gift for the Howarths, and put it in next week's offering or send it to the church office by September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**HURRICANE RELIEF:** Today we continue collecting funds for hurricane relief coordinated through Long Island Presbytery. You can put a check to First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton in today's offering, noting that it is for hurricane relief.

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

**FOOD PANTRY ITEM TO BRING NEXT SUNDAY:** *Canned fruits and veggies.*

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

**PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP** will start back up this Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at Mary Siska's house.

## CALENDAR

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

*Nursery School starts back up this week (Monday/Wednesday/Fridays 9am-Noon)*

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Rally Day**

10:00 am Worship with Rally Day festivities on the lawn, after service.

**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> Office Closed, First Day of Nursery School!**

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

**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

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

6:00pm *Rambler's meeting*

**Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

11:00am Graveside memorial service, Eleanor Dordelman, Cedar Lawn.

1:00 pm Book Club meeting.

**Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study

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

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

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Next Week:**

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> Office Closed**

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

7-9 pm *EH Democratic Party, "Talk to the Candidates", Session House.*

**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

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

7:00 pm Christian Ed meeting

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study

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

4:00 pm Worship & Music meeting

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

6:00 pm Deacon's meeting, Session House.

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

4-7 pm *Peconic Land Trust event overflow parking.*