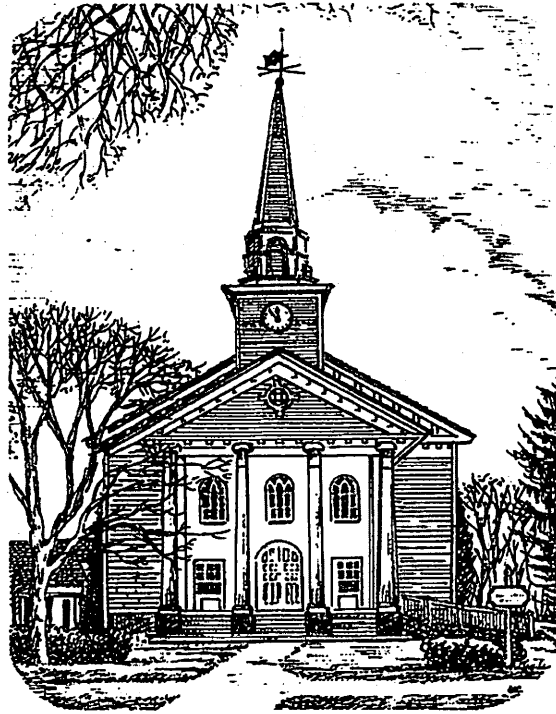


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*The Old Town Church*  
*founded in 1648*



*September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

“Adagio”

Christopher Tambling

\*Call to Worship (*Exodus 15:2, Matthew 18:35*)

Leader: Give praise to God!

People: Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves...

Leader: It is God who forgives...

People: It is God who delivers...

All: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

\*Opening Prayer

\* Hymn #361

“How Firm a Foundation”

*American Folk Melody*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**It is never easy to confess but deep down inside, we know that we are...**

**Graced – yet have trouble being grace-full to others;**

**Forgiven – yet we are eager to judge and punish all who hurt us;**

**Freed – yet we find ways to put restrictions on people we fear.**

**Forgive us, Servant God. You show mercy more often than we deserve; you pardon us more times than we can count. And why? Because we are the Lord's – sisters and brother of Jesus Christ, who died and lived again, so we might live beyond death with you. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

*Merbecke*

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: God's hand of mercy is stretched out to us, making a way through all that threatens us, to touch us with grace and hope.

People: We stand before our God, singing praise to the One who turns our despair into joy, our fears into faith. Amen.

Passing of the Peace (*Exodus 14,15; Romans 14*)

\*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 (*Exodus 15:3*)

Scripture Reading

Old Testament:	Exodus 14:19-31	(OT Page 61)
Epistle:	Romans 14:1-12	(NT Page 163)
Gospel:	Matthew 18:21-35	(NT Page 20)
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.		
<b>People: Thanks be to God!</b>		

Sermon

It's What You Do

Rev. Scot McCachren

## RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

\* Hymn #298 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" *Dutch Melody Arr. Julius Röntgen*

\* Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's Creed (*Traditional*) Hymnal page 14

Prayers of the People

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

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation (*Exodus 14, 15*)

Offertory Anthem "There's a Spirit of Love In This Place" *Mark A. Miller*

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

\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

**Merciful God, transform our gifts into gifts of hope and joy for a world acquainted with despair. Receive our very lives, and fashion us into instruments of your grace, that we may become love and laughter in places of sorrow and mourning. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *John Hughes*

\*Benediction

\*Response (#586) "Amen" *Danish*

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

Postlude "Fugue" *Philipp Telemann*

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***Participating in this morning's service:*** The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Musical Director; Chancel Choir; Hilary Malecki, lay reader; Carol Kluge, Florence Stone, Marian McMahon & 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 on the large pedestals and the communion table are *"in loving memory of my parents, Doris & William (Bill) Leese on their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary"*, from Wendy Mott.**

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—Ken Brown  
Deacon of the Month—Polly Bruckmann***

## CALENDAR

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

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

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

10:00 am Worship followed by Fellowship coffee hour

11:30am Fellowship meeting, directly following coffee hour

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

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

7:00pm *EH Democratic Party "Meet the Candidates", Session House*

### **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> (No Vicente today)**

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

1:00pm Prayer Shawl knitting at Linda Brown's house.

7:00pm Christian Ed meeting has been cancelled

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

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study

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

6:00 pm Deacon's meeting

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

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

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

### **Next Week:**

#### **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

#### **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> Office Closed**

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

#### **Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

9:30am Membership meeting

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

#### **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Session meeting

#### **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study

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

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:**

Edwin Geus                      Jen Balnis  
Paul Vogel                      The family of Eleanor Dordelman  
Eleanor Streelman              Ray Dee  
Dr. Neil Dash                      The family of Barbara Jordan

## PARISH CONCERNS

**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 this week's offering or send it to the church office by September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

**PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP:** this Tuesday at Linda Brown's house.

**OUR HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF FUND** has so far collected \$3345.00 in donations. Thank you so much for your generosity!