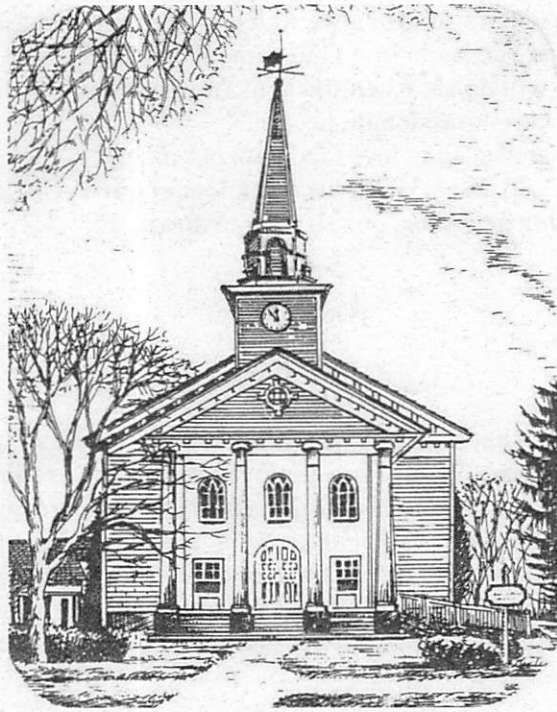


*First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648*



October 29th, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 29th, 2017

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Reformation Sunday

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

“Trust in God”

Cherwein

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are called to love God with our hearts.

People: **We will do so, when we welcome those tossed aside by the world.**

Leader: We are called to love God with our souls.

People: **We will do so, when the brokenness around us transforms us into more compassionate people.**

Leader: We are called to love God with our minds.

People: **We will do so, when we think less of our needs, and see each person as our neighbor, our sister, our brother.**

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #461

“God is Here!”

Cyril Vincent Taylor

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We have so many rules in the backs of our minds for others to follow, God of grace, that we often forget to simply love them. We are so convinced that those around us have sold their souls out of greed, that we do no notice the emptiness of our own. Forgive us for our choosing to live the way we want, Merciful God, rather than being the holy people of your hopes. May we have nothing up our sleeves, but offer all we have to others. May we speak the words you give us, as we share the good news of grace. May we seek to love you as completely and trustingly as did Jesus Christ, who loved us as sisters and brothers of your heart. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Nothing will deter God from sharing this good news with us: we are heard, we are forgiven, we are offered new lives of service and faith.

People: **Thanks be to God, who offers justice not judgment; who shares grace with us, not holds grudges against us. We are forgiven. Amen.**

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

Passing of the Peace

*Gloria (Hymn 579)

“Glory Be to the Father”

Henry W. Greatorex

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

(OT Page 191)

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

(NT Page 25)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Commanded to Love

Rev. Scot McCachren

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Hymn 367

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Ghanaian Fold Melody

*Affirmation of Faith – Confessions for Reformation Sunday

Bulletin Insert

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal Page 16

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem

“On Eagle's Wings”

arr. by Wagner

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

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

May these offerings be a sign of our commitment to be known by our love. Bless these offerings and our loving in your holy name, we pray. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #538

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

Sicilian Melody

*Benediction

*Response (#586)

“Amen”

Danish

*Recessional, Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

“Improv on (Azmon)”

arr. by Wagner

Participating in this morning's service: The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Joan Osborne, Guest Music Director; Chancel Choir; Don Smith, lay reader; Wendy Mott, Candace Stafford, Lois & Victor Vecchio, ushers.

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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 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Walker Sr., from his children.

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 to brighten the day

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Elder of the Month—Bruce Bluedorn
Deacon of the Month—David Cataletto

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 Sherry Wolfe

Others for whom prayer has been requested:

Edwin Geus The family of Jen Balnis

Paul Vogel

Eleanor Strelman Ray Dee

Dr. Neil Dash

Bill Stowell The Martin family

PARISH CONCERNS

CONFIRMATION CLASS is being offered for anyone in grades 8-12. If you would like to register your child, or yourself, please sign up with Pastor Scot by November 1.

CHOIR CALL: Now is a great time to join the Chancel or Handbell Choirs; we're rehearsing beautiful selections to fill our sanctuary with joyous Christmas music. If interested, please talk to Jane Hastay.

COMMUNITY SOUP DINNERS AT MOST HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, sponsored by the East Hampton Clericus. Soups are donated by local restaurants. The first soup dinner is on Wednesday, November 8th. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for bringing homemade cookies for the dessert table. Free for all. Please join us for this monthly event.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: The Mission Committee is assembling College Care Packages to be sent to our students pursuing their education. Please let the church office or Debbie Mansir know by October 31st of any students who are away at school. We would like to send the packages out before Thanksgiving.

MEN'S CLUB will meet at the Session House for breakfast, due to a kitchen fire at John Papa's café.

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.

FOOD PANTRY DRIVE: Please be sure to bring in food to donate on **November 12th**. We will bring the donations over to the Fall Food Drive at the Middle School. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY ITEM TO BRING NEXT SUNDAY: Peanut Butter and Jelly

CALENDAR

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

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

Sunday, October 29th

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

11:00 am Handbell rehearsal

5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, October 30th *Office Closed*

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

Tuesday, October 31st

7:30 am Men's Club at the **Session House** – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN VENUE

9:30 am Membership meeting

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

Thursday, November 2nd

12:00 pm Bible Study

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

5:00 pm Mission meeting

6:00 pm Nominating meeting

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Next Week:

Sunday, November 5th

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School,

11:00 am Handbell rehearsal

Noon Youth leader training, Session House

5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, November 6th *Office Closed*

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

Tuesday, November 7th

7:30 am Men's Club (venue TBD)

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

Wednesday, November 8th

1:00 pm Book Club, Session House

Thursday, November 9th

12:00 pm Bible Study

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

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

REFORMATION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 29, 2017

Luther's Bible



This year Presbyterians celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses. The theses, which criticized the sale of indulgences by church officials, are considered the opening salvo in the Protestant Reformation—a movement that emphasized individual relationships with God and salvation through faith alone.

Luther is also celebrated for a second piece of writing: his translation of the Bible into German. After Pope Leo X excommunicated Luther in 1521, the reformer took refuge inside Wartburg Castle. There he completed his translation of the New Testament, based on Erasmus's 1516 Bible text. First printed in September 1522, the "September Testament" does not include Luther's name on the title page, an elision meant to limit church reprisals.

The Old Testament translation proved more difficult, owing in part to Luther's struggles with Hebrew and his insistence that the text be accessible to all Germans. "The translator must not be led by the Hebrew words," Luther wrote. "He should make sure that he really understands the sense and ask himself: 'What would the German say in such-and-such an instance?'" His editorial philosophy required inventive interpolations. For example, he replaced the word "chameleon," which would have been unknown to sixteenth century Germans, with "weasel."

It took Luther and a team of fellow scholars twelve years to translate the Old Testament, which was printed in 1534 together with Luther's New Testament. Despite criticism for the way he valued certain books of the Bible over others and for editing passages to fit his own theology, Luther's Bible was an immediate and lasting success; one Wittenberg publisher alone printed 100,000 copies between 1534 and 1574. Many Germans regarded it as a work of literary genius, the way English readers would revere the King James Bible in the century to come.

Reformation Sunday materials are provided by the **Presbyterian Historical Society**. For more information on the Reformation and PHS, visit us at www.history.pcusa.org/reformation-sunday

Above left Portrait of Martin Luther, engraved by John Sartain, 1835.

Above right Title page of Luther's translation of the New Testament, 1522. PHS Flare Books Collection.

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Confession of Faith for Reformation Sunday

Composed of excerpts from the creeds, catechisms and confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Pastor: We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church¹, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.²

ALL: We confess and acknowledge one God alone, distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to whom alone we must cleave, and in whom alone we put our trust.³

Choir: *We believe that we belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.⁴*

Men We believe that all things are governed by the Providence of God.⁵

Women We believe that the Lord our God was pleased to make a second covenant of grace, wherein God freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ.⁶

Pastor: We believe that, the chief end of humankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.⁷

ALL We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God. God is a Spirit, in and of God's own self infinite in being, glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.⁸

Choir *The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.⁹*

Men We believe that, the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.¹⁰

Women We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force. At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought. Our unity must become visible to the world.

Pastor: We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin, already conquered by Christ. Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.¹¹

ALL With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.¹²

1 The Nicene Creed

2 The Apostles' Creed, 2.3

3 The Scots Confession, 3.01

4 The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001

5 The Second Helvetic Confession, 5.029

6 The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.039

7 The Shorter Catechism, 7.001

8 The Larger Catechism, 7.117

9 Theo. Declaration of Barmen, 8.26

10 The Confession of 1967, 9.32

11 The Confession of Belhar, 10.3

12 A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.5, 11.6