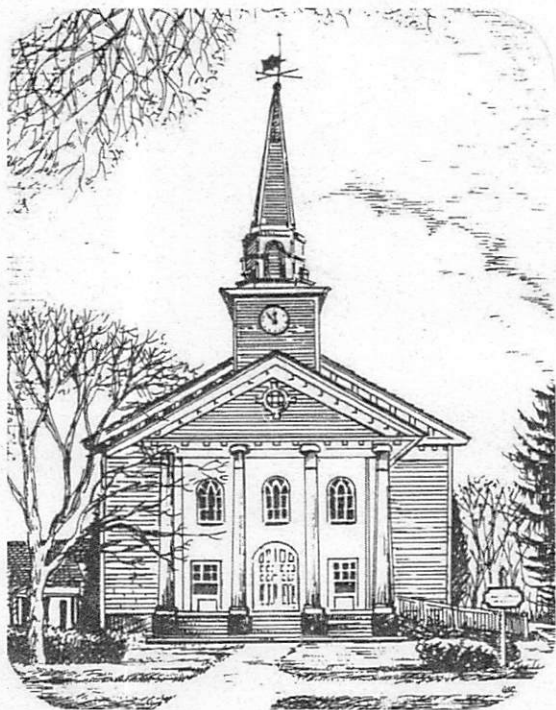


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The Old Town Church  
founded in 1648*



*November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

"The Water is Wide"

*arr. Valerie W Stephenson*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.

People: **This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.**

Leader: This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace

People: **This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.**

Leader: This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!

People: **This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love!**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #551

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

*George Job Elvey*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Again we must confess, Eternal God, our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful once again of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall once again, keeping company with our old friend, sin. Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we fill ourselves once again with scorn for the poor choices they make. Have mercy on us. Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

*Merbecke*

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ..

People: **The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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 – Receiving the Heifer Project Ark Award

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Judges 4:1-7

(OT Page 220)

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

(NT Page 28)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Invested Blessings

Rev. Scot McCachren

## RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

\*Hymn #422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*The Sacred Harp*

\*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

Offertory Anthem "We Gather Together"

*arr. by Linker/McFadden*

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

*Old Hundredth*

\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

**Living Source of every blessing, the gifts you give us are not trinkets to be hidden away. Use these gifts for your service, that the blessings we have received from your hand may increase as they go forth to bring grace to the world. Make our hearts generous, we pray, for you have been generous with us. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn #210 "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"

*Attr. To William Croft*

\*Benediction

\*Response (#586) "Amen"

*Danish*

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

Postlude "All Things Bright and Beautiful" *Arr. by James Douglas Esmond*

***Participating in this morning's service:*** The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Music Director; Handbell Choir; Donald Smith, lay reader; Marcia Schenck, Donna Nichols, John Cataletto & Paul Vogel, 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 placed in loving memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Strong from her daughter, Barbara.***

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 to brighten the day

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**The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz, Pastor Emeritus**

***Elder of the Month—Lee Andrews***

***Deacon of the Month—Victoria Roarick***

## 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

The family of Bruce Bluedorn

Eleanor Streelman

Ray Dee

Dr. Neil Dash

Bill Stowell

The Martin family

## PARISH CONCERNS

**ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT MONTAUK COMMUNITY CHURCH,** Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Please bring canned goods for the food pantry. If you are interested in singing in the combined volunteer choir, rehearsal will be at 3:30 sharp

**WHITE GIFTS** will be collected on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please see insert for more details.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL** will be held Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Please see insert for more details.

**HEIFER AWARD** - We're happy to have Jen Winters here today to present the Ark Award from Heifer International to the church in recognition of our support over the years.

**STEWARDSHIP LETTERS** were mailed this week to all active members. "*Dedication Sunday*", when we offer our pledges for God's blessing, will be *Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>*. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2018 and bring the completed pledge card to worship on *December 3<sup>rd</sup>*..

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** inside the church will happen on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am. Please see Summer Borsack for more details.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE** for elder Bruce Bluedorn will be Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at noon with a reception immediately following in the Session House.

**FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK** is Canned Soup.

## CALENDAR

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

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

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

11:00 am Handbell rehearsal

4:00 pm Interfaith Service, Montauk Community Church

**Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** *Office Closed*

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

**Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** *Office Closed, Thanksgiving Day*

11:30 am Pick-up orders

11:45 am Seating starts for Fellowship Hall Thanksgiving dinner.

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

**Next Week:**

**Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

12:00 pm Memorial service for Bruce Bluedorn

1:00 pm Reception after memorial service.

**Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** *Office Closed*

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

**Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Book Club

**Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm Bible Study

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

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00 am Hanging of the Greens inside sanctuary