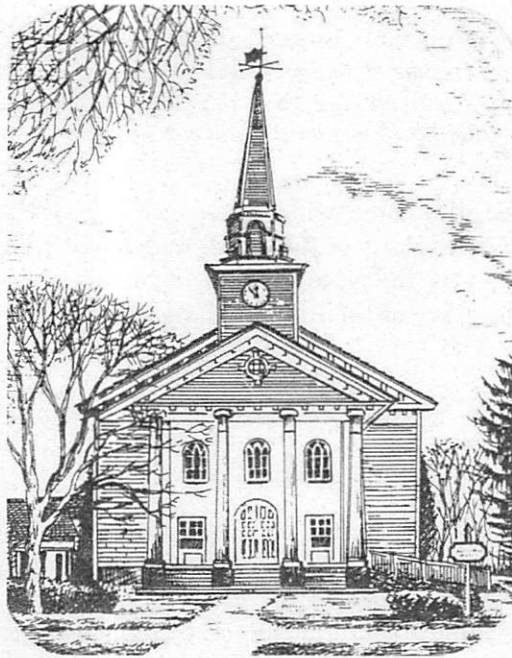


First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648



December 3rd, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 3, 2017

1st Sunday of Advent

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Response:

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (*verse 1*)

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*Call to Worship (*Isaiah 40:3-5*)

Leader: A voice cries in the wilderness,

People: **“Prepare the way of the Lord; make God’s way clear.**

Leader: Lift up every valley; lower every mountain.

People: **For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.”**

*Opening Prayer

* Hymn #276

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

William Marion Runyan

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: God who is drawing near to us; we live in a world of violence, which we do not condemn enough;

People: **Come to us, with your peace.**

Pastor: We are filled with the best of intentions, but are unable to follow through with action;

People: **Come to us, with your will.**

Pastor: We are sinners, who are afraid to gaze into your mirror of grace:

People: **Come to us, with your mercy. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

“Lord, Have Mercy on Us”

Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: In this season of waiting, the Good News is this: mercy, new life, hope, and joy are the gifts we receive from our God.

People: **Thanks be to the God of Advent, who came in the Child, who is with us in the Spirit, who will come again in glory! 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 – Collecting White Gifts Together

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
Old Testament Isaiah 40:1-11
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

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Sermon

Coming Home

Rev. Scot McCachren

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

* Hymn #3

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

Genevan Psalter

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

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Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal page 16

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering and Pledge Dedication

Offertory Anthem

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

William Rowan

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

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Eternal God who gives us every blessing, we bring back to you today a share of our treasure and our lives. We dedicate all of these things to the Body of Christ as your Church is led and nourished by the Holy Spirit to bring your grace to the world. Make our hearts always generous, we pray, for you have been generous with us. 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 until everyone has been served. You may drink the cup as soon as you receive it, indicating your individual relationship with Christ.)

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

Alan Dixon

Others for whom prayer has been requested:

Edwin Geus	The family of Jen Balnis
Paul Vogel	The family of Bruce Bluedorn
Eleanor Strelman	Ray Dee
Dr. Neil Dash	The family of Harriet Peele
Bill Stowell	The Martin family

PARISH CONCERNS

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Bruce Bluedorn will be today at noon, followed by a reception in the Session House.

COMMUNITY SOUP DINNERS AT MOST HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, sponsored by the East Hampton Clericus. Soups are donated by local restaurants. The next soup dinner is on Wednesday, **December 13th**. 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.

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET DURING THE BUSY ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON. We will reconvene on Thursday, January 4th, 2018.

UPCOMING CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS: Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm; Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 pm; Saturday, December 16th at 12 Noon; Thursday, December 21st at 8:00 pm.

UPCOMING HANDBELL REHEARSALS: Tuesday, December 5th at 10:30 am; Sunday, December 10th at 11:00 am; Thursday, December 21st at 8:00 pm.

REHEARSAL FOR THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be held Saturday, December 9th at 9:00 am.

A SHORT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held directly after service on Sunday, December 10th. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect officers.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR for local artisans will be held on Saturday, December 16th from 10-4 pm in the Session House. A portion of the proceeds will support our Music Ministry.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY AND GIFT EXCHANGE will be on Sunday, December 17th from 5-6 pm. Please bring a \$10 gift to exchange.

FOOD PANTRY ITEM TO BRING NEXT SUNDAY: Fruit & Veggies

CALENDAR

This Week:

Sunday, December 3rd and *White Gifts*

10:00 am Worship w/communion

12 noon Memorial service for Bruce Bluedorn, with reception in Session House following service.

5:00 pm Youth Group, Session House

Monday, December 4th

Office Closed

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

Tuesday, December 5th

7:30 am Men's Club

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

4:30 pm Christian Education meeting

Wednesday, December 6th

7:00 pm Session meeting, Session House

Thursday, December 7th

12:30 pm *Al-Anon*

5:00 pm Mission meeting

7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Saturday, December 9th

9:00 am Children's pageant rehearsal

Next Week

Sunday, December 10th and *Christmas Pageant*

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School, with short Congregational meeting following service.

11:00 am Handbell rehearsal, sanctuary

Monday, December 11th

Office Closed

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

2-5 pm *LVIS meeting in sanctuary*

Tuesday, December 12th

7:30 am Men's Club

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

6:00 pm *Ramblers meeting, Session House*

Thursday, December 14th

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

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday, December 16th

10:00-4:00 pm Christmas Bazaar, Session House

12 Noon - Chancel Choir rehearsal for Lessons and Carols

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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 – Debbie Mansir & Alice Wood

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—Joy Anne Dixon

*Officer is currently serving second consecutive term