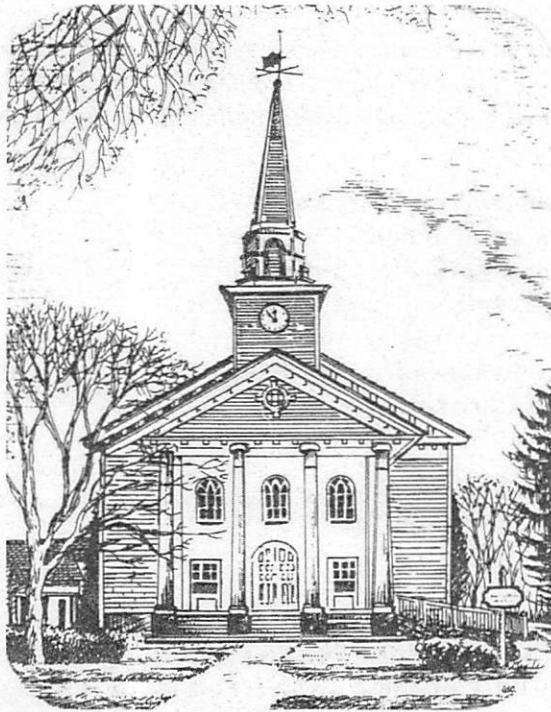


*First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648*



December 10th, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 10th, 2017

2nd Sunday of Advent

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

“The Journey to Bethlehem”

Cesar Franck

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Response: (*unison*)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” (*verse 2*)

Veni Emmanuel

*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer, Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to the, O Israel!*

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come from a world of darkness

People: **Into Christ's world of light.**

Leader: We come from a world of weariness

People: **Into God's strength and hope.**

Leader: We come from a slumbering world.

People: **Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ.**

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #11

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

Melchior Teschner

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead we lash out – against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

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

*Gloria (From Hymn 23) “Angels We Have Heard on High” *French Carol*
*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria -----in excelsis Deo. Gloria-----in excelsis Deo.*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Christmas Pageant "The Christmas Story"

Children “This Little Light of Mine”
Hymn 525 “Here I Am, Lord” (Diana Nicoletti, all sing vs 2-3)
Hymn 44 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (all sing vs 1-2)
Children “Away In a Manger”
Hymn 31 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (all sing all verses)
Hymn 41 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (all sing all verses)
Trio “Do You Hear What I Hear?” (Barbara Borsack, Ricky Chapman, Suzanne Nicoletti)
Hymn 66 “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (all sing vs 1 and 5)

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

***Passing of the Peace & Expressing Our Thanks**

(Today this time offers the opportunity to briefly greet the children with thanks.)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal Page 16

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

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

Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)**

Gracious God, teach us to give thanks in all circumstances, for you are always with us. Thank you for the privilege of sharing what we have with others, of giving ourselves away in love, and of receiving the gifts that others share with us. With our whole being, spirit and soul and body, we rejoice in you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #12 “People Look East”

French Folk Melody

***Benediction**

*Response (#583) “Amen”

Haugen

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

Postlude “Come All Ye Shepherds”

Arr. by Laurel Hunt Pederson

Participating in this morning's service: The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Music Director; Wendy Mott, Alice Wood, Kristy LaMonda & Debbie Mansir, 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 pedestals today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy Borsack by Barbara Borsack.

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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Elders of the Month—Debbie Mansir & Alice Wood
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

Others for whom prayer has been requested:

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

PARISH CONCERNS

THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR ALAN DIXON will be today at 12:00 pm, followed by a service of interment at Cedar Lawn Cemetery and a reception in the Session House.

A SHORT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held directly after the service today. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect officers.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING envelopes will be in the bulletin next week and December 24.

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.

FESTIVE HOLIDAY BAZAAR in the Session House, Saturday, December 16th from 11:00 am-4:00 pm. There will be a unique selection of holiday décor and gift items for sale. Craftspeople who wish to participate, please contact Jeanne Demers at 917-242-0736 or info@anotherwayhomedb.com. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Music ministry.

LONGEST NIGHT VESPERS SERVICE of Advent wholeness and healing will be Thurs, Dec 21st, 7:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE for our much anticipated Cabaret Dinner evening, Saturday, January 13th at 6:00 pm in the Session House, featuring all your favorite crooners and tunes. Tickets on sale 12/24, 12/31 and 1/7 in the narthex. Tables reserved for groups of 6-8. Contact Hilary Osborn at osbornhilary@hotmail.com; 631-324-9734.

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

UPCOMING HANDBELL REHEARSALS: Sunday, December 10th 3:00 pm; Thurs, December 21st 8:00 pm

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

CALENDAR

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

Sunday, December 10th, Christmas Pageant

10:00 am Worship followed immediately by a short Congregational meeting.

12:00 pm Memorial Service for Alan Dixon, followed by a reception

3:00 pm Handbell rehearsal

Monday, December 11th Office Closed

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

2:00-5:00pm *LVIS in sanctuary*

Tuesday, December 12th

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

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl ministry, Mary Siska's house

6-9 pm *Ramblers meeting, Session House*

Thursday, December 14th

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

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday, December 16th

11:00 – 4:00 Holiday Craft Bazaar featuring local artisans, Session House

Next Week:

Sunday, December 17th, Lessons and Carols

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship meeting after service

5:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party & Gift Exchange

Monday, December 18th Office Closed

9:00 am *Nursery School gingerbread presentation, Session House*

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

Tuesday, December 19th

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

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl ministry, Mary Siska's house.

Thursday, December 21st

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

4:00 pm Worship and Music meeting

6:00 pm Deacons meeting

7:00 pm Longest Night Vespers Service

8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal and Handbells