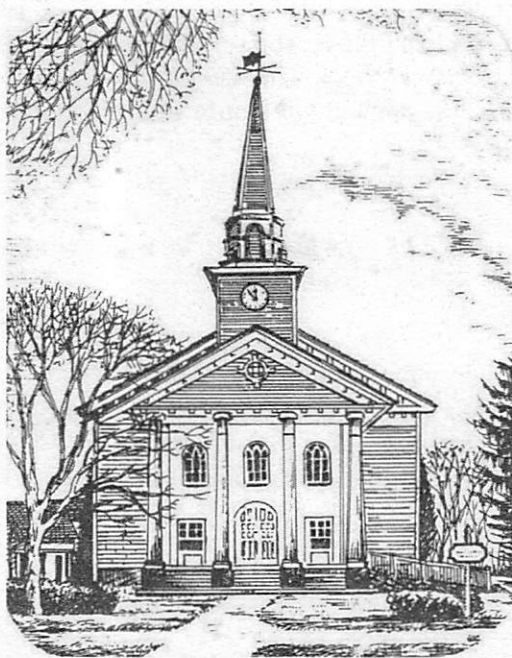


First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648



December 17th, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

“Polish Carol”

Charles Callahan

*Call to Worship

Pastor: When God restores our fortune, our dreams will come true.

People: **We will sing “Glory!” to our God; we will rejoice in our Savior’s birth.**

Pastor: Our mouths shall be filled with laughter; joy shall chime from our lips.

People: **God has made it clear: those who serve are God’s children.**

Pastor: Then we will proclaim: “Look what the Lord has done,”

People: **So others will know beyond any doubt how the Holy One has blessed us with hope.**

Pastor: We wept – now we will cheer “Joy! Joy!” We were lost – now we will run home laughing.

People: **For God has picked us up where we fell; God has kept the promises made so long ago.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Rachel, Peter, Nicholas and Henry Cooper

Response: *(unison)*

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” *(verse 3)*

Veni Emmanuel

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;

Bid envy, strife, and discord cease: Fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*Hymn #15

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

Welsh folk melody

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Merciful God, although we want to be people of justice,

People: **we are more comfortable with how things are than with how things ought to be.**

Pastor: Although we want to liberate the oppressed,

People: **We don’t want to acknowledge our participation in structures that oppress.**

Pastor: And although we want to rejoice in the coming of Jesus,

People: **We would prefer that it not cramp our already busy schedules.**

Pastor: Forgive our reluctance to enter wholeheartedly the radical good news of your incarnation.

People: **Forgive us.**

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

Pastor: Heal our pride, our need to be in control, and our acceptance of the status quo.

People: Heal us.

Pastor: Free us from the bonds of sorrow, and turn our tears into prayers of thanksgiving.

People: Free us.

Pastor: Transform our lives into a garden where justice and joy grow and bloom in abundance.

People: Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

“Lord, Have Mercy on Us”

Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

*Gloria: Hymn 23 (*verse 1*)

“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.

Children's Message

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD:

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE PROPHECY

Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 40: 1-5

Debbie Mansir

Handbell Choir

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Noel Regney & Gloria Shayne

Choir

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”

Arr. Thomas Gieschen

THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Reading Micah 5:2-5; Luke 2:1-5

Rick Chapman

Choir

“The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon”

Arr. Michael Clawson

Handbell Choir

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Arr. Kevin McChesney

THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE

Reading Luke 2:6-14

Aiden Cooper

Choir

“What Child is This”

Arr. Charles Lowden

Choir

“Whisper, Whisper”

Jay Althouse

THE SHEPHERDS PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS

Reading Luke 2:15-20

Emily Mott

Handbell Choir

“Christmas Jubilation”

Arr. Dan Edwards

*Hymn #29

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

African-American Spiritual

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal page 16

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

"Pastoral Air with Variations"

Franz Xaver Murschhauser

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #2

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Rowland Hugh Prichard

*Benediction

*Response (#583)

"Amen"

Haugen

*Recessional, Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

"People Look East"

Charles Callahan

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Participating in this morning's service: The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Musical Director; Chancel Choir; Handbell Choir; Rick Chapman, Aiden Cooper, Emily Mott & Debbie Mansir, lay readers; Sigrid & Luke Benedetti and Peter & Nicolas Cooper, 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 today are given in honor of Jane Hastay for her one-year anniversary with us. 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 and brighten their day!

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

Ray Dee

Paul Vogel

The family of Bruce Bluedorn

Bill Stowell

Eleanor Strelman

The family of Alan Dixon

The Lind family

Dr. Neil Dash

The family of Harriet Peele

The Martin family

PARISH CONCERNS

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY AND GIFT EXCHANGE will be **tonight** from 5:00-6:30 pm. Please bring a wrapped \$10 gift to exchange.

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

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

UPCOMING CHANCEL CHOIR AND HANDBELL REHEARSAL: Thursday, December 21st at 8:00 pm.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH SCHEDULE:

Fourth Day of Advent service – 10 am

Christmas Eve Family service – 5 pm

Christmas Eve Traditional service – 8 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.

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

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING will resume on Tuesday, January 4th, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

FOOD PANTRY ITEM TO BRING NEXT SUNDAY: Pasta & Sauce

DID YOU KNOW? You can access recent sermon recordings, bulletins and the newsletter on our website? It's perfect to use in Care & Outreach for those who are unable to attend church – or for you to catch up if you miss a Sunday! You can find them at fpech.org/sermon.htm.

IS THE DOOR LOCKED? The church doors do not always properly close on their own. If you are the last one out, please push the door closed and then try to open again to ensure that it is locked. We thank you!

LAUNDRY LOVE, a local on-going mission effort “to help people who are struggling financially by assisting them with doing their laundry.” See the labeled container in the Narthex. All monies are accepted, but quarters are especially helpful. Thank you! (*Deacons*)

CALENDAR

This Week:

Sunday, December 17th - Lessons and Carols and Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Worship

Monday, December 18th

Office Closed

9:00 am Nursery School Gingerbread House presentation, Fellowship Hall

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

Tuesday, December 19th

7:30 am Men's Club

Wednesday, December 20th

6:00 pm Deacons meeting, Session House, **Please note time change.**

Thursday, December 21st

12:30 pm Al-Anon

4:00 pm Worship & Music meeting

7:00 pm The Longest Night Vespers service

8:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Next Week

Sunday, December 24th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Worship

Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve services

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service

8:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25th - Merry Christmas!

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26th [Christine on vacation until January 3rd]

7:30 am Men's Club

Thursday, December 28th

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday, December 30th

10:00-2:00pm - Baby shower, Session House.

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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—Victoria Roarick

*Officer is currently serving second consecutive term