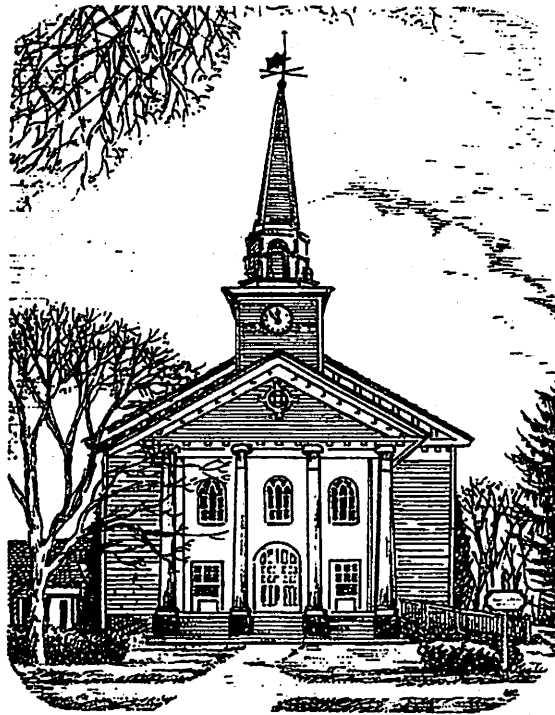


*First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton*  
*The Old Town Church*  
*founded in 1648*



*December 18th, 2016*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 18th, 2016

*4th Sunday of Advent*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Voluntary

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

*C. Callahan*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Response:

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” (verse 7)

*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.**

**\*Call to Worship (from Isaiah 2:5; 7:14; Matthew 1:21)**

**Pastor:** Look! The young woman is with child.

**People:** He will be called Emmanuel, God with us.

**Pastor:** His name will be Jesus for he comes to save us.

**People:** Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**\*Hymn 22**

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

*Smart*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**With the songs of the angels in our ears, we cannot hear our own words of hurt and anger to others; looking for the shepherd to arrive, we do not see the homeless family by the side of the road; waiting to sit down at a fine feast, we ignore those whose bread is their fear, whose cup is filled with their lost dreams. Come to us, Promised Sign of restoration: come to open our eyes; come to us, Child of compassion: come to melt our hearts with your tears; come to us, Servant of the poor, come to lead us to serve the lost. O come, O come, Emmanuel: to forgive us, to heal us, so all that was promised might be fulfilled for us. Amen.**

Silent Confession

*\*denotes please stand as you are able*

## Assurance of Pardon

**Pastor:** Dear children of God: do not be afraid. The promise given long ago has been kept once and for all in the birth at Bethlehem. Rejoice, rejoice, for Christ has come for you.

**People:** Grace and peace are the gifts God has given to us, not only on this day, not only in this season, but in all the moments to come. Thanks be to God! Amen.

\*Gloria: 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.*

## Children's Christmas Pageant “A Visit in Bethlehem”

Children                      “Mary Had a Baby”  
Hymn 60                      “Silent Night” (all verses, all sing)  
Solo                              “Rise Up Shepherd and Follow” (Nicholas Cooper)  
Hymn 66                      “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (Luke Baron vs 1 , congregation vss 2-5 )  
Hymn 25                      “Away in a Manger” (children vs. 1, congregation vss 2-3)

## RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

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

*(This time today offers the opportunity to briefly greet the children with thanks.)*

### Prayers of the People

*Following each petition...*

**Pastor:** God of love,

**People:** hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal Page 16

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

“Joy to the World”

*Lowell Mason*

\*Doxology: Hymn 592

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Psalter*

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

Pastor: Holy God, you bless us with many gifts, you retrieve us from despair and fear, you visit us with surprising proclamations, and you intend for us good things.

**People: We thank you for your steadfast love, for sending signs of assurance, and for the gift of faith.**

Pastor: Use our gifts to bring comfort and justice to those in need, reforming the ways of our world for the sake of new life.

\*Hymn 27

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

*MacMillan*

\*Benediction

\*Chimes and the Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

“People, Look East”

*C. Callahan*

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**Participants in our service:** The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Music Director; the Chancel Choir; the Handbell Choir; Nicholas Cooper, Luke Baron, Soloists; Aleaze Hodgens, Lay Reader; John & David Cataletto, Jean Hodgens & Aleaze Hodgens, 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.

**Prayer Request** cards can be found in the pew. If you prefer that the pastor read your request during the Prayers of the People, rather than voicing it yourself, please give to the pastor before the service.

**Flowers** today are offered to the glory of God by the Deacons' Fund. 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 and brighten their day!

## PARISH CONCERNS

**FOOD PANTRY** this week: Canned Soup.

**THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** – will be received today, Sunday, December 18th to support the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Half of the offering supports the continued ministry of educating and forming Christian leaders, the other half honors those leaders who serve and have served us well.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** - After a successful initial get-together in December, we will begin a weekly meeting schedule for grades 6-8 on Sunday, January 8, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, in the Session House. Bring friends! The adult advisors are Jean Hodgens and David Cataletto.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** – will resume on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00pm.

**PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING** – will resume on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 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](mailto:nancylee0523@yahoo.com).

**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*)

**MEN'S CLUB** – John Papas Cafe: breakfast and fellowship - Tuesday mornings at 7:30 am.

**THE EAST HAMPTON FOOD PANTRY** – will be temporarily re-locating to the Hampton Country Day Camp, 191 Buckskill Road.

**CLOTHING FOR MAUREEN'S HAVEN**--Slightly used or new season-appropriate clothes for the homeless may be placed in the labeled basket in the Narthex, or brought to the Session House during office hours (Tues.- Fri., 9:00 am - 2:00 pm).

**KEEPING IN TOUCH:** to care for our members and friends, please notify the church office (631) 324-0711 if you (or a family member) are hospitalized.

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Services – 5:00 pm & 8:00 pm*  
*Christmas Day Service – 10:00am*



## **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 new "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 the 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

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

Catherine Verhaegen

Don Halsey

### **Others for whom prayer has been requested:**

Jean Knoesel

Shane Hamley

Dell Cullum

David King

The Halvorsen family

Carmen Rosa Lopez

Elizabeth Carol

Virginia Backlund

John "Kenny" Wessberg III

Tricia Olszewski

The Rev. Alan Widerquist

Family of Richard Wheaton & Aimee Edwards

Lee Andrews

Raymond Wodarski

## CALENDAR

*(Small italics indicates non-church event)*

### This Week:

#### **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship - Christmas Joy Offering – Christmas Pageant

#### **Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

#### **Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### **Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Lunch preparation for Maureen's Haven, Session House (Call 561-358-5597 to volunteer)

### Next Week:

#### **Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm Candlelight Service, Christmas Eve.

8:00 pm Candlelight Service, Christmas Eve.

#### **Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship – Christmas Day Service.

#### **Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

*12:30pm Al-Anon*

#### **Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

#### **Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Session Meeting, Session House

7:00 pm No Choir Rehearsal

#### **Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

Lunch preparation for Maureen's Haven, Session House (Call 561-358-5597 to volunteer)

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## Ruling Elders

### Class of 2016

Harriet Edwards

Joyce Lys

Hilary Malecki

Sherry Wolfe

### Class of 2017

Linda Child

Peter Cooper

Lori Dalene

Alice Wood

### Class of 2018

Lee Andrews

Bruce Bluedorn

Aleaze Hodgens

Ann Roberts

*Elder of the Month—Aleaze Hodgens*

## Deacons

Leslie Clarke

Zanetta Classens

Michelle Grant

Matthew Lester

Jennifer Anderson

Linda Brown

Regina Foley

Summer Borsack

Polly Bruckmann

Carol Kluge

Jane Kiembock

Paul Vogel

*Deacon of the Month—Polly Bruckmann*