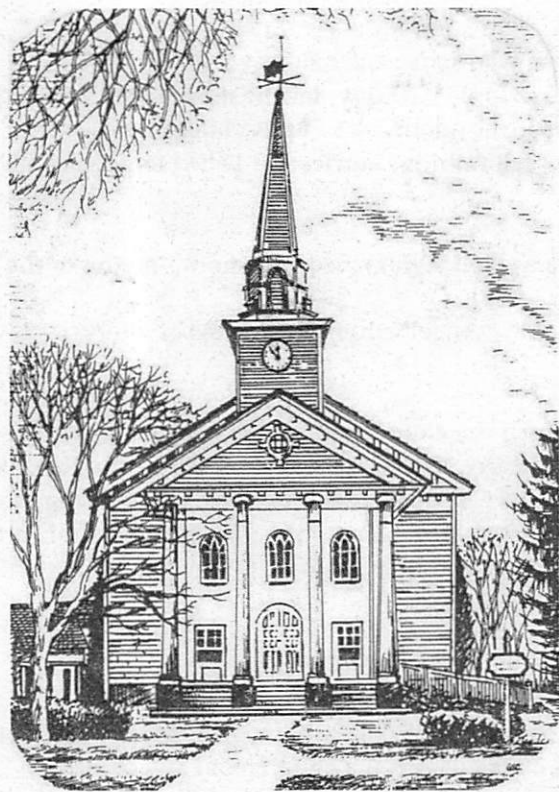


*First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton  
The Old Town Church  
founded in 1648*



*December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

“New Year’s Song”

*Robert Schumann*

\*Call to Worship (*Isaiah 61,62, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40*)

Leader: Praise the One who spoke and made everything!

People: **Let the rivers ripple with joy; let the mountains stomp their feet.**

Leader: Praise the One who adopts all of us as children!

People: **Let old folks tell familiar stories; let little children swim with dolphins.**

Leader: Praise God!

People: **We will sing of God's glory; we will shout our joy to the heavens.**

\*Opening Prayer (*Gal 4, Luke 2*)

\*Hymn #22 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

*Henry Thomas Smart*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Abba God: we know that given the chance, we rarely praise others. We are guided more by meanness than by your gentleness. And we are seldom wise enough to listen to your voice, preferring instead the sweet, sweet songs of sin. Forgive us, Heart of Heaven. Touch those inner places of hope and joy that they might become the gifts we can offer to those around us, as we seek to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

*Merbecke*

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news. The time is now; the place is here; God has redeemed us from sin; God has claimed us as the children of Hope.

People: **Praise God, all people, for life is given to us anew; eternity is our home. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria (*Hymn 579*)

“Glory Be to the Father”

*Henry W. Greatorex*

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

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

*Old Hundredth*

\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

**By these gifts, Gracious God, may those who have so little be clothed with your abundant grace; may the hungry be fed with food that strengthens them and hope which gives them new life; may all who are searching find that they are your beloved children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn #265

"Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand"

*William Knapp*

\*Benediction

\*Response (#586)

"Amen"

*Danish*

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

Postlude

"Auld Lang Syne With Variations"

*Arr. D. Ross*

### 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:**

The family of Jen Balnis

Paul Vogel

The family of Bruce Bluedorn

Bill Stowell

The family of Alan Dixon

The Lind family

### PARISH CONCERNS

**TAKING DOWN OF THE GREENS** will take place on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

**CABARET NIGHT/WINTER DINNER BUFFET**, Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Session House, featuring all your favorite crooners and tunes. \$35 tickets on sale 12/24, 12/31 and 1/7 in the narthex. Tables reserved for groups of 6-8. Contact Hilary Malecki at [osbornhilary@hotmail.com](mailto:osbornhilary@hotmail.com); 631-324-9734.

**FOOD PANTRY ITEM TO BRING NEXT SUNDAY: Canned Soup.**

## CALENDAR

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

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

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 am Worship and Coffee Hour by the Session committee  
There will only be Sunday School class for the preK/K class. The older children will stay in church.  
No Youth Group meeting today

**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** *New Year's Day, Office Closed*

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

**Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30 am Men's Club (venue TBD)  
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl knitting, Mary Siska's house

**Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm Bible Study  
12:30 pm *Al-Anon, Session House (downstairs)*  
5:00 pm Mission meeting  
7:00 pm Chancel choir rehearsal

**Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 am....Taking Down the Greens

**Next Week:**

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**, *Baptism of the Lord*

10:00 am Worship with communion and Sunday School  
5-6:30 pm Youth Group meeting, Session House

**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** *Office Closed*

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

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am Men's Club (venue TBD)  
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl knitting meeting at Mary Siska's house  
6:00 pm *Ramblers meeting, Session House*

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm Soup Dinner at Most Holy Trinity, sponsored by the Clericus

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm Bible Study  
12:30 pm *Al-Anon, Session House (downstairs)*  
7:00 pm Choir rehearsal



***Participating in this morning's service:*** The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Music Director; David Cataletto, lay reader; 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 from the Deacon's Flower 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 to brighten the day

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***Elder of the Month—Debbie Mansir & Alice Wood***  
***Deacon of the Month—Victoria Roarick***