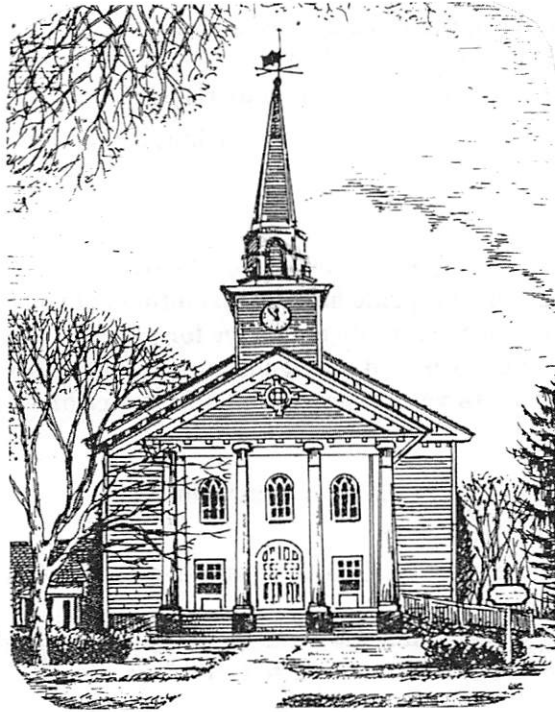


*First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648*



January 1st, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 1st, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas

The Epiphany of the Lord

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

"I Wonder As I Wander"

Appalachian Folk Carol

* Call to Worship (*from Isaiah 60:1,3*)

Pastor: Arise, shine: for your light has come.

People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Pastor: Nations shall come to your light

People: and rulers to the brightness of your rising.

*Hymn 411

"Arise, Your Light is Come"

Festal Song

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Grace has been poured into our hearts, love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.

People: This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

*Gloria (*Hymn 579*)

"Glory Be to the Father"

Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

** denotes please stand as you are able*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 (OT Page 690)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 (NT Page 2)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Unexpected Revelations

*Hymn 66

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

*Affirmation of Faith – from the Confession of 1967 (*unison*)

God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, chosen to be God’s covenant people to serve the Lord in love and faithfulness. Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Pastor: Our tables groan with too much food, so may our gifts feed the hungry;

People: We welcome family into our homes, so may we embrace the lonely;

Pastor: We sleep in warm beds at night, so may we shelter the homeless;

People: We are blessed with more than we need, so may our gifts fill the emptiness of our sisters and brothers in need. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal Page 16

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem

“In Remembrance”

Ragan Courtney and Beryl Reid

*Doxology (*Hymn 592*)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Old Hundredth

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:

Sung Response: *(Hymn 568)*
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The pastor continues...

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Sung Response: *(Hymn 569)*
Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

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:

Sung Response: *(Hymn 570)*
Amen, amen, amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Please approach the servers by the center aisle and return to your pew by the side aisles)

Communion Prayer (*unison*)

Gracious and abundant God, even as we wait for the fulfillment of your desires for your creation, at this table, and in this meal, you have met us in Christ. We thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of salvation. As we have been nourished and strengthened here, send us out into the world by the power of your Holy Spirit to share your life and salvation with all whom we meet. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 62	"Bring We The Frankincense of Our Love"	<i>Epiphany Song</i>
*Benediction		
*Response (585)	"Threefold Amen"	<i>McNeil Robinson II</i>
*Chimes Recessional Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
Postlude	"Festival March"	<i>Philip Moore</i>

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Participating in this morning's service: The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Musical Director; Chancel Choir; Hilary Malecki, Lay Reader; Elders Linda Child, Lori Dalene and Ann Roberts.

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 today are offered to the glory of God. 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!

PARISH CONCERNS

FOOD PANTRY this week: Canned Fruit and Veggies.

RECYCLE MY BULLETIN, please! Baskets are located by the side exits to the Narthex.

52 CLUB REMINDER--\$1 each week (thus "52 club") supports FPCEH mission travel. 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*)

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING – Tuesdays 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.

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: your 2017 Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Please take yours home today.

EPRAYER: if you have a prayer request for EPrayer you can send it via email to Pastor Scot or fpceh.prayer@gmail.com. Before asking for prayers for a particular person, please ensure that the recipient is comfortable with being named in the email.

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
Catherine Verhaegen	Don Halsey

Others for whom prayer has been requested:

Lee Andrews
Virginia Backlund
Elizabeth Carol
Halvorsen Family
Shane Hamley
David King
Tricia Olszewski
John "Kenny" Wessberg III
The Rev. Alan Widerquist

CALENDAR

(Italics indicate non-church event)

This Week:

9:00 – 11:00 am Session House Preschool

Sunday, January 1

10:00 am Worship w/communion, Sunday School for PreK through grade 5.

Monday, January 2

Office Closed

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café.

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

Thursday, January 5

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

4:30 pm Mission Committee

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Next Week:

9:00 – 11:00 am Session House Preschool

Sunday, January 8

10:00 am Worship, Sunday School for PreK through grade 5.

5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

Monday, January 9

Office Closed

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

Tuesday, January 10

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café.

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

6:00 pm Ramblers

Wednesday, January 11

1:00 pm Book Club

5:00 pm Community Soup Dinner at Most Holy Trinity Parish Hall

Thursday, January 12

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

4:30 pm Christian Education

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

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The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz, Pastor Emeritus

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Ruling Elders

Class of 2017

Linda Child
Peter Cooper *
Lori Dalene *
Alice Wood *

Class of 2018

Aleaze Hodgens
Lee Andrews
Bruce Bluedorn
Ann Roberts *

Class of 2019

Debbie Mansir
Wendy Mott
Ken Brown
Josh Borsack

Elder of the Month—Ann Roberts

Deacons

Jennifer Anderson
Josh Borsack
Linda Brown
Regina Foley

Polly Bruckman
Jane Kiembock
Carol Kluge
Paul Vogel

David Cataletto
Zanetta Classens *
Joy Ann Dixon
Vicky Roarick

Deacon of the Month—Paul Vogel

* Officer is currently serving second consecutive term