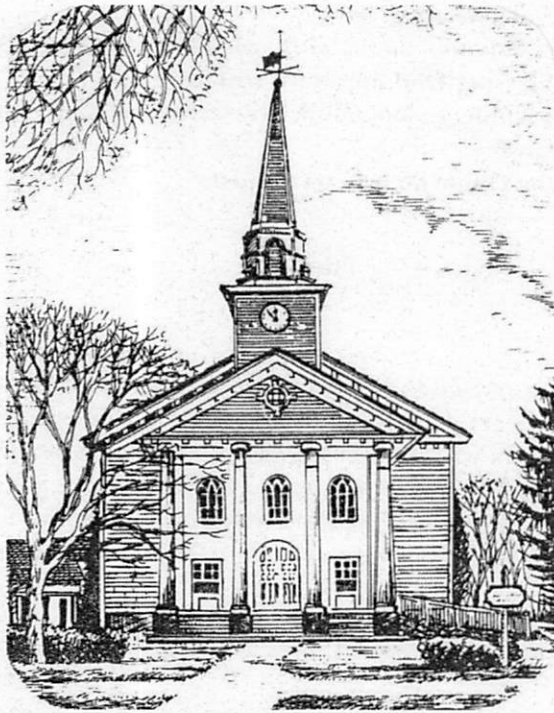


*First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648*



January 29th, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 29nd, 2017

4nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

Prelude in F

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Call to Worship (from Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12)

Pastor: When we seek justice for the other, when we love kindness more than ever,

People: We live as God asks us to live.

Pastor: When we walk humbly through life, when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,

People: We are the blessing God hopes we will be.

Pastor: When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus, when we choose weakness rather than power,

People: We reflect the One who is in our midst.

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #145

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

Messiter

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

What have we done to you, dear God? We dishonor you every time we treat another with disrespect. We shatter your heart when we find it easier to break our word, than to take the risk to keep it. We fill your ears with the gossip, lies, and slander we speak about those around us. You are wise enough to forgive our foolishness; you are strong enough to overcome our weakness; you are loving enough to heal the hurt we cause to you and to others. And so you give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (Hymn 572)

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: What has God done to us – shown mercy! What has God done for us – forgiven us!
This is the good news for us.

People: We will not boast, for it is not our doing. We will give thanks to God for such grace and hope. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

*Gloria (Hymn 579)

"Glory Be to the Father"

Gloria Patri

Children's Message

** denotes please stand as you are able*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:1-8 (OT Page 866)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12 (NT Page 4)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

A Higher Calling

Rev. Scot McCachren

*Hymn #386

"O for a World"

Gläser, Mason

*Affirmation of Faith – Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

We believe that the church must together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ. We believe that together we are built up to the stature of Christ, the new humanity. We believe that we must together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ. We believe that we are called to admonish and comfort one another; to suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; to pray together; and together serve God in this world. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Following each petition...

Pastor: God of righteousness,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal Page 16

Hymn #164 Psalm 15 (*All Sing*) "Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House"

Este's Psalms

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem

"Sing to the Lord!"

Govenor

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor: God of mercy and compassion, may these offerings be for the world: peace and justice, love and kindness, comfort and hope;

People: **May these offerings be for our church: honor and openness, gratitude and thankfulness, inspiration and expectation.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

People: Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

- *Hymn #369 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" *African-American Spiritual*
- *Benediction
- *Response (586) "Amen" *Danish*
- *Chimes Recessional, Taking the Light of Christ into the World
- Postlude Toccata [in F] *Dietrich Buxtehude*

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Participating in this morning's service: The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Musical Director; Chancel Choir; Joan Osborne, Lay Reader; Leslie Clarke, John Cataletto & Ann and Dick Roberts, 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 communion table are in honor of Rick and Fran Chapman's 39th wedding anniversary on January 28th, 2017. 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

MATTHEW LESTER MEMORIAL OFFERING is being collected in memory and honor of Matthew's many contributions to our church family. Donations can be dropped in the offering plate **today** using a clearly labelled check or cash envelope; or sent to the church office by February 1. The funds will be presented by the church to Matthew's family to use at their discretion.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION: Following worship on Sunday, February 12th.

YOUTH GROUP SUPER BOWL PARTY: Next Sunday, February 5, instead of our regular meeting, we will gather at 6:00 to watch the big game! All Youth, Parents, Siblings, and Friends are invited. Bring snacks to share – a chili dinner will also be provided! Let us know tonight or RSVP to the church office to let us know how many to prepare for. (**Regular meeting tonight at 5:00**)

INQUIRER'S CLASS: Join Pastor Scot after church **today** in the Session House (the building behind the church) if you are considering joining our church family. This class will give you a chance to learn more about this congregation and the Presbyterian Church (USA).

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: Bowling trip to All Star Lanes in Riverhead after church **TODAY** for Grades 9-12. We'll stop for lunch on the way so bring about \$20 for food and bowling! Meet Jean Hodgens and David Cataletto in the narthex right after the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING: There will be a special meeting in the Session House on **February 5th**, immediately following worship. All Sunday School teachers past and present are asked to attend. Also anyone who may be interested in becoming part of our teaching staff is welcome. A light lunch will be served. We will discuss curriculum, class organization and discipline, possible music program, etc. Please RSVP to Lori Dalene or Alice Wood by February 3rd.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: The Middle School Youth Group will be collecting money and food donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring ministry, during church next Sunday, **February 5th**. Please remember to bring cans of soup or any non-perishable food item.

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

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.

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*)

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:

Alan Dixon

Jean Symer

Catherine Verhaegen

Greg Fariel

Don Halsey

Others for whom prayer has been requested:

Family of Matthew Lester

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 (M-W-F)

Sunday, January 29th

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

5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group (Snacks provided)

Monday, January 30th

Office Closed

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

6:30 pm Choral Society of the Hamptons auditions and rehearsal

Tuesday, January 31st

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

9:30 am Membership meeting

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

Thursday, February 2nd

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

4:30 pm Mission meeting

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Next Week:

9:00 – 11:00 am Session House Preschool (M-W-F)

Sunday, February 5th

10:00 am Worship, *Souper Bowl Sunday*

Sunday School for PreK through grade 5

11:15 am Sunday School Teacher's Meeting for anyone interested, light lunch

6:00 pm Youth Group Super Bowl Party

Monday, February 6th

Office Closed

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

7:00 pm Choral Society of the Hamptons auditions and rehearsal

Tuesday, February 7th

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

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

Wednesday, February 8th

10:00 am Newsletter meeting

5:00 pm Community Soup Dinner, Most Holy Trinity parish hall

Thursday, February 9th

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

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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—Ann Roberts

Deacons

Jennifer Anderson
Summer 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