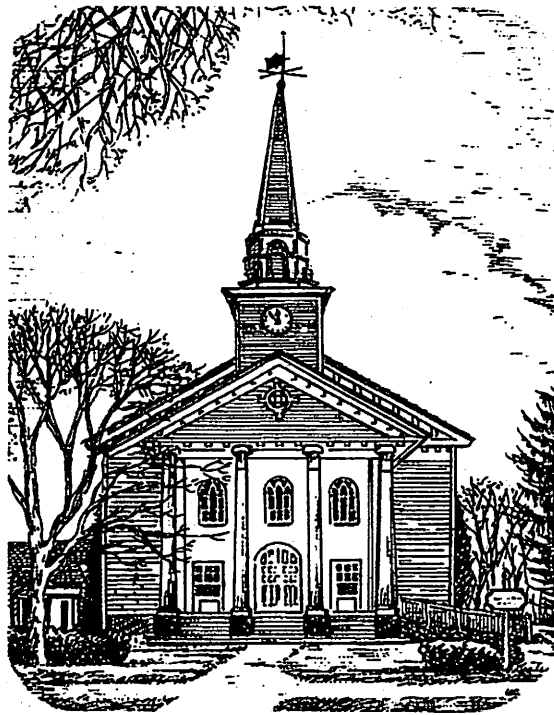


*First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648*



January 8th, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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The Baptism of the Lord

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

"Come to the River"

Hurd

* Call to Worship

Pastor: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

(Gen. 1:1-2)

People: In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind

(Gen. 7:7)

Pastor: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation

(Exod. 14:21)

People: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

(Luke 1:42)

Pastor: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciple's feet in water

(John. 13:5)

People: Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

(John 4:29)

Pastor: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

People: God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be to God!

(Rom. 8:29)

*Hymn 461

"God is Here!"

Green & Taylor

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

You would have all people hear of your grace, Servant God, but we hinder your efforts by hoarding the Word for ourselves. You would have hope flow through our neighborhoods, but we thwart your plans by damming up hope in our hearts. You would have us skip into your kingdom, but we frustrate your future by clinging so tightly to those grudges we have carried for so long. Have mercy on us, Shaker of our wildernesses, and unlock the shuttered doors of our hearts. Remind us that at our baptism you touch us with the waters of life, promise to be with us always, and call us your beloved, even as you sang your joy to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, at the waters of the Jordan. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

Merbecke

** denotes please stand as you are able*

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: You know the good news God has proclaimed to you: we are called to let go of the past, and to walk, hand in hand with the Spirit, into the kingdom.

People: **God forgives us, accepts us, and sends us forth to do good, and to testify about the One who baptizes us in the water and the Spirit. 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

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9 (OT Page 670)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17 (NT Page 3)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Something in the Water

Rev. Scot McCachren

*Hymn 72

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

Green & Mehrrens

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's Creed (*traditional*)

Hymnal page 14

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

Moment for Mission

Care and Outreach

Paul Vogel

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal Page 16

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem

"Sing a New Song"

Pethel

*Doxology (*Hymn 592*)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 492	"Baptized in Water"	<i>Bunessan</i>
*Benediction		
*Response (586)	"Threefold Amen"	<i>McNeil Robinson II</i>
*Chimes Recessional Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
Postlude	"Cebell"	<i>Purcell</i>

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Participating in this morning's service: The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Musical Director; Chancel Choir; Sherry Wolfe, Lay Reader; Deacon Paul Vogel, Moment for Mission; Ann & Dick Roberts, Linda & Ken Brown, 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 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

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

FOOD PANTRY this week: Peanut Butter & Jelly.

INQUIRER'S CLASS: Join Pastor Scot after church in the Session House (the building behind the church) on January 29 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). You can sign up by contacting Christine at (631) 324-0711 or fpcsecy@optonline.net.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Regular meetings for Grades 6 – 8 begin today, 5:00 – 6:30, in the Session House. Come hungry and ready to cook because we're making pancakes!

COMMUNITY SOUP DINNER: Wednesday, January 11, 5:00 pm at Most Holy Trinity Church. Free for everyone in the community, this is a great family event! Our church provides baked goods for the dinner, so please sign-up on the sheet posted in the narthex if you are able to bake something like cookies or brownies. Also, consider dropping in a few minutes early to be a volunteer server – they needed more adult helpers last month.

FAMILY TOLERANCE & DIVERSITY PROGRAM: Hosted by the Jewish Center of the Hamptons, this interfaith program of dialogue and singing is in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It will be held on January 22, 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Our Sunday School is preparing artwork that will be on display at the event! Pastor Scot and Jane Hastay will be participating. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the local pantry.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: Bowling trip to All Star Lanes in Riverhead after church on January 29 for Grades 9-12. We'll stop for lunch on the way so bring about \$20 for food and bowling!

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*)

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.

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 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 10th

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

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

4:30 pm Christian Education Meeting

6-9:00 pm Ramblers

Wednesday, January 11th

1:00 pm Book Club, Session House

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

Thursday, January 12th

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Next Week:

9:00 – 11:00 am Session House Preschool

Sunday, January 15th

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

5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

Monday, January 16th

Office Closed

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

Tuesday, January 17th

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

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

Thursday, January 19th

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

4:00 pm Worship & Music

6:00 pm Deacons Meeting

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

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
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