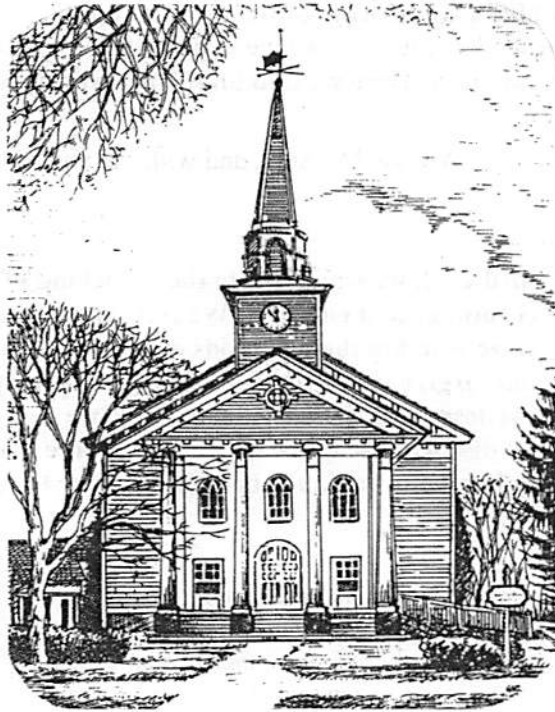


*First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton  
The Old Town Church  
founded in 1648*



*March 5, 2017*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

*The First Sunday of Lent*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

*Haugen*

\*Call to Worship (*Matt 4*)

**Pastor:** In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

**People:** God is with us, even in the midst of our loneliness.

**Pastor:** On the treacherous paths, God's guidance is ours.

**People:** We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.

**Pastor:** Come to hear. Come to learn. Come to the hiding place of God.

**People:** Here we find grace. Here we find love. Here we will worship and pray.

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #456

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"

*Barthélémon*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Led by the crafter of lies, Lord God, we wander into the wasteland of wrongdoing. We hunger for more and more, and feel emptier and emptier. We seek power, especially over others, only to do harm. By our choices, we worship the false gods of success, wealth, and spectacle. Have mercy on us, God of love, and forgive us for the power we give to temptation in our lives. Help us to become as vulnerable as Jesus, for in that vulnerability, we find the humility to trust you in all things; in that trust, we discover the grace which sets us free from the grasp of the shrewd one; in that freedom, we can leave our badlands behind, in order to follow Jesus in this life, and into the next. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie (Hymn #513 - refrain)

"Let Us Break Bread Together

*African-American Spiritual*

*When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,*

*O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Assurance of Pardon

**Pastor:** By ourselves, we would be controlled easily by sin and temptation. But God has given us the free gift of grace, and so we are set free to live as disciples.

**People:** This is the gift which brings us hope; this is the gift which brings us joy; this is the gift which brings us life.

**Pastor:** Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

\*Passing the Peace

*\* denotes please stand as you are able*

\*Gloria (Hymn 579)  
Children's Message

"Glory Be to the Father"

*Gloria Patri*

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (OT Page 2)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11 (NT Page 3)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Living Under the Tree

Rev. Scot McCachren

\*Hymn #81

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

*Hernaman*

\*Affirmation of Faith – Adapted from PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal Page 16

Response: Psalm 32A (*All sing*)



When I owned my tres - pass then - you for - gave my guilt.

Moment for Mission

Debbie Mansir

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Hymn

“Love One Another

Hal Hopson

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

Old Hundredth

\*Prayer of Dedication (Romans 5:15-18)

Pastor: We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ.

People: Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, hol - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry,  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The pastor continues...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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:

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*(To signify our oneness in Christ, please hold the bread and cup until everyone has been served.)*

Communion Prayer (*unison*)

**O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thanks-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen.**

### **GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Hymn #363 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" *African-American Spiritual*

\*Benediction

\*Response (583) "Amen" *Haugen*

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

Postlude "Trumpet Voluntary" *Bennett*

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***Participating in this morning's service:*** The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Musical Director; Chancel Choir; Gabrielle Miller, Lay Reader; Linda Child, Debbie Mansir, Lori Dalene, Harriet Edwards, Wendy Mott, Josh Borsack & Peter Cooper, Elders/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](mailto:summerborsack@gmail.com).

***"Care Notes"*** are available in the Narthex--please help yourself. Send a note to someone and brighten their day!

## 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
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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:**

Catherine Verhaegen

Sherry Wolfe

Jean Symer

Greg Fariel

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

Family of Matthew Lester

Family of Don Halsey

Barbara Wyeth

Pam Busch

Gail Conrad

Ilene Blondell

Virginia Backlund

Elizabeth Carol

Family of David King

The Rev. Alan Widerquist

Tricia Olszewski

John "Kenny" Wessberg III

## CALENDAR

*(Italics indicate non-church event)*

### **This Week:**

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

#### **Sunday, March 5th**

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

11:00 am Ham Dinner meeting

5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

#### **Monday, March 6th**

*Office Closed*

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

*7:30 pm Choral Society of the Hamptons rehearsal*

#### **Tuesday, March 7th**

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

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

#### **Wednesday, March 8th**

1:00 pm Book Club Meeting

#### **Thursday, March 9th**

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

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

### **Next Week:**

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

#### **Sunday, March 12th**

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

5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

#### **Monday, March 13th**

*Office Closed*

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

*7:30 pm Choral Society of the Hamptons rehearsal*

#### **Tuesday, March 14th**

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

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

#### **Thursday, March 16th**

12:00 Brown Bag Bible Study

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

4:00 pm Mission Meeting

6:00 pm Deacons Meeting

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

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*Elder of the Month—Lori Dalene*

*Deacon of the Month—Jenn Anderson*

**PARISH CONCERNS**

**CONGREGATIONAL PHOTOGRAPH:** The picture for the Cuba Mission team to take on their upcoming trip will be taken immediately after worship today. Please gather in the front of the church for a few minutes instead of leaving!

**HAM DINNER MEETING** will be directly after service today.

**WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER TO BE A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER!!**

We still need 3 Sunday School teachers for the upcoming session that begins on March 26th - May 29. If you would like to teach with a friend and share the teaching time you could volunteer as a team! However, our curriculum is complete and simple to use for anyone! If you are interested in teaching please contact Lori Dalene at [loridalene@gmail.com](mailto:loridalene@gmail.com) or call 631-907-2625. I know you will be blessed as you teach God's word to of our children

**BROWN BAG THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Will not meet this week but will resume Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL:** We have a supply of our recommended Lenten devotional, *A Way Other Than Our Own*, by Walter Brueggemann, available in the narthex for the next several Sundays and in the church office the rest of the week. The suggested donation for the book is \$10. It is also available online at the PC(USA) Store and Amazon.

**SIGN UPS FOR JR. CHOIR:** Let's have youth choir for our Easter Sunday celebration! We will meet once a week starting in March for 5-6 weeks. There was a sign-up sheet in the February newsletter and you will also find some in the narthex this morning. Contact Jane Hastay for more information, 631-332-2550.

**FOOD PANTRY THIS WEEK:** Rice & Beans.