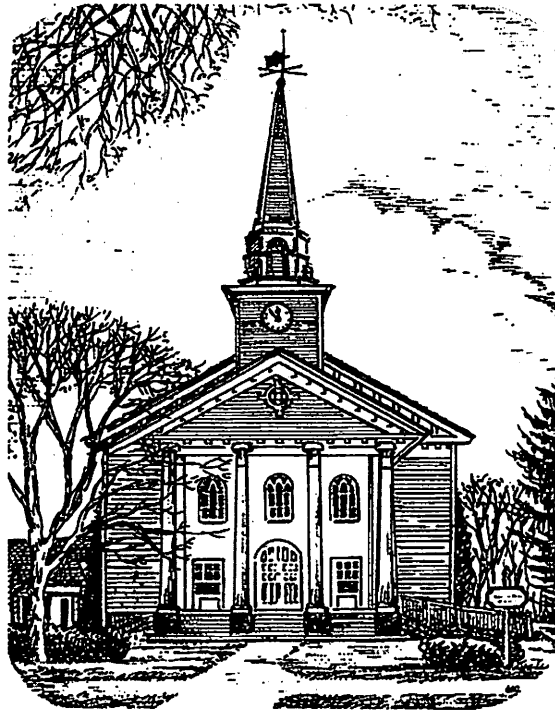


First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648



November 27th, 2016

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 27th, 2016

1st Sunday of Advent

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Voluntary

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Response:

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (*verse 1*)

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Call to Worship (Isaiah 2:5; Matthew 24:42,44; Romans 13:11-12))

Pastor: Now is the time to wake from sleep.

People: **The night is far gone; the day is near,**

Pastor: Keep awake; be ready. Christ is coming!

People: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

*Hymn 13

"Prepare the Way"

Franzen

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Righteous and forgiving God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We study the ways of war; we stray from the paths of peace. By day we waste your gifts; by night we dishonor your name. Forgive us; deliver us; awaken us to your Word, so that we may be ready to welcome you with joy in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

People: **Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Pastor: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: **Amen.**

** denotes please stand as you are able*

*Passing the Peace

*Gloria (*Hymn 579*)

“Glory Be to the Father”

Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Advent Prayer

Scripture Reading

Epistle Lesson: Romans 13:11-14 (NT page 162)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44 (NT page 27)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Staying Awake

*Hymn 8

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Truro

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) –

“*First Song of Isaiah*”

from Isaiah 12

Surely God is my salvation; we will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is our stronghold and our song, and has become our Savior. With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation. And in that day we will say: Give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord. Make known among the nations what the Lord has done; proclaim that the name of the Lord is exalted. Sing praises, for the Lord has done great things; let this be known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O people of God, for great in our midst is the Holy One. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Pastor: God of love

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal Page 16

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Natalie Sleeth

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

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Pastor: We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love.

People: **By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 2

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hyfrydol

*Benediction

*Response (586)

"Threefold Amen"

Danish

*Chimes Recessional Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

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Participating in this morning's service: Scot McCachren, Pastor; Harriet Edwards, Organist; Chancel Choir; Bell Choir; Leslie Clarke, Lay Reader; Rick Bock, Vanessa Bock, Dennis D'Andrea 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.

Prayer Request cards can be found in the pew. If you prefer that the pastor read your request during the Prayers of the People rather than voicing it yourself, please give to the pastor before the service. If the card is completed after the service begins, please have an usher hand to the pastor prior to the prayer time.

Flowers today are offered to the glory of God by the Deacons' Fund. 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: Peanut Butter & Jelly.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTY!! – for grades 6,7, and 8. We will gather on Sunday, December 4th, at 5:00 pm for games, a pizza dinner, and an early Christmas gift exchange. Bring an unmarked, wrapped gift worth no more than \$10.

WHITE GIFTS will be offered during worship December 4th. Please wrap in white paper; new gloves, hat, socks, etc. and label for age, sex. Our “white gifts” will be offered to Maureen’s Haven and Food Pantry participants.

THOMAS BOHLERT’S RETIREMENT PARTY – You are invited to help celebrate Thom’s retirement on Friday, December 9th, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Session House. RSVP by December 4th, 2016. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or call the church office at 631-324-0711.

CALLING ALL ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS – Our Christmas pageant will be on December 18th; the more angels and shepherds the better. The songs for the pageant will be taught during Sunday School starting in December. Dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 17th at 9:00 am. On pageant day, please arrive early (9:30 am). We are looking forward to a memorable Christmas pageant.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING – will be received on December 8th and December 11th to support the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Half of the offering supports the continued ministry of educating and forming Christian leaders. The other half honors those leaders who serve and have served us well

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.

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
- prayers by the Pastor, Deacons &/or Elders of the church (if confidential)
- names to be included in the prayer list below

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:

The family of Elbert Edwards

The family of Allene Talmage

Dell Cullum

Halvorsen family

Elizabeth Carol

Virginia Backlund

John "Kenny" Wessberg III

Family of Richard Wheaton and Aimee Edwards

The Rev. Alan Widerquist

Shane Hamley

David King

Carmen Rosa Lopez

Jo Ella Holman

Raymond Wodarski

Tricia Olszewski

Wendy Mott

CALENDAR

(Italics indicate non-church event)

This Week:

9:00 – 11:00 am Session House Preschool

Sunday, November 27, First Week of Advent

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

10:00 am Final Breakfast Club of the Year, now meeting in the Session House.

Monday, November 28

Office Closed

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

Tuesday, November 29

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

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

Wednesday, November 30

7:00 pm Session Meeting, Session House.

Thursday, December 1

4:30 pm Mission Meeting, Session House

7:00 pm Choir

Next Week:

9:00 – 11:00 am Session House Preschool

Sunday, December 4, Second Week of Advent

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

5:00 pm Middle School Party! For grades 6, 7 & 8. the Session House. *(please see Parish Concerns for details)*

Monday, December 5

Office Closed

12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

Tuesday, December 6

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

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

Thursday, December 8

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 9

6:00 pm Thomas Bohlert's Retirement Party, Session House. Please sign up in the narthex or call the church office at 631-324-0711.

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The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz, Pastor Emeritus

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Ruling Elders

Class of 2016

Harriet Edwards
Joyce Lys
Hilary Malecki
Ann Roberts
Sherry Wolfe
Alice Wood

Class of 2017

Linda Child
Peter Cooper
Lori Dalene

Class of 2018

Lee Andrews
Bruce Bluedorn
Aleaze Hodgens

Elder of the Month—Lee Andrews

Deacons

Leslie Clarke
Zanetta Classens
Michelle Grant
Matthew Lester

Jennifer Anderson
Linda Brown
Regina Foley
Summer Borsack

Polly Bruckmann
Carol Kluge
Jane Kiembock
Paul Vogel

Deacon of the Month—Michelle Grant

Order Your



Poinsettias

Poinsettias will grace our chancel for our
Christmas Eve worship services.

*If you would like to make a dedication: **In Memory of or In Honor of**, please fill out this form. You may leave it in the offering plate, drop it off at the church office or mail it to 120 Main Street, East Hampton, NY 11937. **The deadline to order is Thursday, December 15th.***

Flowers are given by:

Name

Address

Telephone

In Memory of or In Honor of: (please circle one)

Number of plants _____ Total Payment \$ _____

The cost of each poinsettia is \$30.00 (The plants will be red or white)
Please make check payable to the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
and write in the memo: Deacon Fund.

You may take your ordered poinsettias home after the 8:00 pm worship
service on Christmas Eve or any day thereafter.

If you don't want your poinsettias, **please check here** _____.

The Deacons will distribute your donated poinsettias after the worship
service on Sunday, December 25, 2016

Advent

December 4

2nd Sunday in Advent

White Gifts received

December 11

3rd Sunday in Advent

Lessons and Carols

Christmas Joy offering received

December 18

4th Sunday in Advent

Children's Christmas Pageant

Christmas Joy offering received

Christmas Eve



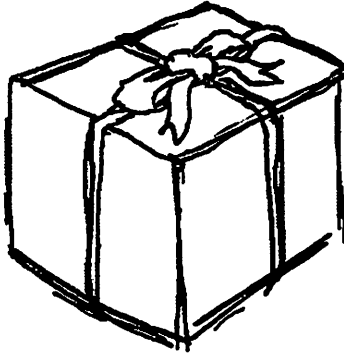
Family Candlelight Service

5:00 pm

Formal Candlelight Service

8:00 pm

WHITE GIFTS and MAUREEN'S HAVEN



How are we tying the two missions together?

This year's **WHITE GIFTS** will be dedicated to the guests of **MAUREEN'S HAVEN**.

We ask that you wrap a new pair of men's or women's cold weather socks, gloves and/or a winter hat. Wrap them in plain white paper and identify if they are for a man or a woman.

The gifts will be collected on Sunday, **December 4**.

Please remember *"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brother, you did it to me."*

You are invited
to help celebrate
Thom Bohlert's
retirement.

Friday, December 9th

6:00 pm

Session House

RSVP by
sign-up sheet in the narthex
or by calling the church office
at 631-324-0711. Due by Dec. 4th