

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



July 23rd, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 23th, 2017

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: Early in the morning, we gather at the edge of heaven,

People: **Finding the gates flung wide open by the One who welcomes all.**

Leader: Early in the morning, we come to this holy place of worship,

People: **To be touched by the One who offers us grace and love.**

Leader: Early in the morning, we worship God, who adopts us into the family,

People: **To be filled by the One who would pour us out in service to the world.**

*Opening Prayer

* Hymn #551

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

George Job Elvey

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

I've tried to hide from your searching gaze, Eternal God: I've climbed mountains, and burrowed deep into earth's caverns; I've fled to the farthest edges of my soul, and longed to sail in my fears to the dark side of the moon. And wherever I go – you are waiting for me! Even in the dimmest corners of my heart, your light finds me. Lost, I am found; afraid to speak of my sinfulness – you hear my stumbling words before I shape them in my mind; unable to help myself – you redeem me through the gracious love of Jesus Christ, my Lord, my Savior. 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: In sorrow so deep we cannot find our way out, God cradles us in comfort; in moments so dark, we stumble over ourselves, God lights the way; in joy which cascades into our souls, God fills us with healing.

People: **Even when we cannot see it, God's hope is all around us, surrounding us with peace and healing. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen**

Passing of the Peace

*Gloria (Hymn 579)

"Glory Be to the Father"

Henry W. Greatorex

**denotes stand as you are able...*

CALENDAR

This Week: (*Italics indicate non-church event*)

Sunday, July 23rd

10:00 am Worship w/ Sunday School

11:30 am Memorial service for Catherine Verhaegen, sanctuary.

Monday, July 24th

Office Closed

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

Tuesday, July 25th

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

1:00 pm Ukelele lessons, Session House (spots still available)

Wednesday, July 26th

7:00 pm Session Meeting, Session House

Thursday, July 27th

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study

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

5:30 pm *Debtor's Anonymous, Session House*

Next Week:

Sunday, July 30th

10:00 am Worship

Monday, July 31st

Office Closed

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

Tuesday, August 1st

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

10:00 am Beginner ukulele lessons, Session House

Thursday, August 3rd

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study

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

4:30 pm Mission meeting

5:30 pm *Debtor's Anonymous, Session House*

PARISH CONCERNS

A MEMORIAL FOR CATHERINE VERHAEGEN will be held after our service today at about 11:30 am.

URGENT!!! We need teachers for Sunday School that are willing to teach one or two Sundays this summer. Please sign up in the Narthex.

GET WELL CARDS FOR REV. TOM SCHACHER: If you would like to send a “get-well” card for Pastor Tom and need his address, please contact Christine in the church office and she will give it to you.

FOOD PANTRY ITEM TO BRING NEXT SUNDAY: *Canned Meat.*

MEN’S CLUB: John Papas Cafe: breakfast and fellowship - Tuesday mornings at 7:30 am.

UKELELE CLASSES: The Ukelele Group will Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 am in the Session House (except for this coming Tuesday’s class which will meet at 1:00 pm). Instruments will be provided. It’s not too late to join the group; it’s a fun and easy instrument! Contact Jane Hastay or call the office for more information.

FREE VBS CDs AVAILABLE in the Narthex.

NEW ADDRESS AND EMAIL for Ed and Peggy Sherrill:

577 Marshgrass Blvd

Mt Pleasant, SC 29464

577heronpt@gmail.com (Peggy’s new email)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Old Testament:	Genesis 28:10-19a	(OT Page 24)
Epistle:	Romans 8:12-25	(NT Page 158)
Gospel:	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	(NT Page 14)
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.		
People: Thanks be to God!		

Sermon

A New Vision

Rev. Scot McCachren

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

* Hymn #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *Rowland Hugh Prichard*

*Affirmation of Faith – Colossians 1:15-20 (*unison*)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

Hymnal Page 16

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem

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

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Your steadfast love is but one of the many gifts you pour into us. Our Offerings are but a part of the ways in which we can serve you and your people. Bless them, and bless us, to ministries of healing and hope. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #525

"Here I Am, Lord"

Daniel L. Schutte

*Benediction

*Response (#587)

"Amen"

African American

*Recessional, Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

Participating in this morning's service: The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Musical Director; Barbara Borsack, soloist; Patricia Wadzinski, lay reader; Jane Kiembock, Sherry Wolfe, Wendy Mott and John Cataletto, 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 in church this morning are in memory of Catherine R. Verhaegen whose memorial service is at 11:30 am. The flowers are given by her sister Gail Sterling and nieces, Hilary Osborn Malecki, Amy Osborn and Cynthia Osborn Shellman. 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

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The Rev. Dr. John Ames, Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz, Pastor Emeritus

Elder of the Month—Wendy Mott
Deacon of the Month—Jane Kiembock

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