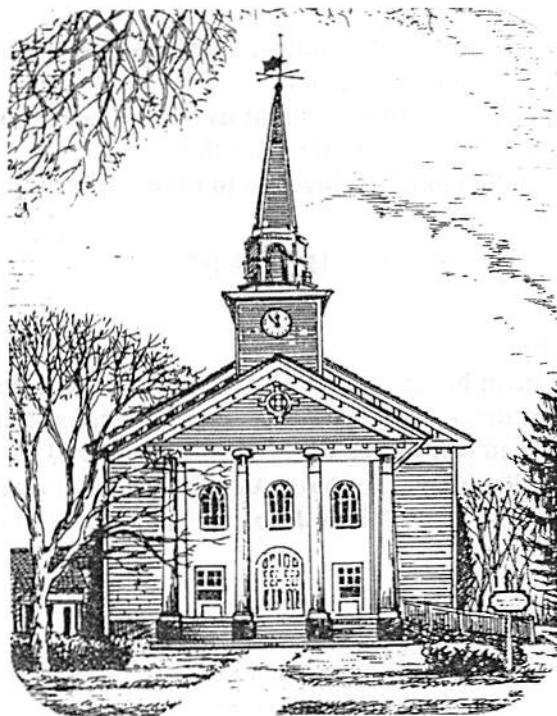


*First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton*  
*The Old Town Church*  
*founded in 1648*



*February 19, 2017*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

"Cornet Voluntary"

*Travers*

\*Call to Worship (*Matt 5:39-43; Lev 19:17-18*)

Pastor: We are called to turn the other cheek,

**People: So we will seek to be vulnerable in our lives of faith and service.**

Pastor: We are called to go the extra mile,

**People: So we will walk with those around us in the journeys of hope as well as fear.**

Pastor: We are called to love those who make that so hard,

**People: So we rely on the one who loves us to fill us with the special grace.**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #138

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Dykes*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**A friend hurts us, we hurt them back; someone hits us, we strike back; a family member ridicules us, we gossip about them. That is how we have been taught to deal with those around us. But now, God of mercy, you call us to a different life: the life of forgiving, not avenging; the life of peace, not anger; the life of love, not hate. As you forgive us of all we have done, may we walk in your new ways of living, as we follow Jesus, our Savior, our Teacher. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie (Hymn 572)

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

*Merbecke*

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: It begins with God and ends with God – that love which can create, renew, restore. God loves you and forgives you – now and forever.

**People: As we listen to God's songs of mercy, we are cradled in grace – now and forever. 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: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (OT Page 106)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:38-48 (NT Page 5)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Raising the Bar (*Again!*)

Rev. Scot McCachren

\*Hymn #358

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

*Potter*

\*Affirmation of Faith – Adapted from the 1985 Declaration of Faith

**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept many promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle. 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

Response: Psalm 119 (*All sing*)



Or-der my steps in your word. Please, or-der my steps in your word.

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Hymn

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

*Virginia Harmony*

\*Doxology (Hymn 592)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Old Hundredth*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor: We will not only offer our gifts but follow you, Gracious God,

People: All the extra miles needed so the hungry might be fed, the homeless might be sheltered, and your compassion would be showered on all those around us.  
Amen.

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #434	"Today We All Are Called"	<i>Vaughan Williams</i>
*Benediction		
*Response (587)	"Amen"	<i>African American</i>
*Chimes Recessional, Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
Postlude	"Old Hundredth"	<i>Held</i>

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***Participating in this morning's service:*** The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Musical Director; Chancel Choir; Lee Michel, soloist; Sigrid Benedetti, Lay Reader; Jane Kiembock, Terry Miller, Mary & Bruce Siska, 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!

## **PARISH CONCERNS**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Will NOT meet today.

**THANK YOU FROM ELLEN HALSEY:** Ellen wants to share many heartfelt thanks to the congregation for your kindness and thoughtfulness over these difficult weeks. She particularly thanks the Deacons for the delicious luncheon reception.

**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.

**FRIDAY NIGHT TAKE OUT,** Springs Community Presbyterian Church **this Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** from 3:30-6:00 pm. Meat or Spinach Lasagna w/bread, salad and dessert. \$14 631-324-4791. Please see brochure in Narthex.

**WHAT WOULD GOD HAVE US DO?:** The Presbytery of Long Island invites you to a series of facilitated Saturday afternoon conversations about “listening to God and each other in a new political environment.” The closest one to us will be at Old Whaler’s Church in Sag Harbor on **March 4, 1:00 – 3:00 pm**. Everyone from all political perspectives will have a chance to speak, to express their fears and concerns or their happiness and satisfaction. Join us as we discover areas of commonality and deeper understanding.

**SIGN UPS FOR JR. CHOIR:** Let’s have a choir of boys and girls in grades 2-5 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:** Peanut Butter & Jelly.

**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](mailto: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:**

Catherine Verhaegen

Jean Symer

Greg Fariel

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

Family of Matthew Lester

Virginia Backlund

David King

Tricia Olszewski

Family of Don Halsey

Elizabeth Carol

The Rev. Alan Widerquist

John "Kenny" Wessberg III

## CALENDAR

*(Italics indicate non-church event)*

### This Week:

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

#### **Sunday, February 19th**

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

No Middle School Youth Group today

#### **Monday, February 20th**

*Office Closed*

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

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

#### **Tuesday, February 21st**

7:30 am Men's Club at John Papas Café

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

#### **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

1:00 pm Clericus meeting, Session House

#### **Thursday, February 23rd**

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

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

*10:00-2:00pm Choral Society Rehearsal cancelled*

### Next Week:

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

#### **Sunday, February 26th**

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

11:00 am Fellowship meeting

5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

#### **Monday, February 27th**

*Office Closed*

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

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

#### **Tuesday, February 28th**

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

#### **Wednesday, March 1st**

7:00 pm Session meeting

#### **Thursday, March 2nd**

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

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

#### **Saturday, March 4th**

*10:00-2:00pm Choral Society of the Hamptons rehearsal re-scheduled from last Saturday*

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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—Linda Child*

***Deacons***

Jennifer Anderson  
Summer Borsack  
Linda Brown  
Regina Foley

Polly Bruckman  
Jane Kiembock  
Carol Kluge  
Paul Vogel

David Cataletto  
Zanetta Classens \*  
Joy Anne Dixon  
Vicky Roarick

*Deacon of the Month—Zanetta Classens*

\*Officer is currently serving second consecutive term