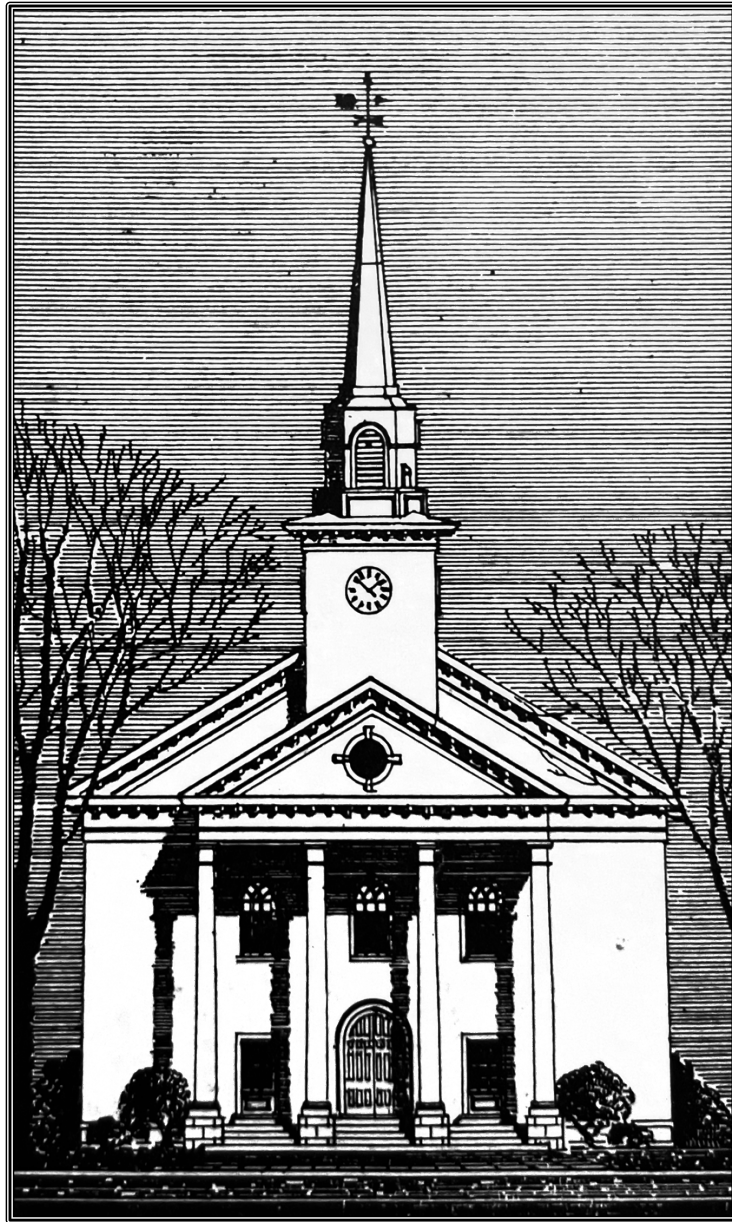


WELCOME TO  
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF EAST HAMPTON



-SERVICE OF THE WORD-

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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February 18, 2024 | 10:00 a.m.

## PASTOR'S WELCOME



Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton – an active worshipping community since 1648. While the world has changed greatly in our 376 year history, this community of faith has had the same mission since day one: to love God and our neighbor.

We embody this mission through faith in action. Through feeding programs, bible studies, youth events, and service trips – we create space for God to work among us. We believe that who you are is a part of what you believe. That faith is a journey, not a destination. And that asking questions, having doubts, and being curious is part of living an authentic faith. God's call requires our full self: heart, soul, body, and mind.

I joined FPCEH as its pastor in January 2024. As a new resident of the East End, I've enjoyed soaking in the local culture and history. I'm a fan of gardening, movies, music, and my wife Alyson. When she isn't playing with our dog Sam, she serves as an oncology nurse. I look forward to getting to know everyone who comes through our doors.

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### *Church Staff*

The Rev. Jon D. Rodriguez, *Minister*

Jane Hastay, *Music Director*

June Lester, *Church Administrator*

The Rev. Dr. John Ames. & The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz,  
*Pastors Emeriti*

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# Gathering in God's Name

## PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: This is the hope that we proclaim:

People: **That Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.**

Pastor: Jesus said: You are the light of the world.

People: **Let our light shine, giving glory to God.**

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **Let us worship God.**

*( \* Please rise in body or in spirit. For hymns, stand when the choir stands.)*

## VOLUNTARY

**Lead Me, Lord**

*arr. Kevin McChesney*

## \*HYMN 166

**Lord, Who Throughout  
These Forty Days**

*Day's Psalter*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*(Silence for personal reflection)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, thanks be to God.**

## SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you..  
People: And also with you.

\* GLORIA (Hymn 582) Glory to God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 9:8-17 (OT page 51)

\*PSALM 25 To You, O Lord Scott Soper



EPISTLE 1 Peter 3:18-22 (NT page 519)

GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15 (NT page 519)

SERMON Waiting For Life to Begin

## Responding to God with Thanksgiving

HYMN 738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee Henry Percy Smith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...in your mercy,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

*arr. Margaret R. Tucker*

#### \*DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures  
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Savior and our God.

\*HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Charles Converse

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

It is Well  
with My Soul

arr. Tammy Waldrop

*The postlude is the final act of our worship together. Please remain seated during the postlude for a brief moment of personal reflection and inspiration.*

## The Life of the Church

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held February 25 for the purpose of reviewing the approved 2024 budget and electing officers. All are welcome; members have voice and vote.

**Please pray for the following friends:** Liam Baum, Robert Fariel, Gordon Grant, Pat Kinzer, Dana Lester, Jane Talmage, Gus Lockwood, Kayla Kearney, Lee Andrews, Liz Dayton, the families of Gene Roarick, Patti Wadzinski, Bob Cooper and Loretta Grabowski, Our Sister Church in Guines, Cuba and their pastor & his family.

**First Friday Dinner + Theatre** | Join us for a night of wonderful food and entertainment. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm in the session house with a meal catered by Luigi's (\$10 per person) followed by a production of Anything Goes at East Hampton High School at 7:00 pm. Tickets for the play are available at the door – \$20 General admission + \$10 Students/Seniors. **Please RSPV by February 25** – [fpcehfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:fpcehfellowship@gmail.com) or (631) 324-0711

**East Hampton Food Pantry** serves our community by collecting food and distributing it to those in need. This week's item of the week is peanut butter & jelly.

**Cuba 2024 Mission Trip** February 27 – March 7, 2024 to visit our sister church in Guines, Cuba. For more information contact Barbara D'Andrea.

**Flower Donations** | If you would like to donate flowers for the communion table and/or pedestals in honor or in memory of a loved one please e-mail Summer Borsack at [summerborsack@gmail.com](mailto:summerborsack@gmail.com) or call the church office. Please let us know if the flowers are to be distributed after the service.

**The Monday morning prayer group** which was formed for the purpose of praying for the Pastor Nominating Committee over a year ago will continue to meet Monday mornings at the Session House at 9 am to spend time in prayer for the church and the needs of the congregation. All are welcome – please feel free to drop in anytime!

*Thank you for enjoying your beverage and food in the Narthex.*

## **Worship Leaders**

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Minister: The Rev. Jon D. Rodriguez  
Music: First Church Bell Choir  
Elder of the Month: Pember Edwards  
Deacon of the Month: Greg Eberhart  
Reader: Kailey Eberhart  
Ushers: Greg Eberhart, Kristine Eberhart, Wendy Mott, and Matt Chapman

## **Session**

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*Moderator:* The Rev. Jon D. Rodriguez  
*Clerk:* Mary Siska  
*Members:* Kim Borsack, David Filer, Michelle Grant, Paul Vogel, Andrea Cooper, Barbara D'Andrea, Harriet Edwards, Pember Edwards

## **Board of Deacons**

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*Co-Moderators:* Nancy Pearson & Joy Anne Dixon  
*Members:* Kristine Eberhart, Christine Martin, Fran Chapman, Suzanne Nicoletti

## *M e m b e r s h i p*

Whether you've been a Presbyterian your entire life or you are still deciding whether church is right for you, you are welcome here. If you are interested in exploring more about Christianity and what it means to follow Jesus, we invite you to join a new member class. Classes are typically held on select Sundays after worship. Contact Pastor Jon for more information –

[jdr@fpceh.org](mailto:jdr@fpceh.org)

## *G i v i n g*

Stewardship is really about discipleship—following Jesus as Lord in every aspect of our daily living. Stewards are those who care for things that belong to another and have been entrusted to them for safe-keeping. Christian stewardship begins with the recognition that everything in our lives comes from and belongs to God and has been given to us for the purpose of not only serving, but more important, glorifying God as we seek to follow Jesus Christ as his faithful disciples. Contact Pastor Jon for more information.

## *C o m m u n i c a t i o n s*

Once a week we distribute our newsletter, *News From the Pews*, to keep our community informed about upcoming events and important information about the life of the church. To sign up, contact the Church Office –

[admin@fpceh.org](mailto:admin@fpceh.org)

## *P r a y e r L i s t*

Pastoral Care is provided in a variety of ways at FPCEH. Our pastor is available for pastoral conversations when members and friends of the church are struggling with difficult life situations or wrestling with faith questions and dilemmas. The pastor also visits and reaches out to members who are hospitalized, ill or who have suffered a recent loss. If you would like to speak with our pastor, call and make an appointment. They will do their best to see you as soon as possible. Contact the Church Office for more information –

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