

WELCOME TO  
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF EAST HAMPTON



-SERVICE OF THE WORD-

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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February 25, 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: Our faith depends on the grace of God.

People: **Praise the Lord, who gives life to the dead.**

Pastor: Jesus calls us to be his disciples.

People: **We take up the cross to follow him.**

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.)*

### \* HYMN 175

Seek Ye First

*Karen Lafferty*

## 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 Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the  
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -  
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

(OT page 5)

PSALM 25

To You, O Lord

Scott Soper



To you O Lord I lift up, I lift up my soul, my God.

EPISTLE

Romans 4:13-25

(NT page 234)

GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

(NT page 34)

SERMON

Waiting For Safety

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

\* HYMN 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

*Silesian folk melody*

## SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Almighty God,  
in Jesus Christ you called disciples  
and, by the Holy Spirit,  
made them one church to serve you.  
Let your Spirit rule your church,  
so that we may be joined  
in love and service to Jesus Christ,  
who, having gone before us,  
is coming to meet us  
in the promise of your kingdom. Amen

BLESSING AND CHARGE

\* 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

#### Bow Down Low

*arr. David Bridges*

#### \* 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 39

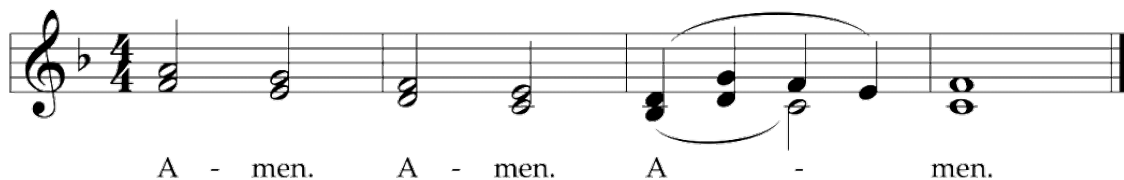
#### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Marion Runyan*

#### \* BENEDICTION

#### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Danish Amen*



A - men. A - men. A - men.

#### \* POSTLUDE

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## Meeting of the Congregation

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|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| i.   | Open with Prayer            | Rev. Jon D. Rodriguez |
| ii.  | Confirmation of a Quorum    | Elder Mary Siska      |
| iii. | Review of Annual Budget     | Elder Wendy Mott      |
| iv.  | Discussion of Annual Report | Elder Siska           |
| v.   | Election of Church Officers | Rev. Rodriguez        |
|      | Presentation of Slate       | Elder Kim Borsack     |
|      | Vote                        | Rev. Rodriguez        |
| vi.  | Adjourn with Prayer         |                       |
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## The Life of the Church

Please pray for the following friends: Lee Andrews, Liam Baum, Ian Birla, Liz Dayton, Robert Fariel, James Fenelon, Gordon Grant, Kayla Kearney, Pat Kinzer, Dana Lester, Gus Lockwood, Joseph Ortiz, Jane Talmage 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.*

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## Worship Leaders

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*Minister:* The Rev. Jon D. Rodriguez  
*Music:* Harriet Edwards, Chancel Choir  
*Elder of the Month:* Pember Edwards  
*Deacon of the Month:* Greg Eberhart  
*Reader:* Florence Stone  
*Ushers:* Leslie Clarke, Matt Chapman, Lori and Roy Dalene

## Session

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*Moderator:* The Rev. Jon D. Rodriguez  
*Clerk:* Mary Siska  
*Members:* **Class of 2024:** Kim Borsack, David Filer, Michelle Grant, Paul Vogel; **Class of 2025:** Andrea Cooper, Barbara D'Andrea, Harriet Edwards, Pember Edwards

## Board of Deacons

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*Co-Moderators:* Nancy Pearson & Joy Anne Dixon  
*Members:* **Class of 2024:** Kristine Eberhart, Christine Martin, Nancy Pearson; **Class of 2025:** Fran Chapman, Joy Anne Dixon, Suzanne Nicoletti