

WELCOME TO  
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF EAST HAMPTON



-SERVICE OF THE WORD-

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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March 10, 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: The Lord of life is lifted up!

People: **Let us look to Christ and live.**

Pastor: Live as children of the light.

People: **Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.**

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 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

*William  
Bradbury*

## 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**

**Numbers 21:4-9**

*(OT page 66)*

**PSALM 25**

**To You, O Lord**

*Scott Soper*



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

**EPISTLE**

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

*(NT page 166)*

**GOSPEL**

**John 3:14-21**

*(NT page 93)*

**SERMON**

**Waiting For Perfection**

# Responding to God with Thanksgiving

\* HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Nettleton*

\*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

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

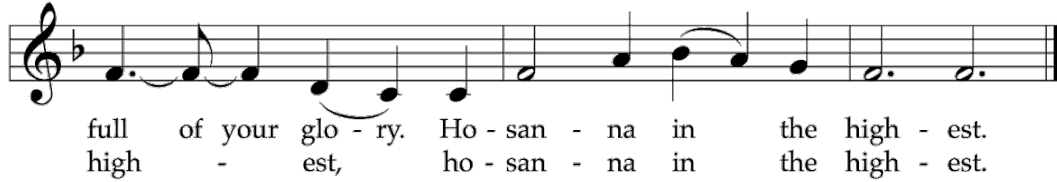
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### SANCTUS

*Proulx*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

**Pastor:** Great is the mystery of faith.

**People:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Pastor:** ...in your mercy,

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**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.**

**BREAKING THE BREAD & SHARING THE CUP**

**Pastor:** These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**People:** Let us keep the feast.

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**Feed Us, Lord**

*Greg Scheer*

*Feed us Lord feed us Lord  
In the broken bread  
be revealed again  
Come and feed our hearts O Lord*

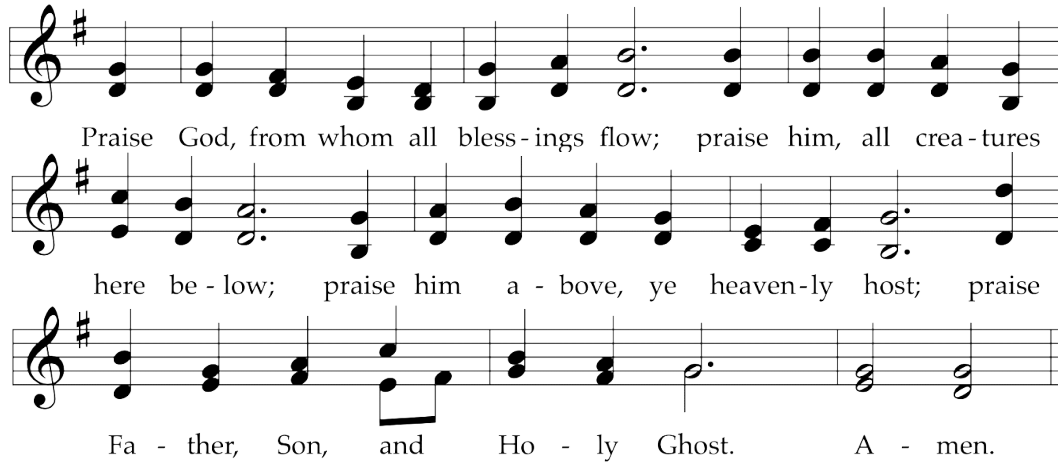
*Fill us Lord fill us Lord  
With the bread and wine  
of the risen Christ  
Come and fill our hearts O Lord*

*Quench us Lord quench us Lord  
On this thirsty ground  
may Your love flow down  
Come and quench our hearts O Lord*

*Lead us Lord lead us Lord  
Nourished here by Christ  
Given strength for life  
Come and lead our hearts O Lord*

\* DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures  
here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-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 634

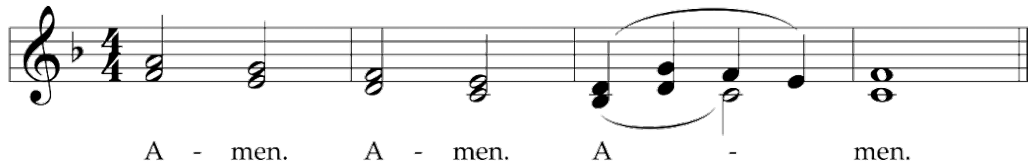
To God Be the Glory

*William Howard Doane*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Danish Amen*



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

\* POSTLUDE

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

## Worship Leaders

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| <i>Minister:</i>            | The Rev. Jon D. Rodriguez  |
| <i>Music:</i>               | Jane Hastay, Chancel Choir   |
| <i>Elder of the Month:</i>  | Bruce Siska  |
| <i>Deacon of the Month:</i> | Gabby Miller   |
| <i>Reader:</i>              | Peter Cooper   |
| <i>Ushers:</i>              | Kim Borsack, Harriet Edwards, Pember Edwards, David Filer.<br>Michelle Grant, Wendy Mott |

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### Session

**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; **Class of 2026:** Bruce Siska, Barbara Borsack, David Cataletto, Wendy Mott

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### Board of Deacons

**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; **Class of 2026:** Greg Eberhart, Gabby Miller, Heddie Edwards

## 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, Joseph Ortiz, Jane Talmage, Jeff Yusko, the families of Gene Roarick, Patti Wadzinski, Bob Cooper and Loretta Grabowski, Our Sister Church in Guines, Cuba and their pastor & his family.

**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 canned meat.

**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!



## This Week at FPC

### Monday, March 11

9 am | Prayer Group – Session House

### Tuesday, March 12

7:30 am | Breakfast Club – John Papas

10 am | Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting – Session House

1 pm | Prayer Shawl Knitting Group – Off Site (contact

[admin@fpceh.org](mailto:admin@fpceh.org) for more information)

### Wednesday, March 13

1:30 pm | Book Club – Session House

### Thursday, March 14

### Friday, March 15

## About the Artist

**Georges de la Tour** (1595-1652). Born and active in the dukedom of Lorraine, de la Tour is a quintessential poster child of how, in the history of Art, fame is a matter of fashion. Extremely successful in his lifetime, he eventually even advanced to become court painter to Louis XIII of France. His paintings would be collected by the powerful Cardinal Richelieu and he enjoyed a reputation exceeding way beyond the borders of France. Upon his death, his mastership was unquestioned. Only to then be forgotten.

De la Tour would remain a nonentity for roughly 250 years, and to such an extent that the French scholar Alexandre Joly misspelled his name in his article on the artist, the title reading „Du Mesnil-La Tour. Painter.“ De la Tour’s name only started to reincrease in value upon the publication of one famous art historian named Hermann Voss in 1915, in which he identified three





paintings, „The Apparition of the Angel", "Saint Peter's Denial“ and the unsigned „Newborn Child“ as being the works of one and the same artist, Georges du Menil de La Tour.

The result was immediate. The paintings perfectly represent de la Tour’s style and his preference for drawing night scenes and catching the atmosphere of both intimacy and solitude, the two themes that seemed to have interested him most. Painted in an almost sculptural fashion, his subjects are depicted in an immobile manner without ever any noticeable background that might tell you more about the subjects, giving them an anonymity. The lack of halos for his depictions of saints further creates an ambiguity of his subjects’ true identity. In the case

of „The Newborn“, it might very well just be two ordinary women watching a common baby sleep. This ambiguity, as well as his interest in light, reminds one of Caravaggio, whose artistic fame had never decreased after his death.

The theme of ambiguity does work for both his art as well as his artistic persona. The fact that de la Tour was forgotten for such a long time results in little to no information about his background and personal life. This aura of mystery was equally intriguing to the public of the 20th century as his sculptural painting style, which did accommodate to a certain extent the beginning of Cubism, thus drawing a link to Moderne.



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*Cover Art | La Tour, Georges du Mesnil de, 1593-1652. Joseph the Carpenter, detail of Hand of Christ Child, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.*



## *Join us for Holy Week*

### **Palm Sunday**

March 24 at 10 am

### **Maundy Thursday**

March 28 at 6:30 pm

A Service of Word & Sacrament around the table. Join for a special worship service commemorating Jesus' last supper with his disciples. This interactive service will take place in the Session House and feature guest musicians.

### **Good Friday**

March 29 at 7 pm

A Service of the Word recounting the Passion of Christ in scripture. This solemn candlelight service offers a dramatic and devotional worship experience with festal music and guest musicians.

### **Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service at Main Beach

March 31 at 6 am

### **All-Church Service in Sanctuary**

March 31 at 10 am

All are welcome to participate in the concluding Hallelujah chorus.

## *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. He will do his best to see you as soon as possible. Contact the Church Office for more information –

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