

WELCOME TO  
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF EAST HAMPTON



-SERVICE OF THE WORD-

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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March 17, 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 makes a new covenant with us.

People: **We are God's people; the Lord is our God.**

Pastor: Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.

People: **Those who believe in Christ will never die.**

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 826

### Lift High the Cross

*Sydney Hugh Nicholson*

## 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**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**PSALM 25**

**To You, O Lord**

*Scott Soper*



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

**EPISTLE**

**Hebrews 5:5-10**

**GOSPEL**

**John 12:20-33**

**SERMON**

**Waiting For Resurrection**

## Responding to God with Thanksgiving

\* HYMN 286

Breathe on Me Breath of God

*Robert Jackson*

\* 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

We Are The Lord's

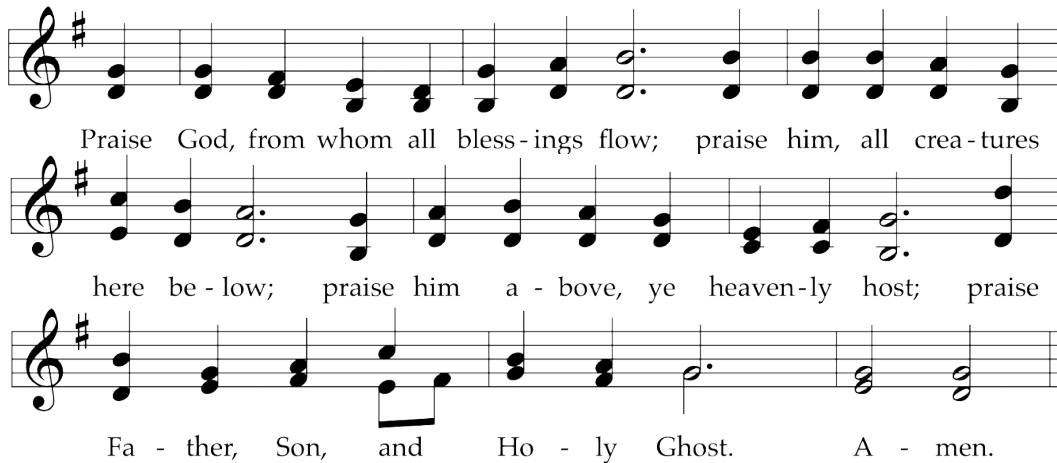
*arr. Roland E. Martin*

We are the Lord's. His allsufficient merit,  
 Sealed on the cross to us this grace accords.  
 We are the Lord's and all things shall inherit;  
 Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.  
 We are the Lord's Then let us gladly tender  
 Our souls to him in deeds, not empty words.  
 Let heart and tongue and life combine to  
 render No doubtful witness that we are the  
 Lord's. We are the Lord's. No darkness

brooding o'er us Can make us tremble while  
 this star affords A steady light along the path  
 before us: Faith's full assurance that we are  
 the Lord's. We are the Lord's. No evil can  
 befall us In the dread hour of fast loos'ning  
 cords; No pangs of death shall even then  
 apall us. Death shall be vanquished, for we  
 are the Lord's.

\* 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 547

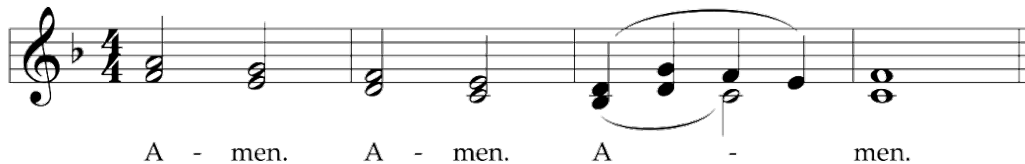
Go, My Children, with My Blessing  
*melody*

*Welsh*

\* 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, Matt Chapman
<i>Elder of the Month:</i>	Bruce Siska
<i>Deacon of the Month:</i>	Gabby Miller
<i>Reader:</i>	Kim Borsack
<i>Ushers:</i>	Marcia Schenck, Hilary Malecki, Joy Anne Dixon, Piper Borsack

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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, Ian Birla, Liz Dayton, Robert Fariel, James Fenelon, Gordon Grant, Kayla Kearney, Pat Kinzer, Dana Lester, Gus Lockwood, Joseph Ortiz, Bill Stafford, Jane Talmage, Jeff Yusko, the families Barbara Anderson, 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

### Sunday, March 17

- 9 am | Sunday School – Session House
- 10 am | Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:15 am | Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 4 pm | Porch Musicians – Session House

### Monday, March 18

- 9 am | Prayer Group – Session House
- 7 pm | Choral Society Rehearsal - Sanctuary

### Tuesday, March 19

- 7:30 am | Breakfast Club – John Papas
- 1 pm | Prayer Shawl Knitting Group – Off Site (contact [admin@fpceh.org](mailto:admin@fpceh.org) for more information)

### Wednesday, March 20

- 7 pm | Communications Committee - Zoom

### Thursday, March 21

- 1:30 pm | Worship & Music Committee – Session House
- 3:30 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm | Deacons – Session House

### Friday, March 22

### Saturday, March 23

- 1:30 pm | Worship & Music Committee – Session House
- 6:30 pm | Deacons – Session House

## About the Artist



**Edwin Evans (1860-1946).** Born in 1860, Edwin Evans, like J.T. Harwood, grew up in the small town of Lehi, Utah. (The town had originally been called Evansville and was founded by Evan's father, David Evans.) Unlike many Utah artists, Evans did not consider being an artist until he was nearly 30. While working as a railroad telegrapher, Evans whiled away his time sketching. One day, Mr. Alonzo E. Hyde from Eureka saw Evans sketching and declared him an artist. Evans agreed. With Hyde's support,

Evans was soon off to Salt Lake City where he studied for a short time with George Ottinger and Dan Weggeland, two early Utah artists. In the fall of 1888, Evans, backed by Hyde and his partner John Beck, joined other Utah artists in Paris. Later, Evans received support from the



LDS Church as a member of the French Art Mission, along with John Hafen, J. D. Fairbanks, and Lorus Pratt (J. T. Harwood had gone to Paris earlier, although at this time he was on his way home to marry Harriet Richards). The Art Missionaries were also welcomed by Cyrus Dallin and John Clawson, who had arrived soon after Harwood in 1888. The group studied at the Academie Julian and went on painting trips into the French countryside where they explored the technique of painting from nature and developed more natural, spontaneous styles.



Evans was later credited by Harwood with making more progress in their two years in Paris than any of the other artists from Utah. This claim is supported by Evans being awarded Honorable Mention in the 1893 Chicago World's Fair for his painting *Wheat Fields*. Evans' later mature works also verify Hyde's early belief in him as an artist and demonstrate Evans' belief that "arrangement, balance, and specific examples are most important." He said all the parts of an artwork must "fit into the purpose of the arrangement. When you have the unit you have the most important essential." After his return from Paris in 1892, Evans not only painted murals in the Salt Lake LDS temple but also painted nine walls in the Cardston, Alberta, Canadian temple, (the purpose of the Art Mission was for the artists to acquire skills to be used in painting the temple murals) as well as eight murals for the VA hospital in Salt Lake City.



According to his student LeConte Stewart, Evans was a painter and a mover, who made the University of Utah's art department possible. The University's art program, after the death of Herman H. Haag in 1895, had been left as an adjunct to the engineering dept until Evans was hired in 1898. In addition to his teaching, Evans found time to push for the institution of art activities and the refinement of the local art world.

He died in California on March 4, 1946, having insisted on completing a watercolor before going to bed, where he died in his sleep at age 86.

*Excerpt courtesy of the University of Utah | [bitly.ws/3fyMd](https://bitly.ws/3fyMd)*

*Cover Art | Evans, Edwin, 1844-1923. Grain Fields, 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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