

WELCOME TO  
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF EAST HAMPTON



-SERVICE OF THE WORD-

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PALM SUNDAY

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March 24, 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, *Director of Music*

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: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

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 196

**All Glory, Laud and Honor**

*Melchior Teschner*

### PROCESSIONAL

**King of Kings  
and Lord of Lords**

*Martha Lynn Thompson*

*(Children are invited to join in the procession of palms)*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us of our sin. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.**

*(Silence for personal reflection)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

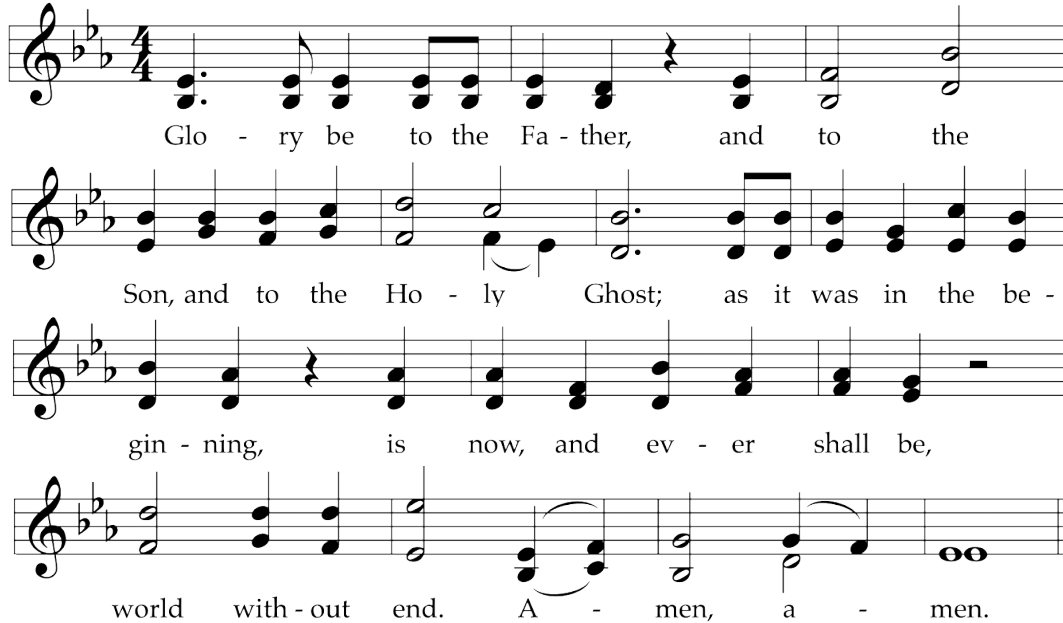
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, thanks be to God.**

### 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**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

**EPISTLE**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

**GOSPEL**

**John 12:12-16**

**SERMON**

**The Glory of a Servant**

**Responding to God with Thanksgiving**

**\* HYMN 202**

**An Upper Room  
Did Our Lord Prepare**

*English folk melody*

**\*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

Let the ancient streets resound! Crown the King with praise! Lay your coats upon the ground! Crown the King with praise! Palms are swaying, people praying, branches waving, crowds proclaiming, Sing hosanna! Crown the King with praise! Come all people, gather 'round! Crown the King with praise! Fill the streets with joyful sound! Crown the King with praise! Sing Hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Crown

##### Crown the King with Praise

*Douglas Nolan*

the King with praise! Hail to the King, the Promised One! Long awaited David's Son. Join the great parade of praise. Lift a shout this festive day. Let the celebration start! Crown the King with praise! Worship God with all your heart! Crown the King with praise! Palms are swaying, people praying, branches waving, crowds proclaiming, Sing hosanna! Crown the King with praise!

\* 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 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

*Marion*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Danish Amen*

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

POSTLUDE

Lord of the Dance

*arr. Jason W. Krug*

*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, First Church Bell Choir, Diana Nicoletti
<i>Elder of the Month:</i>	Bruce Siska
<i>Deacon of the Month:</i>	Gabby Miller
<i>Reader:</i>	Don Smith
<i>Ushers:</i>	Donna Nichols, Paul Vogel, Chase Siska, Bruce A.T. Siska

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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, Leslie Clark

## The Life of the Church

**Please pray for the following friends:** Lee Andrews, Liz Dayton, Heddie Edwards Robert Fariel, Gordon Grant, Kayla Kearney, Dana Lester, Gus Lockwood, Jale Ogden, Bill Stafford, Jane Talmage, Jeff Yusko, 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 24

- 9 am | Sunday School – Session House
- 10 am | Worship – Sanctuary
- 1:30-3:30 Vocal Workshop – Session House
- 4 pm | Porch Musicians – Session House

### Monday, March 25

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

### Tuesday, March 26

- 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 27

### Thursday, March 28

- 3:30 pm | Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 6:00 pm | Maundy Thursday Service – Session House

### Friday, March 29

- 7 pm | Good Friday Service of Tenebrae – Sanctuary

### Saturday, March 30



## About the Artist



**J. Kirk Richards** (*b. 1976*). Joel Kirk Richards is a contemporary artist whose work engages with themes of antiquity, religion, spirituality, equality, and love. His work asks questions about modern application and implementation of religion as it relates to historical narratives and mythologies. The work often prioritizes the poetry of religious text over dogma or historical accuracy. Stylistically it often bridges or walks a tightrope between classical and abstract expression.

From 1999 to 2022, Kirk created about 2300 physical works of art, most of which can be found in private collections throughout the United States. His images have been licensed for devotional and religious studies publications internationally. In 2020, Kirk founded a mixed-use art space, including studio rentals, a gallery that hosts monthly themed exhibits by living professionals and semi-professionals, and a continued education art academy.

Kirk lives and works at his studios in Woodland Hills, Redmond, and Provo, Utah, and in Bondsville, Massachusetts. He and his wife Amy Tolk Richards have four children.

*Excerpt courtesy of Artist Website | [jkirkrichards.com](http://jkirkrichards.com)*

*Cover Art | J. KIRK RICHARDS, b. 1976, **Triumphal Entry**, 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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