

Gathering in God's Name

As we gather, quietly take time to sit and prepare your heart to worship God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: You have been called to the banquet.

People: **This is the feast.**

Leader: You have been summoned to the wedding.

People: **This is the feast of life and light.**

Leader: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

People: **We have come to the banquet that has no end.**

Alleluia! Amen!

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy God, you set before us every day a bounty of good things. Bring us to your feasting table, hungry for your Word, eager to rebuild the cities you have made, and ready to receive strangers so that we celebrate at all times and in all places the peace which is life in you. Amen.

*Hymn #363 **Rejoice, the Lord Is King!** *John Darwall*

Please be seated

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come.

You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria (Hymn 582) "Glory to God" *Paul M. Vasile*

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings:

1st Reading: **Isaiah 25: 1 - 9** OT/page 652

2nd Reading: **Matthew 22: 1 – 14** NT/page 24

Sermon "Who Invited Them?" *The Rev. Jim Crawford*

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

*Hymn #769 "For Everyone Born" *Brian Mann*

*Affirmation of Faith (unison) *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Great God, in you is more love than we can imagine and more grace than we can fathom. You have shown yourself in Jesus Christ as a God who meets us where we are and loves us as we are. We are glad for this day and grateful for your many gifts. You bring good things into our lives, more than we can name, more than we can number. You give us the bread of life, sustaining our souls and feeding our deepest hungers. You accompany us on our way. Thank you for your abundant faithfulness.

Our hearts are full with many things today. Disease and death and pain and sorrow are constantly among us. The journey through these days is marked by uncertainty and heartache. We are frequently overwhelmed by the needs around us and within us. Some need healing, some need encouragement, some need comfort, some need assurance, we all need hope. So we turn to you asking you to hear our prayers and grant what we need for the living of these days.

We pray for our nation. We pray for renewed commitments to our common life. Refresh us in the values of your heart: justice, righteousness, compassion, mercy, peace. Help us to find a unity of purpose as citizens and neighbors.

We pray for your church in places near and far. May the waters of your grace continually refresh and empower us to extend the love of Jesus to all people. We pray for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), for the clarity of our witness and the success of our mission. We pray for this congregation, for their life together, and for their efforts to follow in the way of Jesus. Hear us. Hold us. Heal us. Help us. For the sake of our Savior, our Lord, Jesus Christ who taught us to pray like this:

(unison)

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; and 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

*Doxology (Hymn 606)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Genevan Psalter

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of compassion and generous love, we give you thanks for the riches of Earth, which sustain our lives and which you have created for our joy. We thank you for Jesus, whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension renews our strength and revives our hope. We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who comes among us, invites us to dine with each other and with you, and keeps us in faith. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need and the work of your church. In peace, we pray our thanksgiving. Amen.

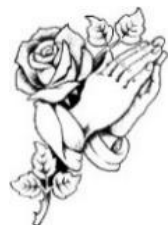
Hymn #13 "The Mighty God with Power Speaks" *English Country Songs*

*Charge, Benediction and Amen.

Please be seated

Postlude

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



Please pray for the following friends: Liam Baum, Denise & Mike Chicca, Robert Fariel, Gordon Grant, Pat Kinzer, Dana Lester, Jane Talmage, Jim & Susan Winkler, Gene Roarick, Our Sister Church in Guines, Cuba and their pastor & his family and our pastor nominating committee.

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 or call the church office.

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 cake and cookie mixes.

Please let the church office know if you need to park your car overnight on the church grounds.

The mission committee is requesting that you submit names of college students and military personnel to the church office so that care packages can be prepared and mailed right after Thanksgiving.



Dig In to Sunday School - Our youth are excited to

take a trip through the Bible this year!! If you are interested in taking this trip with them, email Alana Leland and Kim Borsack at: fpcsecy@optonline.net



Those participating in worship today:

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Jim Carwford
 Music: Chancel Choir
 Elder of the Month: Kristy LaMonda
 Deacon of the Month: Madeleine Lockwood
 Reader: Don Smith
 Ushers:

Church Staff and Leadership

Pastor
 Music Director..... Jane Hastay
 Church Administrator..... June Lester
 Church Sexton.....Steve Bock
 Clerk of Session.....Mary Siska

Session Committees

Buildings & Grounds.....Bruce Siska, Chair
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 Communications..... Pember Edwards, Chair
 Barbara D'Andrea, Hilary Malecki & Jane Hastay
 Fellowship..... Michelle Grant, Chair
 Paul Vogel & Kristy LaMonda
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 Andrea Cooper, Treasurer & Don Smith
 Personnel.....David Filer, Chair
 Mary Siska & Wendy Mott
 Worship and Music.....Harriet Edwards, Chair
 David Filer, Linda Child, Andrea Cooper, Joan Osborne & Mary Siska
 Treasurer.....Wendy Mott
 Clerk of Session.....Mary Siska
 Building Usage..... Jane Hastay, June Lester & Mary Siska



CALENDAR

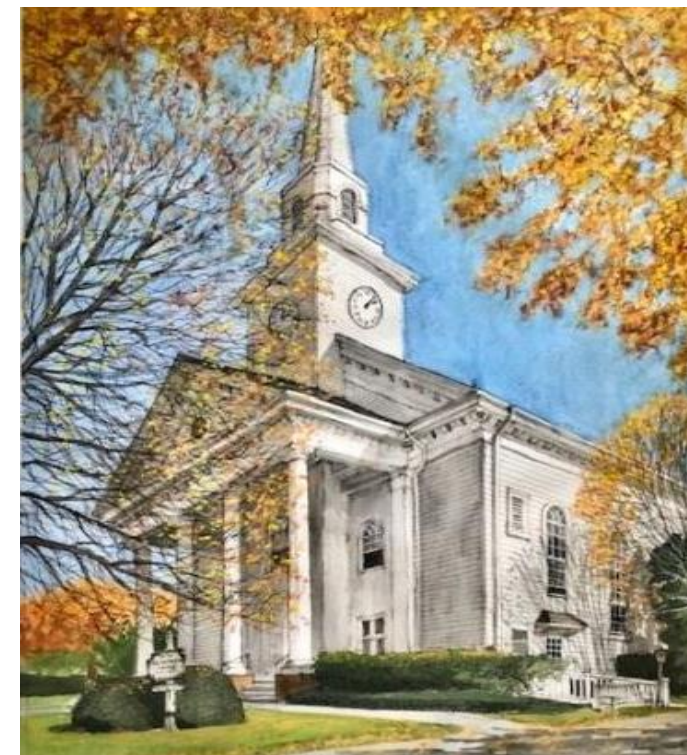
10/15 Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
	11:15 am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
10/16 Monday:	9:00 am	Prayer Group in Session House
	12:30 pm	Al-Anon in Session House
10/17 Tuesday:	7:30 am	Breakfast Club at John Papa's
	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Knitting at Mary Siska's
	3:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10/22 Thurs.:	12:30 pm	Al-Anon in Session House
	6:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
10/15 Sunday:	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
		Coffee Hour to follow



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Presbyterian Church of East Hampton



Celebration of the Lord's Day

October 15, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. 20th Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME

Whether today is your first time worshipping with us or you are one of our founding families, we are glad you are here! We believe Jesus treated everyone with a spirit of love and equality. Therefore, we accept every individual without regard to age, gender, race, ethnicity, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, or socio-economic status. We affirm all persons as created in the image of God. At First Presbyterian Church, individuals can find family and families can find community. The injured can find healing. We labor together in love for each other, our community, our world, and our God. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcomed, you are accepted, you are loved.

The Reverend Jim Crawford, Guest Minister

Jane Hastay, Music Director
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