

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** *The Abingdon Worship Annual*

Leader: Christ the cornerstone welcomes us to this house of God.

People: May our minds perceive God’s word, even as our hearts receive God’s love.

Leader: May God’s Spirit bless us with wisdom and faith.

***Opening Prayer (unison)** *The Abingdon Worship Annual*

Holy Spirit, heavenly God, shine upon us with the wisdom of ancient words. Enlighten our minds, that we may perceive your presence. Strengthen our resolve, that we may press toward growth in love and faith. Help us grow closer to your likeness each and every day. Amen.

***Hymn #177** “I Will Come to You” *David Haas*

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession (unison)
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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

Scripture Readings:

1st Reading: Philippians 3: 4b-14 *NT/page 198*

2nd Reading: Matthew 21: 33 - 46 *NT/page 24*

Sermon “The Vineyard of God” *The Rev. Mike Smith*

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

***Hymn #5** “God the Sculptor of the Mountains ” *Amanda Husberg*

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles Creed *page 35 in hymnal*

Prayers of the People and 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; 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 *(Feasting on the Word)*

Before us is a world in great need, waiting in hope. We are a people holding treasure meant to be given away: the good news of Christ; resources of time, talents, and money.

If we are to participate in God’s steadfast love and mercy, we must give sacrificially to the needs of God’s people.

Offertory

***Doxology (Hymn 606)**
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *Genevan Psalter*

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)** *(Feasting on the Word)*

Gracious God, you are good news for a weary world. You are hope for people in despair, and you are home to exiles. Accept, we pray, the offerings we bring this day. Use them according to your own purpose and grace. In Christ’s name we ask it. Amen.

Hymn #519 “You Are My Strength When I Am Weak” *Dennis L. Jernigan*

***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.

The Communion table flowers are dedicated in memory of Joan Anderson Stone, who would have turned 91 on this day, October 8th. Given with love from her children; Florence, Robert, Marian and Nancy.



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 canned vegetables.

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

Those participating in worship today:

Guest Preacher:	The Rev. Mike Smith
Music:	Chancel Choir
Elder of the Month:	Kristy LaMonda
Deacon of the Month:	Madeleine Lockwood
Reader:	
Ushers & Communion Servers:	

Heifer Project Report 2023

The Mission Committee has exciting news to share. Remember we told you that the church raised \$1,195 to buy animals for the Heifer Project and had selected different ones? Then the chair received an email that offered to *triple all donations made to the Heifer Project*. But it needed to be made by credit card. Here’s where networking came in. Andrea was talking to Wendy and explained the situation. Wendy said – the church has a credit card. After a call to Heifer to see if we could pull this off, our donation was made and we have turned one milk menagerie, one flock of ducks, one bee hive, two flocks of chicken and one pig into three heifers, three water buffalo, three goats, three flocks of ducks, three bee hives, six flocks of chickens and thanks to Don’s \$15, three pigs. Now that is something to crow about!



There’s more! Andrea works in the Men’s Department at the LVIS. The manager mentioned that there were too many winter coats and they should get rid of them. Andrea’s antennae went up and immediately thought of Maureen’s Haven. She spoke with Marcia who called Maureen’s Haven and spoke to Dan the director. He said they could use 20 to 30 warm coats. Andrea and Marcia chose 30 warm coats at the LVIS and bagged them up. Marcia has delivered them to the Maureen’s Haven center in Riverhead.

That’s your mission in action and church relationships answering Jesus’ call to love one another.

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

CALENDAR

10/8 Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
	11:15 am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
10/9 Monday:	9:00 am	Prayer Group in Session House
	12:30 pm	Al-Anon in Session House
10/10 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
10/12 Thurs.:	12:30 pm	Al-Anon in Session House
10/15 Sunday:	10:00 am	Sunday Worship

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 Andrea Cooper, Rick Chapman, Ken Brown & Steve Bock
Christian Education.....	Kim Borsack & Alana Leland, Co-Chairs
Communications.....	Pember Edwards, Chair Barbara D’Andrea, Hilary Malecki & Jane Hastay
Fellowship.....	Michelle Grant, Chair Paul Vogel & Kristy LaMonda
Finance.....	Andrea Cooper
Mission.....	Barbara D’Andrea, Chair 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

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Celebration of the Lord’s Day

October 8, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. 19th 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 Mike Smith, Guest Minister

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