

Gathering in God's Name

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle Harriet, Pember & Heddie Edwards

He Came Down



1 He came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope; he
2 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; he
3 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; he
4 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he



came down that we may have hope; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.
came down that we may have peace; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.
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*Call to Worship

(from Psalm 72)

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

People: **who alone does wondrous things!**

Pastor: Blessed be God's glorious name forever;

People: **may God's glory fill the whole earth!**

*Opening Prayer (unison)

The Abingdon Worship Annual

God of glory, your powers darken the skies and cause the moon to grow dim. When we scatter to the four winds, gather us from the ends of the earth and restore us as your people. Awake us from slumber, that we may be found ready when the master of the house returns.

*Hymn #82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Rowland Hugh Prichard

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Feasting on the Word

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. 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

Scripture Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 64: 1 – 9

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2nd Reading: Mark 13: 24 – 37

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Sermon "Be Watchful, Stay Awake"

The Rev. Mike Smith

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

*Hymn #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

William Marion Runyon

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed

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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)

Trusting in the sure promises of Christ, and grateful for the Spirit's sustaining power, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

Offertory "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

William Rowan

*Doxology (Hymn 606)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Genevan Psalter

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Feasting on the Word

God of righteousness, you have saved us from the worst the world can do and have promised to redeem the whole creation when Christ comes again. In faith and hope we offer our gifts of money and self, that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we watch for Christ's coming in glory.

Amen

Sacrament of Communion

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

The pastor continues... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in highest.**

The pastor continues... Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Prayer (unison)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

#Hymn #105 "People, Look East"

French folk melody

*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, Gene Roarick, Gus Lockwood, Susan Winkler and the Winkler Family, Dick Roberts, and Our Sister Church in Guines, Cuba and their pastor & his family.

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 cookie & cake mixes.

Holiday Tea December 9, 2023 1-3pm

Purchase tickets online: fpceh.org



Holiday Handbell Concert Friday, December 15th, 7:00 pm. With First Presbyterian and Harbor Bells Choirs & Caroling with Vanessa Trouble. Admission: bring non-perishable food donations or an adult-sized hoodie for Maureen's Haven

During the Christmas season, our church collects new warm hats, warm socks and waterproof gloves for the homeless. Please pick up any of these, wrap in plain white paper, label them as to size and mark for a man or woman and bring to church next Sunday. They will be given to Maureen's Haven for distribution.

Christmas Families – Sunday, December 10th
Please do what you can to help make a happy Christmas for our local families. We will be collecting gift cards next Sunday, or you can drop the cards off in the church office anytime. Visa or Master Cards are best in 20 - \$50 denominations are preferred.

Cuba 2024 Mission Trip Feb. 27- March 7, 2024 to visit our sister church in Guines, Cuba. For more info contact Barbara D'Andrea

Please join us for dessert and coffee in the Session House Saturday, December 9th between 6 & 8 to meet pastor candidate Jonathan Rodriguez and his wife Alyson! All are welcome – children included - just stop in when you can!

CALENDAR

12/3 Sunday:	10:00 am	Sunday Worship w/communion
12/4 Monday:	9:00 am	Prayer Group in Session House
	12:30 pm	Al-Anon in Session House
12/5 Tuesday:	7:30 am	Breakfast Club at John Papa's
	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Knitting at Mary Siska's
12/7 Thursday:	12:30 pm	Al-Anon in Session House
	3:30 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
12/9 Saturday	1:00-3:00	Deacon's Holiday Tea
	6:00 pm	Dessert & Coffee in Session House
12/10 Sunday:	10:00 am	Children's Pageant, followed by Coffee Hour by the Deacons
12/15 Friday	7:00 pm	Holiday Handbell Concert
12/16 Saturday	12:00-3:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
12/17 Sunday	10:00 am	Lessons & Caroles
12/24 Sunday	10:00 am	Family Service
	7:00 pm	Traditional Service
12/31 Sunday	10:00 am	Christmas Hymn Sing

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

Those participating in worship today:

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Mike Smith
Music: Chancel Choir
Elder of the Month: Barbara D'Andrea
Deacon of the Month: please contact the Deacons
Reader: Kim & Piper Borsack
Ushers/Servers: Josh Borsack, Barbara D'Andrea, Harriet Edwards, Pember Edwards, Mary Siska, Bruce Siska & Don Smith



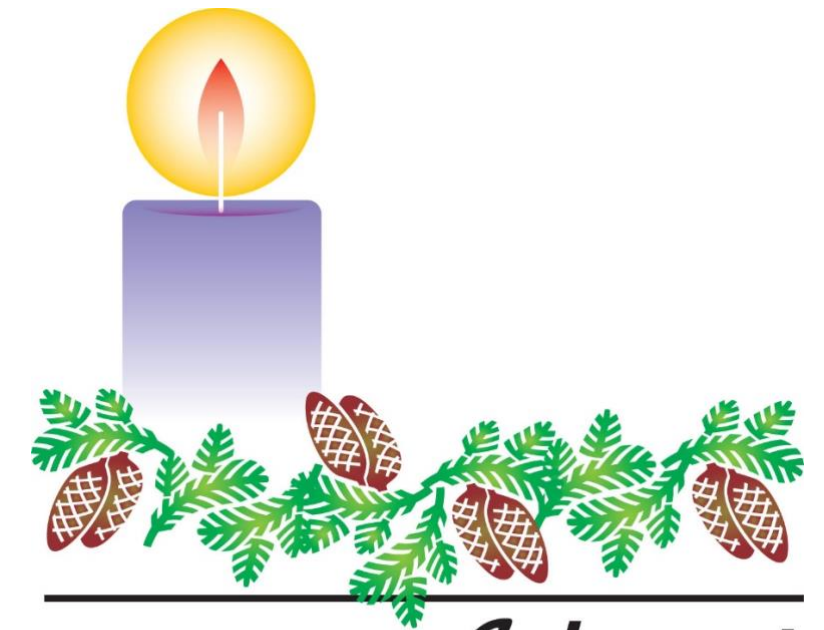
Thank you for enjoying your beverage and food in the Narthex



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First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Celebration of the Lord's Day

December 3, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. 1st Sunday of Advent

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

Jane Hastay, Music Director
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The Rev. Dr. John Ames The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz

