

## Gathering in God's Name

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

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

The called meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian will be held immediately following the worship service on Sunday, December 10, 2023 to hear and vote on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Lighting of the Advent Candle Fran, Ricky & Matt Chapman

### He Came Down (verse2)



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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came down that we may have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

### \*Call to Worship

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Leader: Prepare the path of God.

People: **We prepare by waiting with patience.**

Leader: Prepare the path of God.

People: **We prepare by living with faith and love.**

Leader: Prepare the path of God.

People: **We prepare by pursuing justice and peace.**

Leader: Prepare the path of God.

People: **We prepare, we wait, we pray.**

Leader: May God bless us with both patience and passion.

People: **We wait and pray to create the path of God.**

### \*Opening Prayer (unison)

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While we are waiting, come to us, O God. Reveal you're your presence in our time of worship. Guide our steps in our speaking and our doing. Flow through our lives, our church, and our world with your steadfast love, unending faithfulness, righteous justice, and mysterious peace. In patient anticipation we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn #106 "Prepare the Way, O Zion" The Svenska Psalmboken

*Please be seated*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

*Feasting on the Word*

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God will feed you with goodness and grace. God will give you what is good – mercy and forgiveness, love and acceptance, an eternity of justice and peace.

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria (Hymn 582)

"Glory to God"

*Paul M. Vasile*

### Proclaiming God's Word

#### Children's Christmas Pageant

Narrators: Brynley Lys, Brighton Lys, Diane Nicoletti and Piper Borsack

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

arr. Susan Geschke

"Away in a Manger"

James R. Murray

"This Little Light of Mine"

African American Spiritual

#136 Go Tell it on the Mountain (vs.1) African American Spiritual

#151 We Three Kings of Orient Are (vs. 1-2) John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

#134 Joy to the World (vs.1-2) Arr: George Frederick Handel

Scripture Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40: 1 - 11 OT/page 667

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Mark 1: 1 - 8 NT/page 34

Sermon "Where Righteous is at Home" *The Rev. Jonathan Rodriguez*

### Responding to God with Thanksgiving

Hymn #802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is vs. 1-4

*Henry Williams Baker*

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed

*page 35 in hymnal*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

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Shepherd of love, all you have given us is good: love and justice, peace and righteousness, faith and hope. May the gifts we now give back to you become gifts of love and justice, peace and righteousness, faith and hope. Amen.

Offertory

"Born in the Night"

*arr. Hal H. Hopson*

\*Doxology (Hymn 606)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Genevan Psalter*

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

*Feasting on the Word*

God of all righteousness, receive these gifts of gratitude, the offerings of our lives. Purify them with your refining fire so that they may serve your purposes and shine with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

\*Charge, Benediction and Amen.

*Please be seated*

Postlude

O Come, Little Children

William Rose

*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.*

### Those participating in worship today:

Minister:

The Rev. Jonathan Rodriguez

Music:

Chancel and Handbell Choirs,  
Coral Borsack, Teddy Borsack,  
Abigayle Leland

Elder of the Month:

Barbara D'Andrea

Deacon of the Month:

*please contact the Deacons*

Reader:

Barbara D'Andrea

Ushers:

David Filer, Rachel Lys,  
Gabrielle Miller, Paul Vogel,  
Don Smith & Joshua Borsack



**Please pray for the following friends:** Liam Baum, Denise & Mike Chicca, Robert Fariel, Gordon Grant, Pat Kinzer, Dana Lester, Jane Talmage, Gus Lockwood, the family of Jim Winkler, Dick Roberts, 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 vegetables.



**Christmastime Holiday Handbell Concert**

Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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

Today will be collecting new warm hats, warm socks and waterproof gloves for the homeless. They will be given to Maureen's Haven for distribution. Today we will also be collecting gift cards for Christmas Families

Cuba 2024 Mission Trip February 27 – March 7, 2024 to visit our sister church in Guines, Cuba. For more information contact Barbara D'Andrea.

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. Please let us know if the flowers are to be distributed after the service.

Poinsettias will grace our chancel for our Christmas Eve worship services. Deadline to order is Tuesday, Dec.15<sup>th</sup>

**CALENDAR**

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

Thank you for enjoying your beverage and food in the Narthex.



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Church Staff and Leadership

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

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

Session

<b>Class of 2023</b> Kristy Lamonda* 6 yrs Alana Leland* 3 yrs Bruce Siska* 3yrs Don Smith* 6 yrs	<b>Class of 2024</b> David Filer* 3 yrs Michelle Grant* 3 yrs Kim Borsack* 3 yrs Paul Vogel* 3 yrs	<b>Class of 2024</b> Harriet Edwards* 3 yrs Andrea Cooper* 6 yrs Barbara D'Andrea* 3 yrs Pember Edwards* 6 yrs
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Deacons

<b>Class of 2022</b> Ann Roberts **	<b>Class of 2023</b> Florence Stone *** Ann Roberts (1-yr term) Madeleine Lockwood* 6 yrs Shirley Wornstaff* 3 yrs Rachel Cooper* 3 yrs	<b>Class of 2024</b> Christine Martin* 3 yrs Carol Sigler* 3 yrs Nancy Pearson* 3 yrs Kristine Eberhart* 3 yrs
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**Class of 2025**  
 Fran Chapman\* 3 yrs  
 Joy Ann Dixon\* 3 yrs  
 Suzanne Nicoletti\* 3 yrs

\*\* (1-yr term for Britany MacVittie)  
 \*\*\* to complete the 2 yr term of Angel Schade



**Presbyterian Church of East Hampton**



**Celebration of the Lord's Day**

December 10, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

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 The Rev. Dr. John Ar... e Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz

