



Please pray for the following friends: Liam Baum, Denise & Mike Chicca, Robert Fariel, Gordon Grant, Pat Kinzer, Dana Lester, Jane Talmage, Gus Lockwood, Susan Winkler, Dick Roberts, Dr. Gregory Lutz, Our Sister Church in Guines, Cuba and their pastor & his family.



Last Sunday the congregation joyfully and unanimously voted to extend a call to Reverend Jonathan D. Rodriguez. Pastor Jon will officially begin as the 22nd Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton, in its 373 year history, on January 8th.

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 instant potatoes.

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.

CALENDAR

12/17 Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service - Lessons & Caroles
12/18 Monday	12:30 pm	AI-Anon in Session House
12/19 Tuesday	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters at Mary Siska's
12/21 Thursday	12:30 am	AI-Anon in Session House
	6:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
12/24 Sunday	10:00 am	Family Service
	7:00 pm	Traditional Service
12/31 Sunday	10:00 am	Christmas Hymn Sing



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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

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Kristy Lamonda* 6 yrs	David Filer* 3 yrs	Harriet Edwards* 3 yrs
Alana Leland* 3 yrs	Michelle Grant* 3 yrs	Andrea Cooper* 6 yrs
Bruce Siska* 3yrs	Kim Borsack* 3 yrs	Barbara D'Andrea* 3
yrs		
Don Smith* 6 yrs	Paul Vogel* 3 yrs	Pember Edwards* 6 yrs

Deacons

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Ann Roberts **	Florence Stone ***	Christine Martin* 3 yrs
	Ann Roberts (1-yr term)	Carol Sigler* 3 yrs
	Madeleine Lockwood* 6 yrs	Nancy Pearson* 3 yrs
	Shirley Wornstaff* 3 yrs	Kristine Eberhart* 3 yrs
	Rachel Cooper* 3 yrs	

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



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EAST HAMPTON



Celebration of the Lord's Day

December 17, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. 3rd 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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Pastors Emeriti
 The Rev. Dr. John Ames The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz



Gathering in God's Name

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

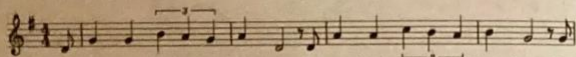
Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

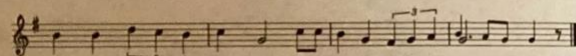
Lighting of the Advent Candle

Lys Family

He Came Down (verse 3)



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.
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Voluntary

"Gabriel's Oboe"

arr. Jon Schmidt

*Call to Worship

The Abingdon Worship Annual

Leader: When the Lord restores our fortunes,

People: we are like those who dream.

Leader: Our mouths are filled with laughter;

People: our hearts sing with shouts of joy.

Leader: Worship the Lord of our salvation.

People: We prepare by pursuing justice and peace.

Leader: Prepare the path of God.

People: Worship the Lord!

*Opening Prayer (unison)

The Abingdon Worship Annual

God of love and joy, thank you for your presence in our lives. During this time of worship, draw us closer to you and to one another. May we grow in our love for you and for our neighbor. May we lay aside our worries, trusting that you hear what lies in our hearts. May we dwell in your peace and be guided by the one who is to come, your Son, Jesus Christ. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" Irish Melody

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Feasting on the Word

God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths that have led away from you. Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God hears our prayers and offers us forgiveness. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria (Hymn 582)

"Glory to God"

Paul M. Vasile

Proclaiming God's Word

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

*Hymn #140 "Once in Royal David's City"

Henry John Gauntlett

Lesson One: Preparing the Way

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Donald Smith

Choir: "We Wait"

Ruth Elaine Schram

Lesson Two: Christ Will Come From Bethlehem

Micah 5: 2-4

Gabby Miller

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

arr. Jason Krug

Lesson Three: Reign of Peace

Isaiah 11: 1-4a, 6-7

Nancy Pearson

"Still, Still, Still"

arr. Jason Krug

Lesson Four: Birth Foretold

Luke 1: 26-35

Piper Borsack

"Born in the Night"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Lesson Five: The Birth

Luke 2: 1-7

Donald Smith

Choir: "What Child Is This?"

arr. Alex Guebert

Lesson Six: News for the Shepherds

Luke 2: 8-20

Gabby Miller

Wake From Your Sleep

Dan Schutte

Lesson Seven: Visitors from Afar

Matthew 2: 1-8

Nancy Pearson

"Little Drummer Boy"

arr. Tammy Waldrop

Lesson Eight: The Glory of the Lord

John 1: 1-14

Piper Borsack

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

arr. John F. Wilson

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed

page 35 in hymnal

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Feasting on the Word

Let us bring to God our offerings, with thanksgiving that God provides more than enough for all. Let us give, as each is able, for the benefit of Christ's church and God's world.

Offertory "Angels We Have Heard on High"

arr. Susan E. Geschke

*Doxology (Hymn 606)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Genevan Psalter

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Feasting on the Word

Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn #119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Felix Mendelssohn

*Charge, Benediction and Amen.

Please be seated

Postlude

"Adestes Fidelis"

arr. Jason Krug

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:

Music: Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir & Cellist Elijah Jones
Elder of the Month: Barbara D'Andrea
Deacon of the Month: please contact the Deacons
Reader: Shirley Wornstaff
Ushers: Patti Wadzinski &

