

## Gathering in God's Name

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

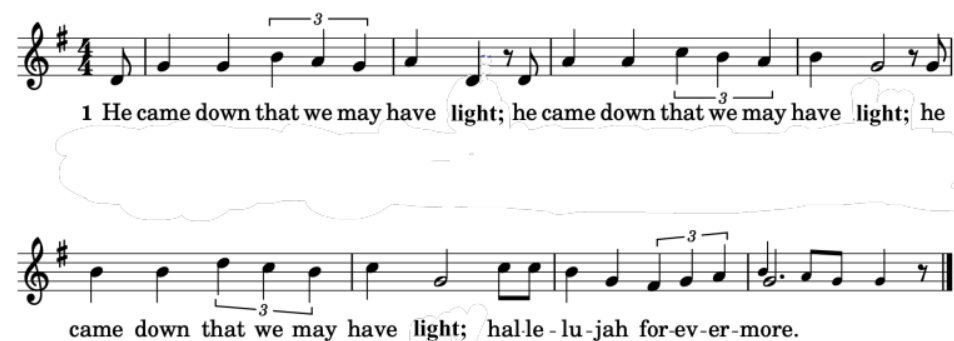
### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Siska Family

#### He Came Down (verse 4)



1 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

### Voluntary

#### \*Call to Worship

*The Abingdon Worship Annual*

Leader: Let the heavens celebrate!

People: **Let the earth rejoice!**

Leader: Let the seas roar with praise!

People: **Let the trees shout with joy!**

Leader: Jesus is born!

People: **Glory to God in the highest heavens and peace to All on earth!**

#### \*Opening Prayer (unison)

*The Abingdon Worship Annual*

Holy One, open our hearts to receive the true gift of Christmas. May the stillness of your peace wash over us. May we encounter hope born anew. We are here, waiting for you, ready to receive your gift of love. Be with us now, as we come and adore the newborn child. Amen.

\*Hymn #133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *John Francis Wade*

### *Please be seated*

#### Prayer of Confession (unison)

*Feasting on the Word*

Almighty God, we confess that our hearts have not been open to all that you have revealed to us in the Nativity of your Son. You sent Christ to be born as a helpless Child, and yet we have not attended to suffering of children. You chose humble Mary to be mother of our Lord Jesus, and yet we have not attended to the struggles of women. The holy family could find no room in Bethlehem but a stable, and yet we have not attended to the cry of the homeless. You announced your birth to lowly shepherds, yet we ignore those who tend our farms and fields. Forgive our lack

of attention, and free us for joyful compassion, that we may know Christ in serving others. Though Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

The secret that was kept quiet for so long has been revealed in Christ. All are loved and all will be saved by the searching love of our Lord and savior.

#### \*Passing of the Peace

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

### Proclaiming God's Word

### Children's Sermon

Musical Interlude: "O Holy Night" *Adolphe Adam*

#### Scripture Reading:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 9: 2 -7 *OT/page 630*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 2: 1-14 *NT/page 56*

Sermon: "Shush" *The Rev. Mike Smith*

### Responding to God with Thanksgiving

\*Hymn # 122 "Silent Night, Holy Night" *Franz Saver Gruber*

\*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*

Rejoice! For I bring good news and great joy to all people: today is born to you a Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory "The Angels Sang Alleluia" *Lisa Nordi*

#### \*Doxology (Hymn 606)

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

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

**On this glad new day for all the earth we are grateful for giving hearts made joyful in the gift of your Son. For you, O God, are generosity itself. Bless these gifts we offer to the benefit of those in need. Bless our lives in service of sharing your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

Hymn #134 "Joy to the World" *George Frederick Handel*

\*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.*

### Those participating in worship today:

Music: Kevin Jacobsen, Suzanne Nicoletti  
Elder of the Month: Barbara D'Andrea  
Deacon of the Month: *please contact the Deacons*  
Reader: Don Smith  
Ushers: Peter Cooper, Rachel Cooper & Paul Vogel



**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, the family of Dr. Michael Edwards, Our Sister Church in Guines, Cuba and their pastor & his family.

Pastor Jon Rodriguez will officially begin as the 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton, in its 373 year history, on January 8th.



Unhanging the Greens - We will need help after the New Year, anytime January 2 thru January 5th. Any amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated. That way Steve Bock can put all the boxed decorations up in the attic by Friday January 6th, 2023!

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 soup.

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.





## Christmas Poinsettia's

*Poinsettias gracing our chancel for the Christmas Eve worship services are given to the Glory of God and....*

### In Memory of

*\*Shirley and George Anderson. Forever missed, eternally loved by your loving children*

*\*Allan Anderson. In loving memory of our dear brother, husband and father, forever missed. Your loving family.*

*\*Dr. & Mrs. Oliver Clarke, given by David & Leslie Clarke*

*\*Janice Smith Brightwell, given by David & Leslie Clarke*

*\*Otis Smith, given by David & Leslie Clarke*

*Louis, Marion & Elbert Edwards, given by Harriet Edwards*

*Elbert T. Edwards, James L. Bates & Estelle C. Bates given by Heddie & Pember Edwards*

*Jane & Lloyd Filer, Sy & Jean Symer, Robert Milne-Tyte & Gerald Filer, given by David, Ashley & Nate Filer*

*My brother-in-Law Jim & my son Christian, given by Jane Kiembock*

*Larry & Linda Miller and our beloved son & brother Matthew Lester, given by Dana, Jeff & Meredith Lester*

*\*In Memory of Loved Ones, given by Suzanne Nicoletti*

*In memory of Loved Ones & Christmases past, given by Bruce & Mary Siska*

*In memory of Robert and Joan Stone, given by The Stone Family*

*Arthur & Violet Wadzinsky and Steven Wadzinsky, given by Patricia Wadzinsky*

*\*Henry & Dorothy Walker, given by Joyce Walker*

*\*Also given by Jane Hastay & Peter Weiss*

*\* Poinsettias to be distributed by Deacons after service*

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



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### 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

### CALENDAR

12/24 Sunday 10:00 am Family Service  
7:00 pm Traditional Service  
12/31 Sunday 10:00 am Christmas Hymn Sing  
12/26 Tuesday 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Knitters at  
Mary Siska's  
12/28 Thursday 12:30 am Al-Anon in Session House  
12/31 Sunday 10:00 am Sunday Worship  
01/24 Monday Happy New Year !

### 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 2025</b> Harriet Edwards* 3 yrs Andrea Cooper* 6 yrs Barbara D'Andrea* 3yrs 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

## THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EAST HAMPTON



### Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

December 24, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. 4<sup>th</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.*

**The Reverend Mike Smith, Guest Minister**

**Jane Hastay, Music Director**  
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**June Lester, Church Administrator**  
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**Pastors Emeriti**

The Rev. Dr. John Ames      The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz

