Gathering in God's Name

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

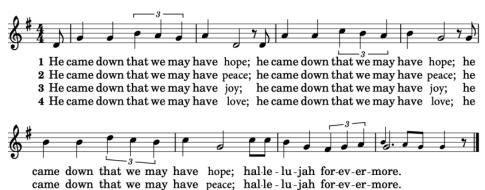
Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Andrea & Henry Cooper

He Came Down (verse 4)



Voluntary

"Christmas Wish"

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

Mark Krantz

*Call to Worship

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Out of little Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Leader:

Israel.

People: He shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior. Leader:

People: God's mercy extends from generation to

generation. Holy is God's name!

*Opening Prayer (unison)

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Come to us, Promised One, in this season of waiting. Set our hearts ablaze with the glory of your salvation. Set our minds afire with the richness of your word. Reveal to us the secret of your ways; for you alone are worthy of our thanks and praise. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Iohn Francis Wade

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Feasting on the Word

God of grace and truth, you give the gift of yourself, but we are often caught up in our own gifts given and received. You offer us new life in the baby born in Bethlehem, but we cloak that birth in sentiment and ignore the cost of new life. You shine in the world, but we dwell on the darkness; You came to us in flesh and blood, but we often fail to see you in the human lives around us. Forgive what we have been, shape who we are, and direct who we shall be. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! Walk in the assurance of God's grace and forgiveness. Be people of light and forgive one another.

*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: Luke 2: 1-20

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Sermon: "A Barn in Bethlehem"

The Rev. Candace Whitman

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

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

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Feasting on the Word

Loving God, your goodness and mercy are without limit. With thankful hearts, we bring our offering before you this day. Use these gifts to lift the lowly, fill the hungry with good things, and bring hope to all who call on your name. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

Offertory "How far is it to Bethlehem?" Francis Chesterton, traditional

*Doxology (Hymn 606)

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

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Feasting on the Word

God of every good and perfect gift, we thank you for your greatest gift, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. In this season when so many gifts are given and received, we pray that you will receive the gifts we offer now. Use them according to your purposes and plans, bringing your good news of great joy to all people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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: Coral, Sandy, Piper and Teddy Borsack,

> Kailey Eberhart, Matt Chapman, Nicholas Cooper, Harriet Edwards & Pember

Edwards

Elder of the Month: Barbara D'Andrea

Deacon of the Month: please contact the Deacons Reader: Barbara D'Andrea

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 22nd 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.







Church Staff and Leadership

Pastor	
Music Director	
Church Administrator	June Lester
Church Sexton	
Clerk of Session	Mary Siska
	<u>committees</u>
Buildings & Grounds	
	ipman, Ken Brown & Steve Bock
Christian EducationKim Boi	
Communications	
	a, Hilary Malecki & Jane Hastay
Fellowship	
	Paul Vogel & Kristy LaMonda
Finance	
Mission	•
	Cooper, Treasurer & Don Smith
Personnel	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Worship and Music	
David Filer, Linda Child, Andrea Coop Treasurer	
Clerk of Session	
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Building UsageJane Ha	astay, June Lester & Mary Siska

CALENDAR

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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 No	ew Year!

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* 3yrs			
Don Smith* 6 yrs	Paul Vogel* 3 yrs	Pember Edwards* 6 yrs			
Deacons					

Class of 2022

Ann Roberts **

Class of 2023

Florence Stone ***
Ann Roberts (1-yr term)
Madeleine Lockwood* 6 yrs
Shirley Wornstaff* 3 yrs
Rachel Cooper* 3 yrs

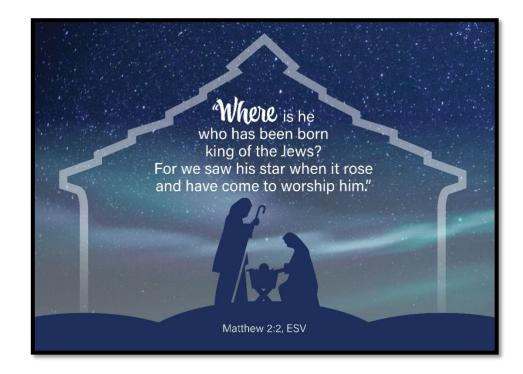
Class of 2024 Christine Martin* 3 yrs

Carol Sigler* 3 yrs Nancy Pearson* 3 yrs Kristine Eberhart* 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



Christmas Eve Family Worship

December 24, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. 4th 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 Candace Whitman, Guest Minister

Jane Hastay, Music Director

(631) 332-2550 – musicdirector@fpceh.org

June Lester, Church Administrator

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Pastors Emeriti

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

