

Gathering in God's Name

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

Prelude

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Gentle

People: **yet powerful**

Leader: Lowly

People: **yet almighty**

Leader: Shepherd

People: **Yet King**

Leader: In your gentleness, guide us

People: **In your power, strengthen us**

Leader: In your lowliness, strip from us our selfish pride

People: **In your greatness, lift us up that we might aspire to greater things**

Leader: As a shepherd, call us to be your servants

People: **As a king, call us into your priesthood**

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Let us pray.....God with us, Emmanuel, as we remain gazing at the manger, reluctant to look away, focus our attention to your presence among us. As we consider the love, care and faith of Mary and Joseph, strengthen our faith. Amen.

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

Please be seated

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving God, Isaiah proclaimed one who would resist evil and choose good. We seek your grace and forgiveness for those times when we have not chosen well. We seek you're your compassion and mercy for those times when our choices were based on fear and mistrust, rather than love and care. We confess our weakness and rejoice in the gift of grace we have through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends I am confident of this: if we repent God is sure to forgive us.

People: **The one who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. Amen.**



*Passing of the Peace

Leader: For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace. Let us prepare our hearts to receive the Prince of Peace anew by greeting one another with signs of his peace without leaving our pews. May the Peace of Christ be with you.....

People: **And also with you.**

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

Prayer of Illumination

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Readings:

1st Reading: Psalms 95: verses 1 - 7 *OT/page 550*

2nd Reading: Isaiah 42: verses 10 - 12 *OT/page 671*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

Hymn #123 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" *Edmund Hamilton Sears*
Please remain seated while we sing this carol

Hymn #143 "Angels, from the Realm of Glory" **Verses 1,2, & 4**
Please remain seated while we sing this carol *Henry Thomas Smart*

Hymn #134 "Joy to the World" *George Frederick Handel*
Please remain seated while we sing this carol

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed *page 35 in hymnal*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Hymn # 119 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" *Felix Mendelssohn*

Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn 606)
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *Genevan Psalter*

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Let us pray....In this season of giving, O God, Emmanuel, receive our gifts that help others know your presence in their lives today. May we welcome weary sojourners; may we provide shelter for those in need; and may our lives be gifts to all our children. Amen. that they may serve your purposes and shine with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #136 "Go Tell It On the Mountain" *African American Spiritual*
Please stand if able to sing this carol

*Benediction: As the time of Advent and Christmas pass by for another year, let us carry the song of the angels in our heart. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you please. 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:

Service: Linda Child, Barbara D'Andrea, Harriet Edwards, David Filer, Joan Osborne & Mary Siska
Music: Pianist Jonathan Howe
Elder of the Month: Barbara D'Andrea
Deacon of the Month: *please contact the Deacons*
Reader: Ashley Milne-Tyte
Ushers: Lois & Victor Vecchio, Lori & Roy Dalene, Florence Stone and Barbara D'Andrea



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 tea & coffee.

Cuba 2024 Mission Trip Feb. 27 - March 7 to visit our sister hurch 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.

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.



Poinsettias gracing our chancel 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*

In Memory of Pat Eames from the Eberharts

**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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CALENDAR

12/31/23 Sunday	10:00 am	Christmas Hymn Sing
01/02/23 Tuesday	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters at Mary Siska's
01/04/23 Thursday	12:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting
	5:15 pm	Mission Meeting
01/07/23 Sunday	10:00 am	Worship/Communion
	11:15 am	Unhanging the Greens

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

Session

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

Deacons

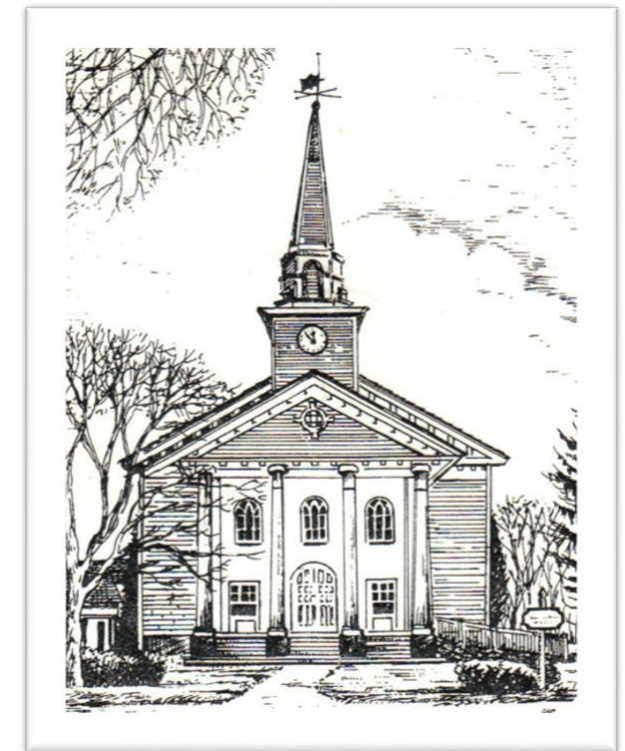
Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Ann Roberts **	Florence Stone ***	Christine Martin* 3yrs
	Ann Roberts (1-yr term)	Carol Sigler* 3yrs
	Madeleine Lockwood* 6yrs	Nancy Pearson* 3yrs
	Shirley Wornstaff* 3yrs	Kristine Eberhart* 3yrs
	Rachel Cooper* 3yrs	

Class of 2025

Fran Chapman* 3yrs	
Joy Ann Dixon* 3yrs	** (1yr term for Britany MacVittie)
Suzanne Nicoletti* 3 yrs	*** to complete the 2yr term for Angel Schade



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EAST HAMPTON



Celebration of the Lord's Day

December 31, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. 1st Sunday After Christmas

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.

Jane Hastay, Music Director

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Pastors Emeriti

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

