

Gathering in God's Name

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

The Abingdon Worship Annual

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

People: God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

People: God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

People: Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

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We sing to you, O God, for you have been our strength. You open the waters of suffering and lead us safely through. You uphold us in times of deep distress and we exalt your holy name. Receive our honor and thanks, mighty God. Amen.

***Hymn #306** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" *John Fawcett*

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Feasting on the Word

Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home - until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace**

***Gloria (Hymn 582)**

"Glory to God"

Paul M. Vasile

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end Amen, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Sermon

Scripture Readings:

1st Reading: Ephesians 4: 25-32

NT/page 194

2nd Reading: Matthew 18: 21 - 35

NT/page 20

Sermon

"Forgiving Steven"

Rich Schneider

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

***Hymn #853**

"We Are Marching "

South African

***Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed**

page 35 in hymnal

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

(Feasting on the Word)

Time and again, God clears a path for us to seek the way of life, to do good, to become a refuge for the poor. That path lies before us. With joy, let us offer our gifts and our lives in trust.

Offertory

***Doxology (Hymn 606)**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Genevan Psalter

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

We rejoice and give you thanks, O God, for the lost have been found, sinners have received mercy, and the dead have been restored to life. Send us out in your service to tend your sheep and show the riches of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Sebastian Temple

***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:



Guest Speaker:	Rich Schneider
Music:	Chancel Choir
Elder of the Month:	Harriet Edwards
Deacon of the Month:	Suzanne Nicoletti
Reader:	Pember Edwards
Ushers:	Piper Borsack and Linda & Ken Brown





Please pray for the following friends: Liam Baum, Denise & Mike Chicca, Robert Fariel, Gordon Grant, Pat Kinzer, Dana Lester, Jane Talmage, Jim & Susan Winkler, Our Sister Church in Guines, Cuba and their pastor & his family and our pastor nominating committee.

CALENDAR

9/17 Sunday 10:00 am Sunday Worship

9/18 Monday: 9:00 am Prayer Group in Session House
12:30 pm Al-Anon in Session House

9/19 Tuesday: 7:30 am Breakfast Club at John Papa's
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Knitting at Mary Siska's

9/21 Thursday: 12:30 pm Al-Anon in Session House
6:00 pm Deacons Meeting

9/24 Sunday: 10:00 am Sunday Worship

9/30 Saturday 11:00 am Graveside Service for Gay Quarty at Cedar Lawn Cemetery, with a reception celebrating her life to follow at the Session House

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 meats.

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

Please let the church office know if you need to park your car overnight on the church grounds.



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.

Harriet Snowden will be in the office Tuesday thru Friday, from 10:30 to 2:30 while I'm on vacation. Thanks! - June

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
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 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
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Presbyterian Church of East Hampton



Celebration of the Lord's Day

September 17, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. 16th Sunday After Pentecost

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.

Rich Schneider, Guest Speaker

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