

## Gathering in God's Name

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

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Voluntary

#### \*Call to Worship

*The Abingdon Worship Annual*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

**People: Call on God's holy name.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord.

**People: Tell of God's wondrous deeds.**

Leader: Let the faithful sing of the Lord's awesome power.

**People: Let the hearts of the faithful rejoice.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

**People: Call on God's holy name.**

#### \*Opening Prayer (unison)

*The Abingdon Worship Annual*

Appear to us in fire and wonder, that we might see worlds beyond the reaches of our imaginations. Reveal the glory of your kingdom – where love is genuine, where evil is forsaken, where mutual affection abides, and hospitality is shown to strangers, where all are made one. Amen.

\*Hymn #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

*Scottish melody*

*Please be seated*

#### Prayer of Confession (unison)

*Feasting on the Word*

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you, yet we do not live lives of gratitude. We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need. We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us. Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you, that we may walk in the way of love. Amen.

### 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:

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Romans 12: 9-21** NT/page 162

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Matthew 16: 21-27** NT/page 18

Sermon "What to Expect When You Follow Jesus"

*Rev. Candace Whitman*

## Responding to God with Thanksgiving

\*Hymn #498 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" *Freeman Lewis*

\*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)*

God gives us more grace than we can ever earn and sustains us in ways we cannot imagine. With a spirit of generosity, let us freely offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.

### Offertory

#### \*Doxology (Hymn 606)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Genevan Psalter*

#### \*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of grace, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us, we give thanks for your hope in us, we rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace. In the light of your mercy, and confident in your love, we dedicate these offerings, and ourselves, to you. Amen.

## Sacrament of Communion

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor continues...* who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in highest.**

*The pastor continues...* Great is the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

### Words of Institution

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

#### Communion Prayer (unison)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

#Hymn #643 "Now Thank We All Our God" *Johann Crüger*

#### \*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.*





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

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.

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 macaroni & cheese.

**CALENDAR**

9/3 Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Worship w/communion
9/4 Monday:	<i>(Labor Day – prayer group cancelled)</i>	
	12:30 pm	Al-Anon in Session House
9/5 Tuesday:	7:30 am	Breakfast Club at John Papa's
9/7 Thursday:	12:30 pm	Al-Anon in Session House
	3:30 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal resumes
	5:15 pm	Mission Meeting
9/10 Sunday:	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
	11:15 am	Handbell Choir rehearsal resumes

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & GET-TOGETHERS**

Prayer Shawl Knitters	Tuesday, Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>
Book Club	Wednesday, Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>
Deacons Meeting	Thursday, Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm
Fellowship Friday	Friday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>

**Those participating in worship today:**

Guest Preacher:	The Rev. Candace Whitman
Music:	Harriet Edwards
Elder of the Month:	Harriet Edwards
Deacon of the Month:	Suzanne Nicoletti
Reader:	Don Smith
Ushers & Communion Servers:	Kim Borsack, Andrea Cooper, Nicholas Cooper, Mary Siska & Don Smith

Church Staff and Leadership

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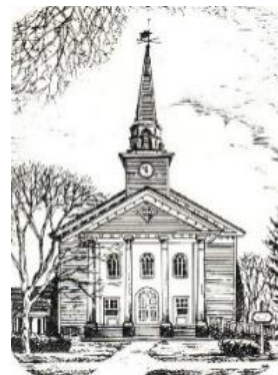
Pastor .....  
 Music Director..... Jane Hastay  
 Church Administrator..... June Lester  
 Church Sexton.....Steve Bock  
 Clerk of Session.....Mary Siska

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

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

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



**First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton**



**Celebration of the Lord's Day**

September 3, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. 14<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**The Reverend Candace Whitman, Guest Minister**

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

