

## Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton!

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If this is your first time worshipping with us we thank you for joining us. We are an affirming church and welcome all members of God's family in this sanctuary.

### Those participating in worship today:

Music: Handbell Choir

Reader: Jane Keimbock

Elder of the Month: Bruce Siska

Deacon of the Month: Rachel Cooper

Ushers: Bruce Siska, Mary Siska & Alice Wood

### This Week's Calendar

Monday:	9:00 am	Prayer Group in the Session House
	12:30 pm	Al-Anon in Session House
Tuesday:	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast at John Papa's
	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Knitting at Mary Siska's
Thursday:	12:30 pm	Al-Anon in Session House
	3:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday:	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
	4:30 pm	Springs Porch Musicians in Session House

**Prayers for the Following Friends:** Liam Baum, Denise & Mike Chicca, Robert Fariel, Gordon Grant, Dana Lester, Gay Quarty, Jane Schmitz, Luca Sicuso, Jane Talmage, Jim & Susan Winkler, Joyce Walker, Kenny Eipel, Matt Herman, Kenny Luu, and the Families of Darlene Shields Bartoletta, David Grimes, and Our Sister Church in Guines, Cuba, their pastor and his family, and our pastor nominating committee.

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Food Pantry item for this week is instant potatoes.

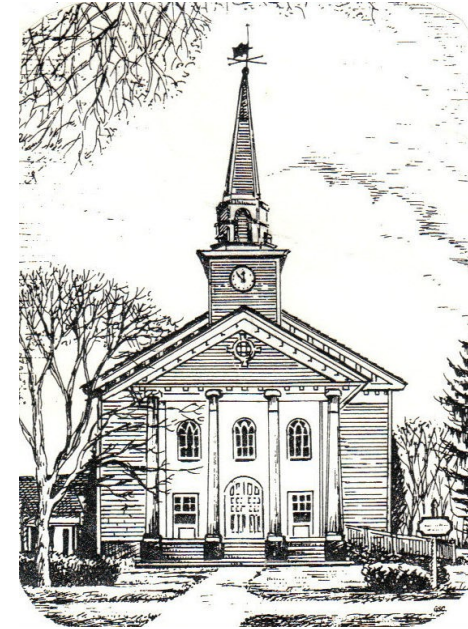


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Deadline to place an order for Easter Flowers is April 2<sup>nd</sup>

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Children's fish banks will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Church office hours are Tuesday thru Friday from 9:00 to 1:00  
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# First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton



## Celebration of the Lord's Day

March 26, 2023 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Rev. Candace Whitman, Guest Minister

Jane Hastay, Director of Music  
120 Main Street  
East Hampton NY 11937

### Pastors Emeriti

The Rev. Dr. John Ames

The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz

## Gathering in God's Name

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

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Call to Worship**

*(Psalm 130)*

Leader: Come, all who are weary.

**People: Here we wait for the Lord.**

Leader: Come, all who have turned away from God.

**People: Here, we find forgiveness and healing.**

Leader: Come, all who look for hope.

**People: Here, embrace God's steadfast love.**

Leader: Come, and fill your hearts with praise and thanksgiving.

**People: Let us praise God!**

### **\*Opening Prayer (unison)**

*(Ezekiel 37, Psalm 130, Romans 8, John 11)*

Great God of comfort and healing, we come today with questions: "How will I survive the challenges of this day? Can we get through moments of loss and grief? Will we be comforted when our tears flow like mighty streams?" In the midst of our questions, we hear voices of assurance and comfort. "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live. With the Lord there is steadfast love. The Spirit of God dwells in you. You will see the glory of God" May these voices remind us of your abiding presence, and your steadfast love. Thank you for walking with us throughout our days. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Hymn #407 "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"**

*(Johann Crüger)*

### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

O Lord, there are times when we are so lost we forget to look for you. Forgive us when we turn away from your love. Forgive us when we doubt our own feelings and the feelings of others. Forgive us when we forget that your Holy Spirit dwells within us. Help us see your love and your presence in our lives. Help us trust you no matter what life may bring, and help us follow you faithfully. Amen.

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*(Psalm 130)*

People of God, the steadfast love and redeeming power of God is with you today and always. You are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

### **\*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 Message**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading:** New Testament: John 11: 1 -45

*page 194 NT*

### **Sermon**

*"It isn't always easy"*

*Rev. Candace Whitman*

## Responding to God with Thanksgiving

### **\*Hymn #286**

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

*Robert Jackson*

### **\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

*page 35 in hymnal*

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

*(John 11)*

God gives us steadfast love and abundant mercy. Now, we are invited to bring our gifts to God as tokens of our thanksgiving and praise.

### **Offertory**

*"A Lenten Introspection"*

*Matthew Compton*

### **\*Doxology (Hymn 606)**

*Genevan Psalter*

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

Abundant God, thank you for the gifts we bring you. May these gifts bring life to those who are in need in our community and in the world. In your beloved name, we pray. Amen.

### **Hymn #438**

**Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

*Thomas Hastings*

### **\* Charge and Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*"The Lord's My Shepherd"*

*Linda Lamb*