WELCOME

Whether today is your first time worshipping with us or you are from one of our founding families, we are glad you are here! The First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton is an affirming and welcoming community, always looking for new ways to embody Jesus’ call to love God and our neighbors in this community and throughout the world. We’d love for you to be part of our future, continuing Jesus Christ’s earthly ministry of building God’s Kingdom.

Sharing the Light of Christ for 370 Years

Visiting with Children?

* **Activity materials** for young worshipers are located behind the last pew at the center aisle.
* **Infant and child care** is provided during the service upstairs from the narthex (lobby). We also invite you to keep your child with you in the sanctuary.
* **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. The restrooms are located by each side entrance, in the narthex.

Special Needs?

* **Earphones** and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.
* **Feel free to ask** ushers for any assistance that you might need.

Please Come Again

* **Sunday Worship** is always at 10:00. We celebrate the **Lord’s Supper** on the first Sunday of each month.
* **Sunday School** gathers after the Children’s Message, so children age 3 - grade 5 join us for the beginning of each worship service.
* **Youth Group (grades 6-12)** meets most Sunday evenings at 5:00 during the school year. Ask Pastor Scot for more information.

Gathering in God’s Name

Welcoming the Light of Christ

“I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here. I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me. Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.”

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

*Call to Worship (Psalm 32, Luke 15)

**Leader:** To those who eagerly came to worship God,  
**People:** You are welcome here.

**Leader:** To those who grumbled about coming,  
**People:** You are welcome here.

**Leader:** To those who are not sure why they are here,  
**People:** You are welcome here.

**Leader:** In the name of the One who loves and forgives us, you are welcome in this place.  
**People:** Thanks be to God!

*Opening Prayer (2 Corinthians 5)

**Hymn #435 (purple)**  
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy  
**Dutch Melody**

Confession and Pardon (unison) (Luke 15)

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth’s resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen
Silent Confession

Kyrie (Hymn 551, purple) Lord, Have Mercy Richard Proulx

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Pastor: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria (Hymn 582, purple) Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me Paul M. Masile

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.

Proclaiming God’s Word

Children’s Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalter Psalm 32 (OT Page 506)

Gospel Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32 (NT Page 78)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Lost and Found Pastor Scot

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

*Hymn #418 (purple) Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling Will L. Thompson

*Affirmation of Faith – adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith (11.3, lines 40-50)

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

Moment for Mission Youth Memories of YSOP

Unceasing Prayer

You may make prayer requests using a Request for Prayer pew card or by contacting Pastor Scot directly. Unless otherwise requested, names will be included on this prayer list for four weeks. Requests can always be renewed.

Trusting that God knows each person and need, please hold in your prayers...

Regina Foley Rick Bock Linda Miller The Cooper Family

The Grant Family The Kiembock Family Joyce Walker

Parish News

Jazz & Jambalaya Please join the Deacons for a fun filled evening of music and food Saturday, April 6, 6:00-8:00pm. Costs will be $20.00 in advance. $10.00 for children. Costs at the door will be $25.00 and $12.00 for children. Space is limited, please buy your tickets early. Any questions please contact Angel Schade. Jane Kiembock will have tickets for purchase.

Have You Considered Joining? Pastor Scot will hold an Inquirer’s Class in the Session House after worship on Sunday, April 7. Learn about our church, the PCUSA, and how we might be a fit for you. We’d love for you to join us! If interested, please call the church office at (631) 324-0711 or email fpcsecy@optonline.net.

Suzi Shelton Family Concert Sunday, April 14, 12:00 noon in the Session House. Enjoy a light lunch coffee hour after the service, then stick around for the concert. Tickets $5/children, $10/adults, $25/family.

Shared Lenten Services with Our Friends in Christ

Once again, this year we will worship with our siblings in Springs and Amagansett, as well as East Hampton Methodist throughout the Lenten Season. Go ahead and mark your calendars with this information - more to follow soon about Lent!

Palm Sunday April 14, 10:00 a.m at East Hampton Presbyterian

Maundy Thursday April 18, 7:00 p.m at Springs Presbyterian

Good Friday April 19, 7:00 p.m at East Hampton Presbyterian

Easter Sunrise (with UMC) April 21, 6:00 a.m at Main Beach, East Hampton
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.

Choral Prayer Response

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind, Jesus whispers, “Peace, be still.”
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.

Tithes and Offerings – Visitor and Prayer Cards may also be placed in the collection boxes

Chancel Choir Offertory

*Doxology
(Hymn 606, purple)
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth in God’s Name

*Hymn #361 (purple)
O Christ, the Great Foundation
Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*Benediction and Response (#8585, blue)
Amen

MiNeil Robinson II

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Scot McCachren, Pastor
Jane Hastay, Music Director
Angel Schade, Lay Reader
Chancel Choir

Elder of the Month

Aleaze Hodgens

Deacon of the Month

Madeleine Lockwood

Flowers

This week’s Care & Outreach Team: Bob Osborne

"Care Cards" to brighten someone’s day are available in the Narthex -- please help yourself.

This Week’s Calendar

Today, March 31
10:00 am Worship with communion and Sunday School
4:00 pm Confirmation Class

Monday, April 1 (office closed)
12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

Tuesday, April 2
7:30 am Men’s Club, John Papas Café
1:00 pm Knitting group, M. Siska’s House
5:00 pm Y12SR Yoga class, Session House

Thursday, April 4
12:15 pm Brown Bag Bible Study, Session House
12:30 pm Al Anon, downstairs
5:00 pm Acoustic Song Sharing
7:00 pm Chancel choir rehearsal
10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

Ongoing Community Outreach

MAUREEN’S HAVEN brings a variety of organizations and houses of worship together to provide safe, warm temporary shelter to homeless individuals from November through March. Headquartered in Riverhead, Maureen’s Haven serves the entire East End and regularly provides shelter here in East Hampton. First Presbyterian provides ongoing food and financial support to their programs. Find out more at www.maureenshaven.com or find their Facebook page.

LAUNDRY LOVE helps people who are struggling financially by assisting them with doing their laundry. You can put coins or cash in the labeled container in the Narthex or a check in the morning offering with “Laundry Love” on the memo line.

EAST HAMPTON FOOD PANTRY serves our community by collecting food and distributing it to those in need. You can donate food here at the church by placing non-perishable food in the box in the narthex. Find out more at easthamptonfoodpantry.org

This week’s item of the week to bring in next Sunday is Canned Meat.

Y12SR (Yoga 12-Step Recovery) is a weekly program that serves people recovering from all manifestations of addiction, from behavioral addictions to substance abuse - creating a safe place on the mat where trauma can be released. A local Y12SR group meets with a certified instructor in the Session House each Tuesday at 5pm.

AL-ANON is a worldwide anonymous fellowship offering a program of recovery for friends and families of alcoholics. Al-Anon meets in the Session House, Mondays & Thursdays at 12:30 pm.

Pastors Emeriti

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

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