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: We love having kids of all ages in worship. If you do need to take your child out during the service, a room with rocking chair, changing table, and toys is upstairs from the narthex (lobby). We invite you to return with your child whenever you choose to.
* Restrooms: Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms, which 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

Prelude

These few minutes before the service begins are a time to be seated and prepare for worship.

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Voluntary: Christians We Have Met to Worship (Amos 8, Luke 10) arr. Lloyd Larson

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who are burdened with many tasks.
People: God provides a space for rest and renewal.
Leader: Come, all who have turned away from God.
People: God welcomes us with healing and forgiveness.
Leader: Come, all who desire to know Christ.
People: Here we find unexpected grace and unconditional love.
All: Thanks be to God!

*Opening Prayer (Psalm 52, Luke 10)

*Hymn #821 (purple) My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing?) Robert Lowry

Confession and Pardon (unison) (Amos 8)

Great God, our source of comfort and hope, we do not always follow your ways. We forget to put you first in our lives. We forget to abide by the rules of living you have set before us. We hurt each other and ignore the needs of those around us. We become complacent in our quest for justice. Yet, even when we are unfaithful to you, you remain faithful to us. Your steadfast love holds and heals us, no matter where we are or what we have done. Help us turn our lives toward you, not only on this day, but every day. In your merciful name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (Hymn 551, purple) Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. (Repeat)

Assurance of Pardon (Colossians 1)

*Passing the Peace of Christ (Colossians 1)

* Please stand if you are able
Proclaiming God’s Word

Children’s Message
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading
Old Testament Amos 8:1-12
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

Sermon Choosing the Better Part Pastor Scot

*Hymn #321 (purple) The Church’s One Foundation Samuel John Stone
*Affirmation of Faith – Apostle’s Creed (traditional)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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

SOUNDBOARD We need to form a small team of people to share soundboard duty during worship services. It’s easy to do and if we have 5-6 people rotating it won’t be a huge commitment. Help us continue the great sound support of our services and sermon recordings for our website! See Linda Child or Pastor Scot if you are interested.

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.

Parish Concerns

SUNDAY SUNSETS AT WIBORG BEACH 6:00 – 8:30 TODAY and every Sunday evening in July and August. All are welcome to gather for some relaxation and rejuvenation. Just remember ABCD: Arrive with Beverage, Chair, and Dinner. See you at the Beach!

SUMMER UKULELE CLASS Thursdays at 10:00 in the Session House. Open to everyone in the community, from beginner to expert. You'll enjoy joining us for some strumming, some singing, and some fun!

RED HYMNBOOKS We've got lots left over! They are stacked up on a table in the narthex. If you want one, or two, or three – feel free to pick some up on your way out today.

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

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This Week’s Calendar

Today, July 21
10:00 am       Worship and Sunday School

Monday, July 22 (office closed)
12:30 pm       Al-Anon, Session House

Tuesday, July 23
7:30 am       Men’s Club, John Papas Café
5:30 pm  Y12SR Yoga class, Session House

Wednesday, July 24
7:00 pm  Session Meeting

Thursday, July 25
12:30 pm  Al-Anon, Session House

Sunday, July 28
10:00 am       Worship and Sunday School
                Coffee Hour

Going Forth in God’s Name

*Hymn #306 (purple)       Blést Be the Tie That Binds
John Fawcett

*Charge, Benediction, and Response (#601) (purple)       Amen
Danish Amen

Postlude       All Things Bright and Beautiful
Ann Barlow

USHERS
Paul Vogel
Joy Anne Dixon
Wendy Mott
John Cataletto

Elder of the Month
Wendy Mott

DEACON of the Month
Joy Anne Dixon

FLOWERS on the communion table are given to the Glory of God and to recognize and thank all the volunteers, children and parents for another wonderful VBS program.

To offer flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, contact Summer Borsack, (631) 903-0778 or summerborsack@gmail.com

This Week’s Care & Outreach Team: Linda Brown & Regina Foley

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

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 on 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 soup.

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 5:30 pm.

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.

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