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 several Sundays each month around noon during the school year. Ask Pastor Scot for more information.

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Gathering in God’s Name

Prelude

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Voluntary

*Call to Worship (1 Timothy 1, Luke 15)

**Leader:** Hear the good news: people who are lost are being found.

**People:** Glory, glory; hallelujah!

**Leader:** Hear the good news: God goes out into the wilderness of our lives, seeking us when we are lost.

**People:** Glory, glory; hallelujah!

**Leader:** To Christ Jesus, full of faith and love; to the Ruler of the Ages, immortal, invisible; to the Spirit of peace and mercy,

**People:** All honor and glory are yours forever and ever. Amen!

*Opening Prayer (1 Timothy 1, Luke 15)

*Hymn #475 (purple) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music

Confession and Pardon (unison) (Jeremiah 2, Psalm 81)

Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair. Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home. Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world, that we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love. Help us put our trust in you, that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus may shine in our lives for all to see. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (Hymn 551, purple) Lord, Have Mercy

**Richard Proulx**

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

Assurance of Pardon (Luke 15)
*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Gloria (Hymn 582, purple)  Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me  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. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Proclaiming God’s Word

Children’s Message

Prayer for Illumination (Genesis 1)

Scripture Reading

Old Testament  Jeremiah 4:11-22, 22-28  (OT Page 702)
Epistle  1 Timothy 1:12-17  (NT Page 208)
Gospel  Luke 15:1-10  (NT Page 78)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon  Push to the Void  Pastor Scot

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

*Hymn #802 (purple)  The King of Love My Shepherd Is  Irish Melody

*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

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.

This Week’s Calendar

Today, September 15  10:00 am  Worship and Sunday School
Monday, September 16  12:30 pm  Coffee Hour
Tuesday, September 17  7:30 am  Men’s Club, John Papas Café
Wednesday, September 18 (office closed)
Thursday, September 19  7:00 pm  Chancel Choir rehearsal
Sunday, September 22  10:00 am  Worship and Sunday School

Parish Concerns

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE CHANGING… starting this week, the church office will be closed on Wednesdays instead of Mondays. So, the new hours for general business are Mon, Tu, Th, Fr 8:00 – 1:00. Pastor Scot will still be taking off Mondays, so he’ll continue to be available for appointments, meetings, and visitation on Wednesdays.

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF MEETING for parents and youth, grades 6-12, will be after church on September 22 in the Session House. You’ll get this year’s youth ministry calendar and we’ll talk about everything planned for the year, including mission trips, a retreat, fund raisers, daytrips, youth Sunday, and more.

A CAPPPELLA WORKSHOP AND CONCERT on Saturday, October 5, a 9-member a cappella vocal ensemble called “Northern Harmony” will give an afternoon community workshop and an evening concert. The group has toured throughout America and Europe and is renowned for its command of world ethnic singing styles. Everyone is welcome!

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 peanut butter & jelly.
Northern Harmony Performs in East Hampton on Oct. 5

Northern Harmony, an ensemble of nine brilliant young singers based in Vermont, presents a concert of world harmony traditions on Saturday, October 5 at 7:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton. Suggested admission at the door is $15, $5 for students. For information contact: Jane Hastay (631) 332-2550

The group will also lead a singing workshop that afternoon from 3-5 pm open to any interested singers. In this workshop they will teach a selection of songs from their repertoire in different genres. With the Northern Harmony singers helping to lead each vocal part the teaching is particularly efficient and rewarding. There will be a potluck supper between the workshop and concert.

Led by Larry Gordon, Northern Harmony is the highest level performing group under the umbrella of the world music organization Village Harmony, which sponsors singing camps and workshops in New England and many parts of the world. All the singers in the present ensemble are veterans of many years of Village Harmony singing programs. Most of them have studied traditional singing styles first hand with native teachers in South Africa, Corsica and Caucasus Georgia, and some are singing leaders in their own right.

Their program presents a thrilling mix of world harmony traditions including South African songs and dances, traditional polyphony from Georgia, Corsica, and the Balkans, American shape-note singing and quartet gospel. South Africa has a particularly powerful and appealing folk harmony singing tradition, with a resonant vocal sound, and wonderfully syncopated rhythm. The singing is always accompanied by dancing, with the rhythm of the dance movements often in counterpoint to the song. Georgia’s ancient three-part harmony singing tradition features a dark, sonorous vocal quality, and startling harmonies, unlike anything in European music. Traditional Corsican singing, passed down through oral tradition, features two highly ornamented upper voices over a more sustained harmonic bass. Northern Harmony also performs a wide variety of village music from the Balkan countries. This music features the characteristic bright, “hard-voiced” Balkan vocal timbre, with dissonant harmonies frequently based on drones, and irregular dance meters in 7, 9 and 11. Finally, the program will include a number of new compositions in shape-note style.

For further information visit the Northern Harmony website:  www.villageharmony.org

*Doxology (Hymn 606, purple)  Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Old Hundredth
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 (1 Timothy 1, Luke 15)

Going Forth in God’s Name

*Hymn #81 (purple)  Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Franz Joseph Haydn
*Charge, Benediction, and Response (#601) (purple)  Amen Danish Amen

WORSHIP LEADERS  SERVING ELDERS
The Reverend Scot McCachren, Pastor  Marion McMahon
Jane Hastay, Music Director  Marith McMahon
Don Smith, Lay Reader  Nancy Rowan
Chancel Choir  Florence Stone

ELDER OF THE MONTH  DEACON OF THE MONTH
Debbie Mansir  Carol Kluge

FLOWERS on the communion table are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Henry C & Dorothy Walker by the children. 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: Vicky Roarick & Wendy Mott "Care Cards" to brighten someone’s day are available in the Narthex -- please help yourself.

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:

Joyce Walker  Gordon Grant  Roger Walker  Orestes Paez  John Blake
Christine Matin and family  Sheppard C. Webb and family

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