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.

Gathering in God’s Name

Prelude
Welcome and Parish Concerns
Voluntary
*Call to Worship (Jeremiah 8, Psalm 79)
  Leader: Cry out to the Lord, for God hears our pleas.
  People: May our heads be springs of water and our eyes fountains of tears, for God answers the cries of the suffering.
  Leader: Put your faith in God, our great physician.
  People: We will reach out for the balm of Gilead, for God soothes the sorrows of the faithful.
  Leader: Call upon the Lord, for God hears our pleas.
  People: We will enter God’s gates with hope and gladness.
  Leader: Come, worship the one who hears our pleas.

*Opening Prayer (Jeremiah 8:22, Psalm 79)

Hymn #13 (purple) The Mighty God with Power Speaks English County Songs

Confession and Pardon (unison) (Psalm 79, 1 Timothy 2, Luke 16)

Holy One, your ways are as far above our ways as the heavens are above the raging seas. We yearn to offer supplications, prayers, and thanksgiving for the needs of all, but find some people hard to love. We long to be faithful stewards of your many blessings, but often find the effort a hassle in the midst of more pleasurable pursuits. Forgive us when we try to serve two masters – when we seek the shelter and safety of your love, while placing our trust in human wealth, status, and power. Heal our brokenness and our self-centered ways, for you alone are our one true physician, and you alone can make us well. 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 (Jeremiah 8, 1 Timothy 2)
Pastor: The author of our salvation, the one who weeps for us and for our world, is the God of compassion.
People: God meets us in our need and heals our many failings.
Pastor: Rejoice and be glad!
All: Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ (1 Timothy 2)
*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
Scripture Reading
Old Testament Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1 (OT Page 708)
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon Shrewd Living for the Kingdom of God Pastor Scot

Responding to God with Thanksgiving
*Hymn #792 (purple) There Is a Balm in Gilead African American spiritual
*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.

Prayer Response

This Week’s Calendar
Today, September 22
10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

Monday, September 23
12:30 pm Youth Group Kick Off Meeting
7:30 am Al-Anon

Tuesday, September 24
7:30 am Men’s Club, John Papas Café
1:00 pm Knitting Group, M. Siska’s House
7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 25 (office closed)
12:15 pm Brown Bag Bible Study
12:30 pm Al Anon
7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 26
10:00 am Worship and Sunday School
11:00 am Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 29
10:00 am Worship and Sunday School
11:00 am Handbell rehearsal

Parish Concerns
YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF MEETING for parents and youth, grades 6-12, will be TODAY after church 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 CAPPELLA 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!

EASTHAMPTON 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.

FLOWERS on the Communion Table are given to the Glory of God from the Deacon’s Flower Fund. To offer flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, contact Summer Borsack, (631) 903-0778 or summerborsack@gmail.com

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Office Hours: Weekdays (except closed Wednesdays), 8:00 – 1:00

Pastors Emeriti
The Rev. Dr. John Ames The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz
Northern Harmony Performs in East Hampton on Oct. 5

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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.

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WORSHIP LEADERS
The Reverend Scot McCachren, Pastor
Jane Hastay, Music Director
Debbie Mansir, Lay Reader
Chancel Choir

ELDER OF THE MONTH
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DEACON OF THE MONTH
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Offertory
Christ Has Broken Down the Wall
Mark A. Miller

*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
Old Hundredth
*Prayer of Dedication (Luke 16)

Going Forth in God’s Name

*Hymn #331 (purple)
God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand
George William Warren

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

Is there no balm in Gilead
Is there no physician there?
Jeremiah 8:22

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