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.
- Infants and children: 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 and space to change a diaper is upstairs above the narthex. 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 (Joel 2, Luke 18)
Leader: The Spirit is here,
Leader: Christ lifts us up,
Leader: God showers the earth,
Leader: Sense the Spirit moving among us.
Leader: As we gather in worship this day,
*Opening Prayer (Joel 2, 2 Timothy 4)
*Hymn #401 (purple)

Confession and Pardon (unison) (Joel 2, 2 Timothy 4, Luke 18)
Gracious God have mercy on us in our times of sin and pride. Pour out your forgiveness and shower us with the blessings of your guidance and grace. Stand by us in our times of weakness and strengthen us to move forward in faith. Help us finish this race with gratitude and joy, that others may receive the blessings of all you are doing through us and all you have yet to do. 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 (2 Timothy 4)
Leader: The pastor speaks… by the Spirit’s power share the gospel far and near:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

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Children’s Message
Prayer for Illumination (John 6, 2 Timothy 4)
Scripture Reading
Old Testament: Joel 2:23-32 (OT Page 848)
Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (NT Page 213)
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon
Responding to God with Thanksgiving
*Hymn #288 (purple) Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson

*Affirmation of Faith for Reformation Sunday – Excerpts from the PC(USA) Book of Confessions
Pastor: We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
People: We confess and acknowledge one God alone, distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to whom alone we must cleave, and in whom alone we put our trust.
Choir: We believe that we belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
Men: We believe that all things are governed by the Providence of God.
Women: We believe that the Lord our God was pleased to make a second covenant of grace, wherein God freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ.
Pastor: We believe that the chief end of humankind is to glorify God and to enjoy God forever.
People: We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God. God is a Spirit, in and of Godself infinite in being, glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.
Choir: The church’s commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ’s stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.
Men: We believe that the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission.
Women: We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Through the work of God’s Spirit, unity is a binding force. At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought. Our unity must become visible to the world.
Pastor: We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin, already conquered by Christ. Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.

This Week’s Calendar

Today, October 27
10:00 am Worship and Sunday School
Coffee Hour

Monday, October 28
12:30 pm Al-Anon, Narthex

Tuesday, October 29
7:30 am Men’s Club, John Papas Café
1:00 pm Knitting Group, M. Siska’s House

Wednesday, October 30 (office closed)
12:00 pm Prayer Circle, Sanctuary
12:15 pm Brown Bag Bible Study
12:30 pm Al Anon

Thursday, October 31
6:00 pm Cabaret Night

Sunday, November 3
10:00 am Worship with communion and Sunday School
11:30 am Worship Group Trip to Islamic Center

Parish Happenings

AN EVENING OF DINNER AND SONG, next Saturday, Nov. 2, 6 p.m.
Tickets $30 are still available in the narthex after church or in the office.

Youth Group will visit the Islamic Center of Mastic-Shirley next Sunday, November 3, after church. There’s no cost for the visit, but you should bring about $15 for lunch. Always feel free to bring a friend! (We’d also welcome any interested adults even if you don’t have youth in your family – in fact we could use another driver or two. Talk to Pastor Scot if you’re interested.)

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. With the holiday’s fast approaching the food pantry has a special request. This week’s items of the week to bring in next Sunday are stuffing mix, canned vegetables and apple sauce.

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The Rev. Dr. John Ames The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz
People: With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Moment for Mission  Debbie Mansir, Chair of our Missions Committee

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

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

Offertory  Fe y Esperanza  arr. Anne Krentz
*Doxology
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
(Joel 2, 2 Timothy 4, Luke 18)

Going Forth in God’s Name

*Hymn #37 (purple)  Let All Things Now Living  Welsh fold melody
*Charge, Benediction, and Response (#601) (purple)  Amen  Danish Amen

Postlude

WORSHIP LEADERS  USHERS
The Reverend Scot McCachren, Pastor  Dennis D’Andrea
Jane Hastay, Music Director  Ken Brown
Hilary Malecki, Lay Reader  Linda Brown
Jane Hastay, Chancel Choir  Mary Siska
ELDER OF THE MONTH  DEACON OF THE MONTH
Ken Brown  Summer Borsack

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...

Roger Walker  Orestes Paez  Sheppard C. Webb and family  Shane Hanley
Susan Winkler Meghan Payne and her family  Whitaker Raymer
Edward Sherrill and his family  Linda Leland  John Blake

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

THIS WEEK’S CARE & OUTREACH Team: Ann/Gene Roarick & Rick Windisch “Care Cards” to brighten someone’s day are available in the Narthex -- please help yourself.

Presbytery Per Capita

Like every other church in the PC(USA), East Hampton’s annual per capita payment this year is $38.05 for every member. That’s a total of $6,354.35 for our church, but so far, we’ve only collected $2,044. As always, we ask you to offset this payment by writing a check for each member in your family, above and beyond your annual pledge, and label it “Presbytery Per Capita.” (So, two members in the family would be $76.10, etc.)

Remember - this is the primary source of income for presbytery and our church will have to pay it directly from our operational budget to make up any shortfall in collections. If you don’t know whether you’ve paid your per capita yet this year, contact Gina in the church office to help you figure it out. Thank you!

Three hundred years ago, William Dunlop, a professor of church history at the University of Edinburgh, published two volumes of confessions that had enjoyed “public authority” in Scotland since the Reformation. While the Westminster Standards (1647-48) filled the first volume, more than ten earlier confessional documents—including the Geneva Catechism (1542), the Scots Confession (1560), and the Heidelberg Catechism (1563)—filled the second. By placing Westminster in the broader tradition of Reformed (“Calvinist”) theology, Dunlop honored a distinctly Reformed custom: he compiled a book of confessions.

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REFORMATION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 27

One Christ, Many Confessions: Reformed Theology from Geneva to Belhar

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