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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Proclaiming God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination (Isaiah 2)

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Isaiah 2:1-5 (OT Page 631)
Epistle Romans 13:11-14 (NT Page 162)
Gospel Matthew 24:36-44 (NT Page 27)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

*Hymn #347 (purple) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence French Melody

*Affirmation of Faith – adapted from the Confession of 1967 (9.27)

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. 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

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

Offertory Ashokan Fairwell

*Doxology (Hymn 606, purple) Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow Geneva Psalter

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 (Romans 13, Matthew 24)

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Unceasing Prayer

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Trusting that God knows each person and need, please hold in your prayers...
Roger Walker  Orestes Paez  Shane Hanley  Susan Winkler  Meghan Payne and her family
Whitaker Raymer  Edward Shenall and his family  Linda Leland  John Blake
Eric Malecki and family  Hilary, Christine and Ben

FLOWERS on the Pedestals are given in loving memory of Tom T. Thoreson, given by Curt and Angel Schade.

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This Week’s Calendar

Today, December 1 10:00 am Worship with communion and Sunday School
Monday, December 2 12:30 pm Al-Anon
Tuesday, December 3 7:30 am Men’s Club, John Papas Café
1:00 pm Knitting Group, M. Siska’s House
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The pastor continues… Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sung Response… (Music for Response, #552 purple)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the Highest.

The pastor continues… Great is the mystery of faith.

Sung Response… (Music for Response, #553 purple)

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)

The pastor continues… Through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever:

Sung Response… (Music for Response, #554 purple)

Amen, amen, amen.

Breaking Bread and Pouring the Cup

Feasting Together

To signify our oneness in Christ, please hold the bread until everyone has been served.

You may drink the cup as soon as you receive it, indicating your individual relationship with Christ.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Gracious and abundant God, even as we wait for the fulfillment of your creation, you meet us in Christ at this table, in this meal. We thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of salvation. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Holy Spirit to share your life and salvation with all whom we meet. Amen.

Going Forth in God’s Name

*Hymn #384 (purple) Soon and Very Soon Andraé Crouch
*Charge, Benediction, and Response (#601) (purple) Amen Danish Amen

Postlude

WORSHIP LEADERS
The Rev Scot A. McCachren
Jane Hastay, Music Director
Lay Reader, Michelle Grant
Violinist, Michael O'Keefe

ELDER OF THE MONTH
Michelle Grant

DEACON OF THE MONTH
Linda McCachren
Parish Happenings

Memorial Garden Rededication
Join us after church (and the short congregational meeting) next Sunday, December 8, as we rededicate the First Presbyterian Memorial Garden. We've changed the landscaping, removing some shrubs and adding a new lawn and other plants, including two beautiful crepe myrtle trees. The garden will be a beautiful place for meditation and to remember our departed loved ones. Special thanks go to Leslie Clarke and John Cataletto for their vision and leadership.

Art of Song Christmas Concert
Friday, December 13 at 7:30 pm in the Session House featuring Duchess
A NYC vocal trio in the great tradition of the Boswell Sisters, Duchess just finished a 4-day run with The Paul Taylor Dance Company at the Joyce Theater singing the role of the Andrews Sisters. Vocalists Amy Cervini, Hilary Gardners, and Melissa Stylianou provide tight harmonies and big fun!

Tickets are online for $25 at ArtOfSong.org

Congregational Meeting Next Week
The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, December 8, 2019, after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and act on the report of the Church Nominating Committee and to approve the pastor's terms of call for 2020. No other business will be conducted at this meeting.

Youth Group Shopping Trip Today!
All youth, grades 6-12, will meet with Kristy Eberhart after church today for a Christmas shopping trip. We'll be picking out gifts for our church's Christmas family and for White Gifts. Bring money for lunch. Friends are always welcome!

Breakfast News
How would the events of Advent and Christmas be covered on the modern 24-hour news cycle? It's all covered by the news in Bethlehem: Year Zero. Join Pastor Scott for an Advent study based on this unique video. Thursdays during Advent (Dec. 5, 12, 19) at 12:15 in the Session House (during our usual time for Brown Bag Bible Study).

White Gifts will be offered during worship next week, December 8th. Please wrap in white paper. For men, concentrate on socks, undershirts, thermal underwear, and hats. For women, get underwear, socks, mittens/gloves and socks. All items should be marked male or female and what the item is.

Don't forget to visit the Christmas Giving Tree in the narthex and pick up a gift-suggestion ornament for one or more of our adopted families. Be sure to wrap and tape the ornament to your gift and leave it in the large Christmas box located in the narthex.

Don't Miss:
- Children's Christmas Pageant: Don't miss worship on Sunday, December 15! Our children have been working hard to prepare this year's retelling of the nativity story through their annual Christmas Pageant. Come see some of the magic of Christmas!
- Fellowship and Christmas Cheer: Come one, come all - Sunday, December 15, we'll all meet at the Session House at 4:00 pm and carol our way to Herrick Park where we'll gather for hot chocolate and snacks. Take an hour or so out of your busy holiday schedule to share this special Christmas festivity.
- Youth Group Christmas Party: Sunday, December 15, we'll start at 4:00 by joining in the Caroling festivities, then stop at Fiero's for pizza on the way back to the Session House for our Annual Youth Group Christmas Party. Bring a wrapped gift with no more than $10 value. We'll open gifts and hopefully have time for a few surprises in time for pick up at 6:30. Friends are always welcome!

East Hampton Food Pantry serves our community by collecting food and distributing it to those in need. With the holidays upon us the food pantry needs more donations than usual. This week's item of the week to bring in next Sunday is peanut butter and jelly.

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