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.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EAST HAMPTON
Celebration of the Lord’s Day
December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent

Gathering in God’s Name

Prelude
Welcome and Parish Concerns
Voluntary
Lighting of the Advent Candle
Josh, Summer, Coral, Sandy, and Teddy Borsack
Response:
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 2)
O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer, our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night. And death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*Call to Worship
Leader: In this season of bumper to bumper stress, with life more crowded than the stores,
People: God welcomes us to a feast of faithfulness, where we may sit in peace and gentleness.
Leader: In these times of rancorous rants and snide remarks, with people too busy to offer words of compassion,
People: Jesus whispers of hope for broken hearts, sings carols of justice for all the outsiders.
Leader: In these days of more and more time spent with devices, and fewer moments with those who could touch us with joy,
People: The Spirit embraces us with peace that comforts, loves us with a passion beyond 140 characters.

*Opening Prayer
(Matthew 2)

*Hymn #87 (purple)
Comfort, Comfort Now My People
Genevan Psalter

Confession and Pardon
Loving God, we confess that we have not lived as your children. We muddy the clear waters of baptism with the debris of selfishness. We sit in our lonely lives feasting on bitterness, when we could be feasting with those who are told not to trust. We wait for all our desires to be taken care of by you, while we could be filling other lives with your grace and hope. Forgive us, God of this holy season, and help us draw near to others, to comfort their brokenness,
touch their loneliness, embrace their grief, and love them as you loved us when you came so long ago – as you love us still. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon (Romans 15)
*Passing the Peace of Christ (Romans 15)
*Gloria (Hymn 582, purple)
Glorious, 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.

Proclaiming God’s Word
Children’s Message and White Gifts Collection
Prayer for Illumination (Romans 15)
Scripture Reading
Old Testament Isaiah 11:1-10 (OT Page 640)
Epistle Romans 15:4-13 (NT Page 163)
Gospel Matthew 3:1-12 (NT Page 2)
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon
Responding to God with Thanksgiving
*Hymn #100 (purple)
*Affirmation of Faith – adapted from the Westminster Confession of Faith (6.044)
The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him human nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the human, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very human, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and humanity. Amen.

Moment for Mission
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.

Offerings and Pledge Dedications – Visitor and Prayer Cards may also be placed in the collection boxes
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
Shane Hanley
Susan Winkler
Meghan Payne and her family
Whitaker Raymer
Edward Sheffill and his family
Linda Leland
John Blake
Eric Malecki and family
Hilary, Christine and Ben
Family of Fred Christenson
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: Michelle Grant
"Care Cards" to brighten someone’s day are available in the Narthex – please help yourself.

This Week’s Calendar
Today, December 8
10:00 am Worship and Sunday School
11:00 am Congregational Meeting
11:00 am Deacon’s Coffee Hour
11:30 am Men’s Club, John Papas Café
1:00 pm Knitting Group, M. Siska’s House
5:00 pm Communications Meeting
6:00 pm Ramblers Meeting
Wednesday, December 11 (office closed)
7:00 pm Session Meeting
Thursday, December 12
12:00 pm Prayer Circle, Sanctuary
12:30 pm Al Anon
4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Christian Education Meeting
7:30 pm Art of Song Concert
10:00 am Worship and Sunday School
Sunday, December 15
10:00 am Children’s Christmas Pageant
4:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party

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The Rev. Dr. John Ames
The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz
**Parish Happenings**

**Congregational Meeting Today** The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for after worship today. 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.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN REDEDICATION** Join us after today’s congregational meeting for the rededication of our Memorial Garden, after the landscaping has been significantly upgraded. Also, keep an eye on the garden during the spring and summer because more beautiful plantings are on the way!

**BREAKING 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 Scot 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).

**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 by December 15.

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** Don’t miss worship next 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!

**YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY** next 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 $5 to pitch in for the pizza and 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 canned meat.

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**Offertory** Prepare the Way of the Lord

*Doxology* (Hymn 606, purple)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication (Isaiah 11)

**Going Forth in God’s Name**

*Hymn #163 (purple)*

Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice

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

**Worship Leaders**

The Rev Scot A. McCachren

Jane Hastay, Music Director

Lay Reader, Don Smith

Chancel Choir

**Ushers**

Peter and Rachel Cooper

**Elder of the Month**

Michelle Grant

**Deacon of the Month**

Linda McCachren

**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 Cerino, Hilary Garencier, and Melissa Stilianou provide tight harmonies and big fun!

Tickets are online for $25 at Artosong.org

Let’s go Caroling!

Next Sunday, December 15, we’ll all meet at the Session House at 4:00 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 time with your church family.