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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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF EAST HAMPTON

Celebration of the Lord’s Day
December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent

Gathering in God’s Name

Welcome and Parish Concerns
Voluntary
Lighting of the Advent Candle
Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 3)

*Call to Worship (Isaiah 35)

Leader: Wait for the Lord: God is coming to save us.
People: The eyes of the blind will be opened. The ears of the deaf will hear once more.
Leader: Wait for the Lord: Christ is coming to heal us.
People: The lame will leap like a deer. The tongue of the mute will shout for joy.
Leader: Wait for the lord: The Spirit is coming to renew us.
People: All things will be made new. Come! Let us worship God.

*Opening Prayer (Luke 1, James 5)

Hymn #93 (purple)

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Musica Sacra

Confession and Pardon (unison) (Zephaniah 3, Isaiah 12)

Eternal Deliverer, bring us back to you when we wander. Gather us together when we scatter. Deliver us from the sins that separate us from one another and from you. Nourish us with the springs of your saving grace and with your compassion, which never fails. In joy and thanksgiving, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (James 5)

*Passing the Peace of Christ (Matthew 11)

*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 Christmas Pageant
Choral Song: Angels We Have Heard on High
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7
Hymn #88 (purple), first verse: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Hymn #119 (purple), first verse: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7
Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-18, 20
Hymn #151 (purple), verses 1-4, chorus is only sung on verses 1 and 4: We Three Kings
Hymn #115 (purple), only children sing 1st verse, then all join in: Away in a Manger

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed (traditional) (2.1-3)
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.

Moment for Mission – Care & Outreach – Paul Vogel, Mary Ella Moeller, Carolyn Preische, Ellen Halsey
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
*Doxology (Hymn 606, purple) Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Genevan 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 (Luke 1, James 5)

Going Forth in God’s Name

*Hymn #82 (purple) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Rowland Hugh Prichard
*Charge, Benediction, and Response (#601) (purple) Amen Danish Amen

Postlude

Let’s Go Caroling!
Today at 4:00, we’ll all meet at the Session House 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.
**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  John Blake
Sam and Danielle  Meghan Payne and her family  Whittaker Raymer  Edward Sherrill and his family  Linda Leland  Eric Malecki  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:** Shirley Wornstaff & Ellie Ratsep

"Care Cards" to brighten someone’s day are available in the Narthex – please help yourself.

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**This Week’s Calendar**

**Today, December 15**

10:00 am  Worship and Sunday School

Children’s Christmas Pageant

4:00 pm  Christmas Caroling

**Monday, December 16**

12:30 pm  Al-Anon

**Tuesday, December 17**

7:30 am  Men’s Club, John Papa & Café

1:00 pm  Knitting Group, M. Siska’s House

**Wednesday, December 18 (office closed)**

**Thursday, December 19**

12:00 pm  Prayer Circle, Sanctuary

12:15 pm  Advent Study, Session House

12:30 pm  Al-Anon

1:30 pm  Worship and Music Committee Meeting

6:00 pm  Deacon’s Meeting

7:00 pm  Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm  Deacon’s Meeting

7:00 pm  The Longest Night Service

3:00 pm  Worship and Sunday School

**Friday, December 20**

12:00 pm  Prayer Circle, Sanctuary

12:30 pm  Deacon’s Meeting

7:00 pm  Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 21**

7:00 pm  The Longest Night Service

**Sunday, December 22**

10:00 am  Worship and Sunday School

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**Parish Happenings**

**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).

**YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY** this afternoon, we’ll start at 4:00 by joining in the church’s Caroling festivities, then stop at Fiero’s for pizza on the way back to the Session House, where we’ll have 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!**

**December 29 – Christmas Carol Singalong!**

Don’t be in a rush to get out of the Christmas Spirit once the big day passes. The Christmas Season will still be with us! On December 29, we’ll have a music-filled gathering during our regular Sunday morning worship hour to sing carols and enjoy special musical offerings.

**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 pasta & sauce.