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 is provided during the service upstairs from the narthex (lobby). We also invite you to keep your child with you in the sanctuary.
- Restrooms: Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. The restrooms 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 most Sunday evenings at 5:00 during the school year. Ask Pastor Scot for more information.

Gathering in God’s Name

Welcoming the Light of Christ
Welcome and Parish Concerns
Prelude
- Call to Worship
  - Leader: Gentle
  - People: Yet powerful
  - Leader: Lowly
  - People: Yet almighty
  - Leader: Shepherd
  - People: Yet King
  - Leader: In your gentleness, guide us
  - People: In your Power, strengthen us
  - Leader: In your lowliness, strip from us our selfish pride
  - People: In your greatness, lift us up that we might aspire to greater things
  - Leader: As a shepherd, call us to be your servants
  - People: As a king, call us into your priesthood

*Opening Prayer
Please remain seated for all of the Christmas Carols
- Hymn #145 verses 1 & 3 What Child Is This
  - English ballad
- Hymn #144 verses 1 & 4 In the Bleak Midwinter
  - Gustav Holst

*Passing the Peace of Christ
- Gloria
  - English ballad Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
  - Paul M. Vásile

Proclaiming God’s Word

Children’s Message
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading
- Old Testament Psalms 95:1-7
- Old Testament Isaiah 42:10-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
**Responding to God with Thanksgiving**

Hymn 113 verses 1 & 3  
Angels We Have Heard on High  
French carol

Hymn  
Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella  
French carol

Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella: Bring a torch, come swiftly and run.  
Christ is born, tell the folk of the village; Jesus is sleeping in His cradle.  
Ah, Ab beautiful is the Mother; Ah, Ab beautiful is her Son  
Hasten now, good folk of the village; Hasten now, the Christ-Child to see.  
You will find Him asleep in the manger; Quietly come and whisper softly  
Hush, Hush, peacefully now He slumbers; Hush, Hush, peacefully now He sleeps

Hymn 132  
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice  
German folk melody

Hymn  
O Come, Little children  
German carol

O come, little children, from cot and from hall; O come to the manger in Bethlehem's stall.  
There watch He layeth the heavenly Child, so poor and so humble, so sweet and so mild.  
The hay is His pillow, the manger His bed; The beasts stand in wonder to gaze on His head.  
Yet there where He lieth, so weak and so poor, Come shepherds and wise men to kneel at His door.  
Now “Glory to God” sing the angels on high, “And peace upon earth” heavenly voices reply.  
Then come, little children, and join in the lay; That gladdened the world on that first Christmas Day.

Hymn 128  
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly  
Polish folk melody

*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.

**This Week’s Calendar**

**Today, Dec 29**  
10:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School  
11:00 am Pastor Scot on Vacation

**Monday, Dec 30**  
12:30 pm Al-Anon, Session House

**Tuesday, Dec 31 (New Year’s Eve)**  
7:30 pm Men’s Club, John Papas Cafe  
Office closed

**Wednesday, Jan 1 (New Year’s Day!!!)**  
12:00 pm Prayer Circle, Sanctuary  
12:30 pm Al Anon

**Thursday, Jan 2**  
10:00 am UN-Hanging the Greens  
10:00 am Worship w/ communion & Sunday School

**Saturday, Jan 4**  
10:00 am UN-Hanging the Greens

**Sunday, Jan 5**  
10:00 am Worship w/ communion & Sunday School

**Ongoing Community Outreach**

**LAUNDRY LOVE** helps people who are struggling financially by assisting them with doing their laundry. You can put coins or cash in the labeled container in the Narthex or a check in the morning offering with “Laundry Love” on the memo line.

**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 fruits and veggies.

**AL-ANON** is a worldwide anonymous fellowship offering a program of recovery for friends and families of alcoholics. Al-Anon meets in the **Session House, Mondays & Thursdays at 12:30 pm.**

**Revelation 5:1-14**  
**Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor**  
**Jane Hastay, Music Director**  
**Gina Ferrara, Administrator**

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**Pastors Emeriti**

- The Rev. Dr. John Ames  
- The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz
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 Winds through the Olive Trees soloist Pember Edwards
*Doxology (Hymn 592) “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Old Hundredth
“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

Going Forth in God’s Name
Hymn 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain African American Spiritual

*Benediction

*Response (Hymn 585) Amen McNeil Robinson II

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

Participating in this morning’s service: Jane Hastay, Music Director; Donald Smith, David Cataletto, Harriet Edwards, Mary Siska, Joan Osborne, Barbara D’Andrea, and Linda Child, speakers; Pember Edwards, soloist.

DEACON OF THE MONTH
Linda McCachren

ELDER OF THE MONTH
Michelle Grant

FLOWERS on the communion table are given to the glory of God from the Deacons Flower Fund

THIS WEEK’S CARE & OUTREACH CONTACT: Hilary Malecki
To offer flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, contact Summer Borsack, (631) 903-0778 or summerborsack@gmail.com

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

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 Whitaker Raymer Marci Chatfield
Edward Shemill and his family Linda Leland Eric Malecki Family of Fred Christenson

Parish Happenings

Pastor Scot will be away from December 26 – December 31.

UN-Hanging the Greens! We’ll be taking down the Christmas Decorations at the church on Saturday, January 4, at 10:00 am. Please plan to come give the Deacons a hand.

Brown Bag Bible Study will resume at 12:15, on Thursday, January 9.