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 nursery with toys, books, rocking chair, and changing table is upstairs over 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

March 8, 2020
2nd Sunday of Lent

Gathering in God’s Name

Prelude:
Welcome and Parish Concerns
Voluntary
* Call to Worship (Genesis 12)
  Leader: The God of Abram leads us forward.
  Leader: The God of Abram is here to bless us.
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  * Opening Prayer (John 3)
  * Hymn #165 (purple) The Glory of These Forty Days Klug’s Geistliche Lieder

Confession and Pardon (Psalm 121, John 3, Genesis 12)
Maker of heaven and earth, lift our eyes to the hills, that we might find our help in times of trial and sinfulness. Like Nicodemus before us, we long to lift our gaze from the ground and behold your blessed face calling us to follow you, but we are too wrapped up in the earth to look to heaven above. Like your disciples of old, we yearn to set fear aside and to be found faithful in the presence of your awesome power. Teach our hearts anew to trust your Spirit and the promise of your blessings. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (John 3)
Pastor: Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
People: Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* Passing the Peace of Christ (Genesis 12)

* Gloria (Hymn 582, purple) Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me Paul M. Vasile
  Gloria 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.
* Please stand if you are able
Parish Happenings

Bingo Night! Don’t miss the great event being planned by your Fellowship Committee for Friday, March 13th, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, in the Session House. Prizes for adults and for kids. This is a fundraiser – just a great time for all! So, come try your luck on Friday the 13th! Reserve your spot by calling the church office or emailing fpcsecy@optonline.net.

The Youth Group is going on a mission trip to New York City on March 20-21 to learn about homelessness and street life. On Friday, they will cook and serve a dinner party for guests from a nearby shelter, then work most of the day Saturday in soup kitchens all over the city, cooking and serving guests. We’ll be taking donations of playing cards and dominoes. Both are favorites for the dinner party guests. There is a box in the narthex for new or gently used, complete, sets through March 15.

Healthy Greetings: With so much concern about viruses and other bugs, here’s how we will greet each other at church for a while, including the Passing of the Peace. What better way to greet each other in the name of Christ than with a hand on your heart, a nod of your head, and a kind word? And remember: there’s hand sanitizer in every pew and the narthex!

Urgent needs for Cuba Mission! Cuba’s economy continues to be affected by the whims of time. The people are truly suffering. Part of our mission trip to Cuba is bringing things the people need. If you’d like to help and be part of this mission, this year we’re asking for new over-the-counter medicines: Aspirin and Non-Aspirin Products (Acetaminophen), Naproxen (Aleve), Ibuprofen, Children’s Tylenol; Multi-Vitamins for children, adults, and seniors; Vitamins C, B, and E; Anti-inflammatory Creams like Hydrocortisone; Antibiotic Creams like Triple Antibiotic or Bacitracin; Heartburn meds like Malox, Tums, Pepto Bismol, Zantac; Ben Gay, Eye drops, Antifungal Creams, etc.

To God Be the Glory

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Genesis 12:1-4a (OT Page 10)
Psalter Psalm 121 (OT Page 571)
New Testament John 3:1-17 (NT Page 93)

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

*Hymn #215 (purple) What Wondrous Love Is This Walker’s Southern Harmony

*Affirmation of Faith “A New Creed” United Church in Canada

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Special Presentation on the Cuba Partnership “It’s a Calling” Rev. Rob Stuart

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer Response Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Alleluia!

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Responding to God with Thanksgiving

*Hymn #634 (purple) To God Be the Glory William Howard Doane

*Charge, Benediction, and Response (#601) (purple) Amen Danish Amen

Postlude Please remain standing at your pew until choir recesses

Proclaiming God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination (John 3)

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Sermon Milestones, Part I: The Tyranny of Certainty Pastor Scot

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

Offering Into the Woods My Master Went Austin C. Lovelace

*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

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WORSHIP LEADERS
The Reverend Scot McCachren, Pastor
Jane Hastay, Director of Music
Paul Vogel, Lay Reader
Chancel Choir

USHERS
Bob and Joan Osborne
Mary and Bruce Siska

ELDER OF THE MONTH
Pember Edwards

FLOWERS on the Communion Table are given to the Glory of God from the Deacons 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: Don Smith & Jessica Fingleton
"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 these people in your prayers...

Jim Winkler                                Gordon Grant
Jane Hastay                  Roger Walker
June Tibbets and family                                John Blake
                                                                 Carol and Dave Baker

This Week’s Calendar
Sunday, March 8
10:00 am       Worship and Sunday School
               Coffee Hour
               Handbell Rehearsal
               Youth Group Meeting

Monday, March 9
12:30 pm       Al-Anon

Tuesday, March 10
7:30 am       Men’s Club, John Papas Café
               Book Club
               Prayer Circle, Sanctuary
               Lenten Study with Pastor Scot

Wednesday, March 11
12:00 pm  Prayer Rehearsal
               Choir Rehearsal
               Christian Education Meeting
               Bingo Night
               Worship and Sunday School

A musical walk through faith to benefit the East End Food Pantries, featuring Southampton, Bridgehampton, and East Hampton Presbyterian Handbell Choirs. Saturday, March 28, 4:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton.