

WELCOME TO
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF EAST HAMPTON



-SERVICE OF THE WORD-

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024 | 10:00 a.m.

PASTOR'S WELCOME



Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton – an active worshipping community since 1648. While the world has changed greatly in our 376 year history, this community of faith has had the same mission since day one: to love God and our neighbor. We embody this mission through faith in action. Through feeding programs, bible studies, youth events, and service trips – we create space for God to work among us. We believe that who you are is a part of what you believe. That faith is a journey, not a destination. And that asking questions, having doubts, and being curious is part of living an authentic faith. God's call requires our full self: heart, soul, body, and mind.

I joined FPCEH as its pastor in January 2024. As a new resident of the East End, I've enjoyed soaking in the local culture and history. I'm a fan of gardening, movies, music, and my wife Alyson. When she isn't playing with our dog Sam, she serves as an oncology nurse. I look forward to getting to know everyone who comes through our doors.

Church Staff

The Rev. Jon D. Rodriguez, *Minister*

Jane Hastay, *Director of Music*

June Lester, *Church Administrator*

The Rev. Dr. John Ames. & The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz,
Pastors Emeriti

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Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

Introit

Alleluia, He Is Risen

*arr. Michael R.
Keller*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Pastor: This is the good news we have received, in which we stand,
And by which we are saved.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Let us worship God.

*(* Please rise in body or in spirit. For hymns, stand when the choir stands.)*

* HYMN 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Robert Williams

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, And indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

(Silence for personal reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

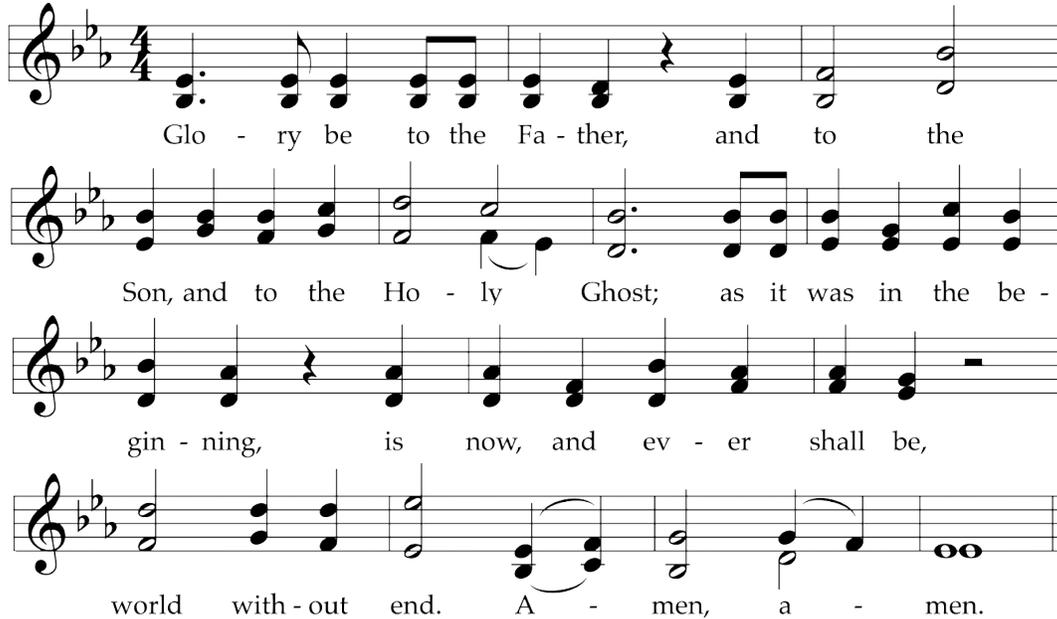
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

***GLORIA Patri**



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ "See, I will create
new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.

¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.

²⁰ "Never again will there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not live out his years;
the one who dies at a hundred
will be thought a mere child;
the one who fails to reach a hundred
will be considered accursed.

²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² No longer will they build houses and others
live in them,

or plant and others eat.
For as the days of a tree,
so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy
the work of their hands.

²³ They will not labor in vain,
nor will they bear children doomed to
misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the LORD,
they and their descendants with them.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent's food.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

ANTHEM

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

arr. Cathy Moglebust

SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my

Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). ¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

SERMON

Called to Resurrection

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

* HYMN 248

**Christ Is Risen!
Shout Hosanna!**

Ludwig van Beethoven

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...in your mercy,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

That Easter Day *Setting by David Lantz III* with Joy Was Bright

That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord.

O Lord of all, with us abide in this
our joyful Eastertide; from every
weapon death can wield, your own
redeemed forever shield.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do all our
inmost heart possess, and we to you
will ever raise the tribute of our
grateful praise.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to
you, who, dead, again do live; to
God the Father equal praise, and
God the Holy Ghost, we raise.
Alleluia! Amen.

* DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Savior and our God.

* HYMN 232

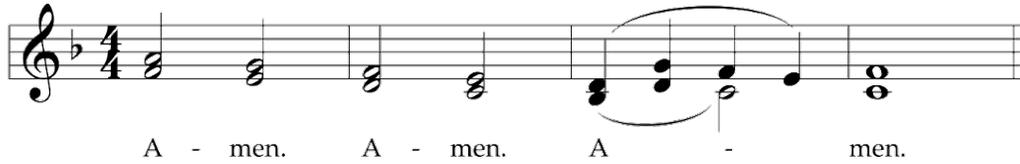
Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Danish Amen



CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah

George Frideric Handel

All are welcome to participate in the final congregational response. Scores are available for those who wish to participate.

* DISMISSAL

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Worship Leaders

<i>Minister:</i>	The Rev. Jon D. Rodriguez
<i>Music:</i>	Jane Hastay, Chancel Choir, First Church Bell Choir, Julie Bluestone
<i>Elder of the Month:</i>	Bruce Siska
<i>Deacon of the Month:</i>	Gabby Miller
<i>Reader:</i>	Don Smith
<i>Ushers:</i>	Kim Borsack, Paul Vogel, Piper Borsack, David Filer, Ashley Milne-Tyte, Madeleine Lockwood

Session

Moderator: The Rev. Jon D. Rodriguez
Clerk: Mary Siska
Members: Class of 2024: Kim Borsack, David Filer, Michelle Grant, Paul Vogel; **Class of 2025:** Andrea Cooper, Barbara D'Andrea, Harriet Edwards, Pember Edwards; **Class of 2026:** Bruce Siska, Barbara Borsack, David Cataletto, Wendy Mott

Board of Deacons

Co-Moderators: Nancy Pearson & Joy Anne Dixon
Members: Class of 2024: Kristine Eberhart, Christine Martin, Nancy Pearson; **Class of 2025:** Fran Chapman, Joy Anne Dixon, Suzanne Nicoletti; **Class of 2026:** Greg Eberhart, Gabby Miller, Heddie Edwards, Leslie Clark

The Life of the Church

Please pray for the following friends: Lee Andrews, Liz Dayton, Heddie Edwards Robert Fariel, Gordon Grant, Kayla Kearney, Dana Lester, Gus Lockwood, Jale Ogden, Bill Stafford, Jane Talmage, Jeff Yusko, Our Sister Church in Guines, Cuba and their pastor & his family.

East Hampton Food Pantry serves our community by collecting food and distributing it to those in need. This week's item of the week is canned meat.

Flower Donations | If you would like to donate flowers for the communion table and/or pedestals in honor or in memory of a loved one please e-mail Summer Borsack at summerborsack@gmail.com or call the church office. Please let us know if the flowers are to be distributed after the service.

The Monday morning prayer group which was formed for the purpose of praying for the Pastor Nominating Committee over a year ago will continue to meet Monday mornings at the Session House at 9 am to spend time in prayer for the church and the needs of the congregation. All are welcome – please feel free to drop in anytime!

This Week at FPC

Sunday, March 31

9 am | Sunday School – Session House
10 am | Worship – Sanctuary
11:15 | Easter Egg Hunt
4 pm | Porch Musicians – Session House

Monday, April 1

9 am | Prayer Group – Session House
12:30 | Al-Anon – Session House
7 pm | Choral Society Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 2

7:30 am | Breakfast Club – John Papas
1 pm | Prayer Shawl Knitting Group – Off Site
(contact admin@fpceh.org for more information)

Wednesday, April 3

Thursday, April 4

12:30 pm | Al-Anon – Session House
3:30 pm | Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, April 5

6 pm | First Fridays Fellowship Pizza +
Bingo – Session House

Saturday, April 6

About the Artist



Nicolas Bertin (1668-1736). In 1678 Nicolas Bertin was apprenticed to Guy-Louis Vernansal; he later became a pupil of Jean Jouvenet and in 1684-85 of Bon Boullogne. By 1684 he was enrolled at the Académie Royale, Paris, and a year later won the Prix de Rome with his Construction of Noah's Ark (untraced). He probably arrived in Rome towards the end of 1685, and he stayed until the winter of 1688-89. While in Italy he studied the work of Raphael and the Carracci family, as well as showing an interest in Correggio. He also led a student protest against the teaching régime of

the Académie de France in Rome.

After some months in Lyon he returned to Paris in 1689 and began to work on minor commissions, including drawings of the statues in the park at Versailles (Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale). The influence of the Boullogne brothers is evident in his small-scale paintings of this time, such as Mercury Killing Argus (c. 1690-95; destroyed), with its graceful but stylized figures and clear, Flemish-derived colours. Two works of the turn of the century, Joseph and Potiphar's Wife and Susanna and the Elders (both 1699; Amsterdam, Rijksmuseum), indicate that he was in the forefront of the contemporary movement in religious art towards small-scale works destined for private collectors. Although sacred, the subjects were capable of a secular interpretation, and Bertin exploited this ambiguity to the full.



Excerpt - Web Gallery of Art | wga.hu

Cover Art | Nicolas Bertin (1668-1736), The Resurrection of Christ

M e m b e r s h i p

Whether you've been a Presbyterian your entire life or you are still deciding whether church is right for you, you are welcome here. If you are interested in exploring more about Christianity and what it means to follow Jesus, we invite you to join a new member class. Classes are typically held on select Sundays after worship. Contact Pastor Jon for more information – jdr@fpceh.org

G i v i n g

Stewardship is really about discipleship—following Jesus as Lord in every aspect of our daily living. Stewards are those who care for things that belong to another and have been entrusted to them for safe-keeping. Christian stewardship begins with the recognition that everything in our lives comes from and belongs to God and has been given to us for the purpose of not only serving, but more important, glorifying God as we seek to follow Jesus Christ as his faithful disciples. Contact Pastor Jon for more information.

C o m m u n i c a t i o n s

Once a week we distribute our newsletter, *News From the Pews*, to keep our community informed about upcoming events and important information about the life of the church. To sign up, contact the Church Office – admin@fpceh.org

P r a y e r L i s t

Pastoral Care is provided in a variety of ways at FPCEH. Our pastor is available for pastoral conversations when members and friends of the church are struggling with difficult life situations or wrestling with faith questions and dilemmas. The pastor also visits and reaches out to members who are hospitalized, ill or who have suffered a recent loss. If you would like to speak with our pastor, call and make an appointment. He will do his best to see you as soon as possible. Contact the Church Office for more information – admin@fpceh.org

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