

WELCOME TO
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF EAST HAMPTON



-SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT-

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;

People: Our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.

Pastor: Beloved, we are God's children now,

People: When Christ is revealed, we will be like him.

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 246

Christ Is Alive!

Truro

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 of our sins. 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)

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Franz Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria (Taizé)

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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

FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12-19

¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷ “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

³ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

³⁶ Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

SERMON

Obedience to the Light

Responding to God with Thanksgiving

* HYMN

How Deep the Father’s Love For Us

How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure, that
 hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 will not boast in an - y - thing; no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran -

ry. ished. Be - som. I

* 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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Bread, Blessed and Broken

arr. Jane Hastay

*Jesus, you're the one I love,
You're the one I know.
You're the one who makes
me strong,
Spirit in my soul.
From the clouds of yesterday,
Through the night of pain,
Teach me, Lord, to
know your way
Know it once again.*

*Bread, blessed and
broken for us all;
Symbol of Your love
from the grain so tall.
Bread, blessed and
broken for us all;
Bread of life you give to
us, bread of life for all.*

*May the bread we
break today,
May the cup we share,
Lift the burdens of our hearts,
Lift them ev'rywhere.
Passing on to each of us,
A measure of your love
Love to make us whole
again, As we share your
Word.*

* 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

Gracious God accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; that they may be a living and holy sacrifice, to the glory of your name. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

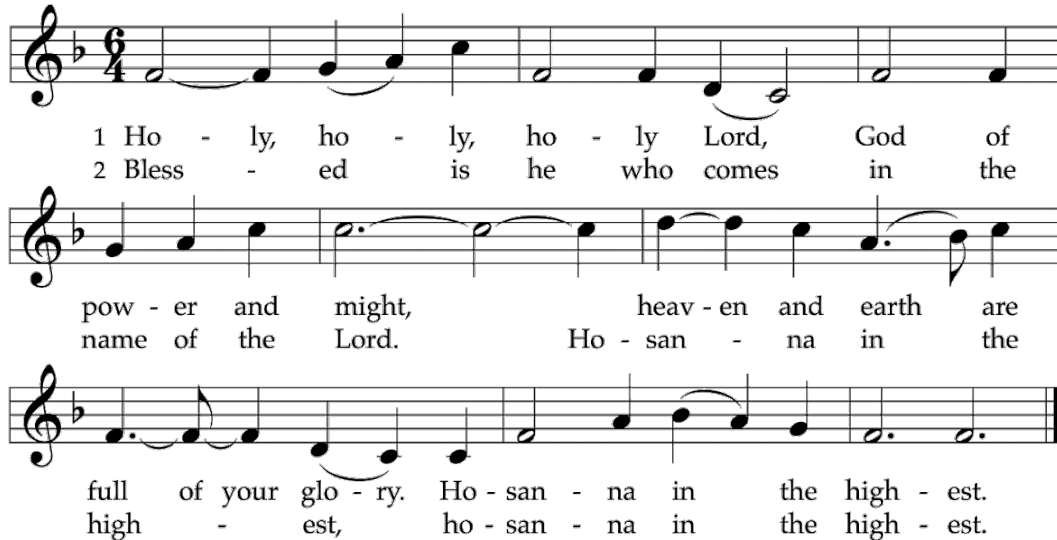
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

SANCTUS

Proulx



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...in your mercy,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.

The Life of the Church

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

A New Member's Class will be held in the Session House following worship on April 21. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about the church's history, beliefs, and mission. Please RSVP to Pastor Jon (jdr@fpceh.org) to reserve your spot and ensure there is enough food for everyone.

A Concert celebrating Spring + Earth Day will take place in the sanctuary on April 21 at 3pm. The program will be performed by pianist Beyza Yazgan, and will include a stunning 3-part work by composer Brian Field called "Three Passions for a Tortured Planet." The program will also include repertoire to celebrate Spring and Earth Day, including "Native Planting Song" by Jean Sibelius, "Woodlark" by Oliver Messiaen, "Reflections in the Water" by Claude Debussy, and more. Not only will the concert be a thrilling performance by our young virtuoso guest pianist, but it will be a benefit to raise money for Matthew Lester's pollinator garden at the Farm Museum. We hope to raise funds and recruit volunteers to help the garden thrive.

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.

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, April 7

10 am | Worship & Communion – Sanctuary
4 pm | Porch Musicians – Session House

Monday, April 8

9 am | Prayer Group – Session House
12:30 | Al-Anon – Session House

Tuesday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 10

Thursday, April 11

12:30 pm | Al-Anon – Session House
3:30 pm | Chancel Choir rehearsal
5:15 | Mission & Outreach Meeting (All are welcome to join)

Friday, April 12

Saturday, April 13

About the Artist



Diego Velázquez (1599 – 1660). Velázquez was born in 1599 in Seville in southern Spain, at that time an important city with a thriving artistic community. At the age of eleven, Velázquez was apprenticed to Francisco Pacheco, Seville's most significant artist and art theorist.

From Pacheco, Velázquez learned the technical skills of drawing and painting, still-life and portraiture and soon surpassed his master. Unlike the more traditional Pacheco, he responded to the techniques of modern innovators such as Caravaggio. (Caravaggio was famous for his dark, dramatically lit works and un-

idealised models. Copies of his paintings spread all over Europe.)

In 1617, Velázquez finished his apprenticeship and was granted the right to set up his own studio. A year later, he married Pacheco's daughter Juana and by 1621, the couple had two daughters. In 1623, thanks to his father-in-law's connections, Velázquez was asked to paint a portrait of the young King Philip IV. Philip was so delighted with the result that he immediately appointed Velázquez as one of his court painters, and from then on would allow no one else to paint him.

He continued to be busy with commissions however, producing paintings for the new Palacio del Buen Retiro, and other residencies. In 1643 Velázquez was promoted again, to Gentleman of the Bedchamber. He was also made superintendent of the palace works. In 1649 Velázquez made a second journey to Italy to buy paintings and keep himself up-to-date with developments in Italian art. While there he painted several portraits, including one of Pope Innocent X. He also had an affair resulting in an illegitimate child which considerably delayed his return to Spain - much to the king's annoyance. The 17th century was the 'Siglo de Oro' or 'Golden Age' for art and literature in Spain. Velázquez painted while Cervantes wrote 'Don Quixote' and Lope de Vega wrote his plays. This was despite the religious and political wars that drained the Spanish economy, and the devastating outbreaks of plague.

Velázquez was promoted to increasingly senior administrative positions which left him less time for painting. Velázquez's close relationship with the king and his family continued. In his most famous work, 'Las Meninas' (The Maids of Honour) he shows himself at work in the court.

In 1658 Velázquez was made a Knight of Santiago. It was an honour he had always desired and his badge of office has been added to his self-portrait in 'Las Meninas'. Two years later, in 1660, he fell ill and died, followed by his wife just a week later.

Excerpt – The National Gallery | nationalgallery.org.uk

Cover Art | Velázquez, Diego, 1599-1660. Supper at Emmaus, from Art in the Christian Tradition

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 –

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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 –

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