

5:30pm service continues

The Choral Anthem "All Is Well" arr. L. Larson

The Third Lesson: Matthew 1: 18-25
St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

*Carol # 185 "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

The Fourth Lesson: Luke 2: 8-20
The Shepherds go to the manger.

Christmas Meditation Pastor Rick Boyer
"A Funny Thing Happened on Our Way Out to the Flocks"

Offering our gifts to the Christ Child
Offertory Anthem "Mary, Did You Know?" arr. Courtney

*A Reading from St. John 1

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Pastor Rick will light his candle from the Christ Candle and then light the candles of the ushers who will then light the candles of the congregation.

Receive the light by tipping your candle into the flame. Please do not tip lighted candles, as this spills hot wax. Parents, for safety reasons we have flameless battery operated candles for your children under 6 years of age. Please return all candles to the baskets located at the exit doors.

*Carol of the Light # 186 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

*Christmas Blessing

Postlude
* Please stand if able

Ushers today at 5:30 pm are: Faye & John Andreasen, Ruth & Barley Dunne and Evans & Kristen Edson.

Assisting at 5:30pm are Bill, Pam & Delaney Jones.

The flowers on the piano are given in loving memory of Charlotte Holmes by Shirley Holmes and family.

A **STAFFED** nursery is available for children under the age of 2.at the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Service. The Nursery is located in the Christian Education Wing on the Main Level, past the Church Offices and next to the Founders' Room. Ask any Usher for assistance.



"The Work of Christmas Begins"

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman (1899-1981)



The bulletin cover is a copy of an oil painting made by Marjorie Buckingham back in the 1940's. The original painting was recently donated to the church by her son, Bill Buckingham, and is now hanging in the church office reception area. Stop by and take a look!

If you do not have a Church Home, and would like to worship with us here in the oldest Presbyterian Church in America, our Sunday Worship Services are held at 10am. Communion is served in accordance with the Church calendar. We have Sunday School for all ages. Our 8th Grade Confirmation class meets at 9am. All other classes attend the 10am Worship Service and are excused to their respective classes after the Children's Message. Childcare is provided. We look forward to you worshipping with us.

Copies of the donated flower inserts are located in the back of the church. If you have donated flowers and would like to include a copy of the list with your gift, please take one.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Two South Main Street
Southampton New York

The Oldest Presbyterian Church in America

Established 1640

Our Vision

Our Vision at First Presbyterian Church is to be a Cornerstone of Faith in Jesus and a Family of Love and Service, Reaching out to our Community and the World.

Our Mission

Our mission at historic First Presbyterian Church of Southampton is to be a welcoming beacon of light that inspires people of all ages to seek a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. As disciples of Jesus, we will serve others through mission, guide and nurture our youth, and be a loving haven of comfort and support for our community.

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December 24, 2015

5:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "A Christmas Call To Worship" T. Fettke

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath Pam, Bill & Delaney Jones

L: *Tonight is the night for which we have been waiting.*

P: **The Advent wreath is completed with Christ in the center.**

L: *"For unto us a child is given, unto us a Savior is born, and the order of the world will be upon his shoulders."*

P: **With the birth of Christ our lives are centered, focused, turned toward God.**

L: *We light this candle because Christ is the center of our lives.*

*Hymn # 182 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, you sent a star to guide wise men to the child Jesus. We confess that we have not followed the light of your word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world, or trusted your good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son's birth, and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

*Moment for Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon.

Know this that the assurance of our forgiveness has come. "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us . . . His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore." Amen.

Invitatory Prayer

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Christ's Birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah

*Carol # 180 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

The Second Lesson: Luke 1: 26-35

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Organ Prelude

Welcome

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COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE (UNISON):

All praise to you, almighty God, Who sent your son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that, as we are born again in Him, so may He continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

* Carol # 185 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Great God, as you came in the stillness of night, enter our lives this night. Overcome darkness with the light of Christ's presence, that we may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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The Christmas Gospel According to St. Luke Chapter 2

A Christmas Meditation by Pastor Rick Boyer

"A Funny Thing Happened on Our Way Out to the Flocks"

Carol # 191 "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

Offering our Gifts to The Christ Child

Offertory

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

*The Gifts of God for the People of God

The people of God, as directed by the ushers, are invited to come forward to receive the Sacrament by intinction. While sharing the Lord's feast, let the people stand and join in song, using the following carols:

182 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

184 "What Child Is This?"

180 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*Post Communion Prayer

*Illumination by Christ the Light

A reading from St. John I

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*Candlelight Carol # 186 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

* Please stand if able

Assisting with Communion is Kathy Grodski.

The Ushers are Linda Franklin, Kathy & Rich Grodski and Shirley Holmes.

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