

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Scripture Psalm 119: 105 Luke 19: 1-10 John 3: 16-17

Sermon "Seeing Jesus, Saving Grace:  
The Journey Continues" Dr. Randall L. Saxon

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERING** Encouragement Cards may be placed in the collection plate for mailing. Please include the address of non-member. **Please sign the yellow prayer cards when you submit them.**

Offertory "This Is My America" arr. Machen  
Adam Judd, soloist with the Chancel Choir

\*Doxology – Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of our Church and The Lord's Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Anthem with Congregation "Always and Forever" Hayes  
**Choir** – *On the silver wings of morning on the far side of the sea; in the courts of highest heaven You are there. On the mountaintop of pleasure, in the place of deep despair, I cannot flee from Your presence. You are God. You are always and forever, in my future, in my past.*

*Ev'rywhere Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast. You have searched me and You know me. You alone deserve my praise. You are always and forever. You are God. You have laid your hand upon me, when I sit and when I rise. Even darkness will not hide me, You are there. Far beyond my comprehension are the plans you have for me. You know ev'rything about me. You are God*

**Congregation joins, seated - O God, our help in ages past, our hope in years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!**

**Choir** - *You are always and forever, in my future, in my past.*

*Ev'rywhere Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast. You have searched me and You know me. You alone deserve my praise. You are always and forever. You are God.*

\*Benediction

Choral Benediction Response "We Have Come This Far by Faith"

*We have come this far by faith, gently carried in the arms of love. We have come this far with confidence, our hope in God alone. And though the road is long, in His strength we carry on. We have come this far by faith and faith will lead us home.*

Postlude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Pethel

\* Those who are able, please stand

**The Greeters** as you entered were Jeanne & Tom White.

**Assisting** with worship is Jim Jenkins.

**The Ushers** today are Beth & Jeff Gardner and Debbie & Chuck Guilloz.

**The flowers** are given by Joyce & Bill Sickles and Carole & Ray Sachtleben in honor of the Church's 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and in honor our church family.

Today we welcome back to our pulpit Rev. Dr. Randall Lee Saxon, former pastor here at FPC from 1978-1986. He was an ordained minister for more than 40 years and has recently retired. He is married to Rev. Anna Clock Saxon who is also an ordained minister. He is a recognized scholar on Abraham Lincoln's life and times. The Saxons currently live in Peoria, IL.

*Next Sunday is Graduation Sunday! Pastor Rick's sermon, "Five Smooth Stones" will remind our graduates, as they go out and face their various "Goliaths," to be like David and take "Five Smooth Stones" with them into battle. Please read 1 Samuel 17:32-49 in preparation for our worship time together! We will also share the Sacrament of Communion*

Chancel Choir

Katherine Mades, Director Kim Makowski, organist  
Sherrill Adams Suzanne Mutzek  
Kim Allan Marion Phillips  
Susan Armusewicz Earl Rishel  
Shelley Bennett Patricia Rishel  
Paul Corwith Robert Ruesch  
Wendy Enstine Carole Sachtleben  
Adam Judd Raymond Sachtleben  
Jennifer Judd Irene White  
Nancy Lennon

Handbell Choir

Midge Fowler, Director

Sherrill Adams Nancy DePetris  
Susan Armusewicz Sally Hawke  
Tom Ayres Noreen Iovino  
Shelley Bennett Joy Sieger  
Gail Blenk Nicolas Westerhoff  
Carolyn Corwith Irene White  
Bill Corwith Tom White

**The Session:** Ed Dressler, Rob Florio, Midge Fowler, Beth Gardner, Kathy Grodski, Debbie Guilloz, Steve Ham, Sally Hawke, Cynthia Kolbenheyer, Carole Sachtleben, Bill Sickles, Kim Spolarich, Kirsten Squires, Larry Strickland, Tom White.

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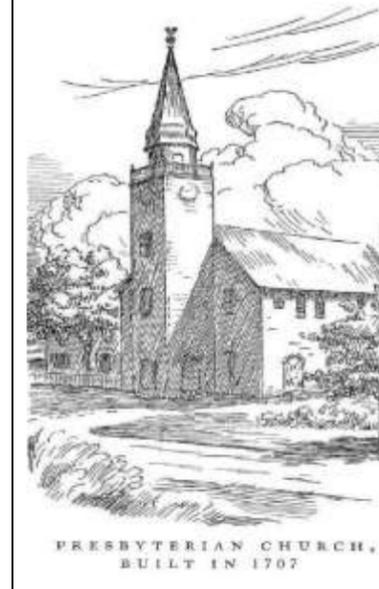
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of

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TWO SOUTH MAIN STREET

SOUTHAMPTON NEW YORK

FOUNDED JUNE 12, 1640



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
BUILT IN 1707



*The Oldest Presbyterian Church in America*

*1640 - 2015*

June 14, 2015

10 am

## Founders' Day

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude	Trumpet Voluntaries	Thompson
Welcome and Announcements		
Handbell Introit	"Our Heritage Medley"	arr. Starks
Declaration of the Company	see insert	Paul Corwith

#### \*Call to Worship

*L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness, come into God's presence with singing.*

**P: Know that the Lord is God. You have made us and we are yours, we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.**

*L: Go through the gates with thanksgiving, and into the courts with praise. Give thanks and bless God's name.*

**P: You are good; your steadfast love endures forever, and your faithfulness to all generations.**

*L: Let us worship God!*

\*Hymn # 542 "They Did Not Build In Vain"

#### \*Prayer of confession (Unison)

**Even as we have done it unto one of the least of these, your children, we have done it unto you. When they hunger and thirst we are not quick to offer them the bread of life and the cup of salvation. When they are outcast or imprisoned we seldom go out of our way to visit them. When they are sick or alone we are not quick to keep vigil at their side. We know you are in our midst and wait our response. Forgive us when we do not go out of our way to be there for you. Amen.**

#### \*Moment for Silent Confession

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

*Paul reminds us that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and seated him at God's right hand in the heavenly places and has put all things under his feet. With Christ thus seated, there to intercede on our behalf, we can dwell with the assurance that in him we are forgiven! Amen.*

Gloria Patri – Hymn # 734

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Message Pastor Rick

Anthem "Great and Awesome God" Hayes

*This is a day of celebration. This is the day to praise Almighty God who loves and sustains us, faithful in ev'ry way. Lord, we join with Your people down through the ages, Your mighty deeds to share. You have been faithful to all generations. This truth we now declare: You are a great and awesome God. Your wonders we proclaim. You are our rock, our strength, our shield, from age to age the same. You forgive us all our sins. You transform us with your love. With joyful, grateful hearts we sing, you are a great and awesome God! This is a day of celebration. This is a time to rejoice. This is the day to look to the future and give our dreams a voice. With courage and faith we are running the race. We are reaching for the prize. Our hope is to be found worthy of our calling in Jesus Christ. We are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, called from darkness into light, so we must testify. You are a great and awesome God. Your wonders we proclaim. You are our rock, our strength, our shield, from age to age the same. You forgive us all our sins. You transform us with your love. With joyful, grateful hearts we sing, you are a great and awesome God!*

## Brief History of The First Presbyterian Church of Southampton

Founded on 12 June 1640 by Puritans from Lynn, Massachusetts. October 1640 - The Reverend Abraham Pierson of Boston was chosen to be the first minister. He was the first Presbyterian Minister to minister to Native Americans. He left Southampton due to a disagreement in 1647.

1641- Olde Towne- The **first** Meeting House was built where the Southampton Hospital stands today. It served the community for 12 years as the social, civic and religious hub of the community.

1648 - Towne Street, (Main Street), was laid out.

1649 - Reverend Robert Fordham became the second minister until his death in 1674.

1651/52-The **second** church was built on the east side of Towne Street. The second church served the community for 55 years. The Sabbath Day lasted from sundown on Sat. until sundown on Sun. During the services the men sat on one side and the women sat on the other side. The congregation meant everyone in town.

1679 - All the inhabitants of the town were appointed their proper and distinct places in the meeting house on the Lord's Day to prevent disorder.

1707-The congregation built the **third** church on the NW corner of Towne Street and Meeting House Lane. It served the community for 136 years. The purchase deed of the church stated that the new building was to be used by those "Congregations of Christian Protestants usually known and distinguished by the name or stile of Presbyterians." This is where Rev. Thomas Gelston was ordained as the first Presbyterian minister to be ordained in New York State. Rev. Sylvanus White (1727-1782) pastored the church for 55 years. Thanks to his steady and learned leadership he held the church steady and guided it through theological controversy and the American Revolution. British troops occupied Southampton during the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Presbyterians who were loyal patriots dismantled the two cannons the town had and hung them in the bell tower so the British could not use them

1716 - The church joined the Philadelphia Presbytery.

1717 - The LI Presbytery was formed.

1843 - Southampton was a prosperous and thriving community. The whaling industry had brought great wealth to the area. This **fourth** church was built prior to the Civil War and is now 172 years old. It was built in Gothic Revival style-a 19th century revival version of the medieval gothic style sometimes called Victorian Gothic which originated in France. In the spring of 1861 when the Civil War erupted, meetings were held in the basement of the church to solicit both volunteers and money for the Union cause. Many sons of the church enlisted marching off to what was thought to be a brief conflict. The conflict, however, was long and bloody and many sons of the church never returned – some died in the prison camp at Andersonville. When the war was over, the present 1850 bell rung loud and long in celebration.

1895 Addition of Church Parlor, chapel, choir room, Sunday School rooms and church offices,

1957 - An education wing was added to the church. It contains Sunday School Classrooms, Youth Room, Church Offices, meeting room and church library and the lower level Recreation Room and bathrooms

1965 – The Bethel Presbyterian Church (the first African American Presbyterian Church on Long Island) merged with this congregation in 1965 in the midst of the Civil Rights Movement. This church has long been an integrated congregation. Native American members of the church are from the Shinnecock Nation Reservation. Also on the Reservation is the Shinnecock Presbyterian Church which is a daughter of this church.

Today, the First Presbyterian Church of Southampton celebrates 375 years of Christian outreach and service.

Families who made the founding of this church possible include descendents of the early Puritan families who settled here, early Shinnecock Nation families, and descendents of the first two Pastors of the church.

The Descendents of the Bishop Family  
 The Descendents of the Cooper Family  
 The Descendents of the Halsey Family  
 The Descendents of the Howell Family  
 The Descendents of the Jagger Family  
 The Descendents of the Sayre Family  
 The Descendents of the White Family  
 The Descendents of the Bunn Family (Shinnecock Nation)  
 The Descendents of the Cuffee Family (Shinnecock Nation)  
 The Descendents of the Kellis Family (Shinnecock Nation)  
 The Descendents of Rev. Abraham Pierson (First Pastor)  
 The Descendents of Rev. Robert Fordham (Second Pastor)

We extend our sincere thanks to all who are with us today from these families.

We also express our gratitude to the hundreds of families who, over these 375 years, have worshipped here and proclaimed and lived the good news of Christ.

### 375<sup>th</sup> Committee Members

Rev. Rick Boyer	Brad Kline
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John Holden	William Sickles

Currently we have 10am Sunday morning worship services throughout the year and for the summer months (July & August) there is an additional 8am service.

Other programs here at First Presbyterian include:

- Sunday School for all ages
  - Youth Group
  - Men's Fellowship luncheons
  - Presbyterian Women's Association Circle Meetings
  - Meals-On-Wings program
  - Chancel Choir
  - Handbell Choir
  - Bible Study
  - Holy Yoga Classes
  - Mission projects both locally and abroad
  - Spanish Classes
  - Hosts for Maureen's Haven homeless shelter
  - Vacation Bible School (1 week in August)
- Community Groups:
- AA Group Meetings
  - AI Anon Group Meetings
  - AI A Teen Group Meetings

**Be sure to look for our float in the Southampton 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade!**