

Pastor:

Reverend Richard Boyer

Drummer:

Kevin Luss

Ushers:

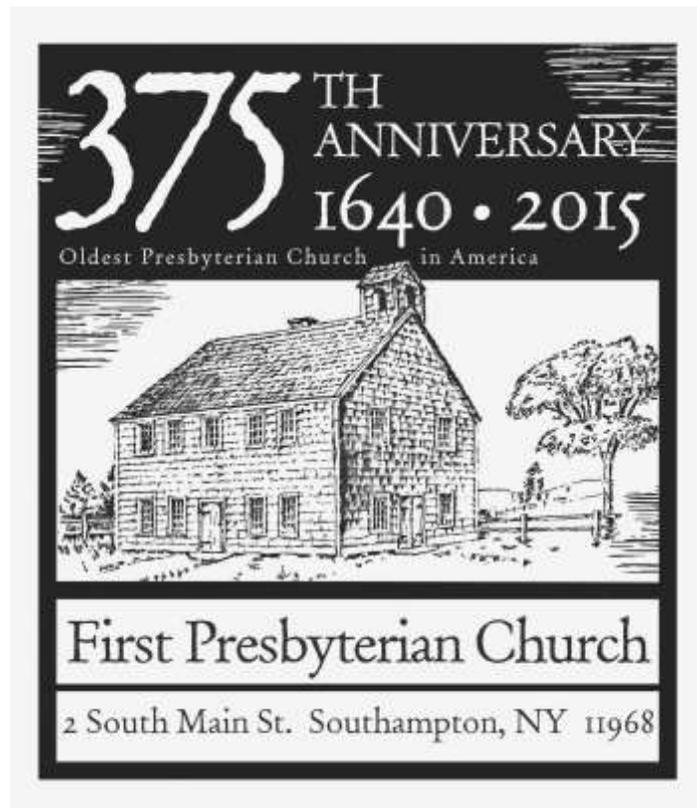
*Gerald Adams
James Corwith
Joseph Gettler
Charles Guilloz
Kevin Luss
Daniel Raynor
William Sickles
Theodore Squires, Jr.*

Beadle / Tithingman:

Henry Hildreth, III

Happening at FPC...

Day	Date	Time	Event
Mon	03/16	10am 2pm	Holy Yoga Spanish Class
Tues	03/17	7pm	AI Anon & AI ATeen Meetings
Wed	03/18	9:00am 4:30pm 7pm 8pm	Bible Study Meals-on-Wings program Session Meeting AA
Thurs	03/19	10am 4pm 6pm 6:30pm	Holy Yoga Handbell Choir Rehearsal AA Meeting Bible Study
Fri	03/20	2pm 6pm	Spanish Class AA Meeting
Sun	03/22	9am 10am 11:20am	Confirmation Class Worship Service with the Stony Brook School followed by Lenten Luncheon hosted by the Trustees Heifer Project Kick-off



March 15, 2015

Words of Welcome

*** Opening Prayer**

***Hymn N^o. 14 "Now Thank We
All Our God"**

***Prayer for Illumination**

The Word of God:

Psalm 103:1 – 18

Jeremiah 2:1 – 13, 29 -32

Matthew 5:1 – 16

**The Sermon "Why Are You
Watching the Hourglass?"**

***Prayer**

Public Censure for Sins

The Collection of the Offering and

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn N^o 661 "All People That
on Earth Do Dwell"**

***Benediction**

*** Please stand if able**

**First Presbyterian Church
Southampton, New York**

375th Anniversary Year

1640-2015

About Our 17th Century Worship Service

In order to give us a sense of what worship might have been like at First Presbyterian back in the 1600's, we've made some alterations to our usual church service. For example:

- Worshipers will be called to church by the beating of a drum on the front steps of the building; the pastor will then lead the people into the sanctuary.
- Men will sit on one side of the sanctuary, and women will sit on the other side.
- We have tried to make the atmosphere in the sanctuary as cold, drab, and austere as possible. This is in keeping with the worship sensibilities of our early Presbyterian forebears.
- A beadle or "tithingman" will be patrolling the sanctuary, tapping any drowsy men with his stick, and tickling sleepy women with a feather.
- The male elders of the church are sitting under the pulpit, facing the congregation, as a sign of their spiritual leadership (there were no female elders or deacons in the 17th century.)
- There are no pew cushions today; worship was not intended to be comfortable! Likewise, the thermostat has been set back to 55 degrees, as church was usually rather chilly at this time of year.
- There will be no organ, piano, or any other instrumental music. Instrumental music was considered to be too celebratory, and therefore inappropriate for public worship. There will also be no choir.
- There will be a time for public censure, in which a couple of church members will rebuke fellow church members for misbehavior during the past week.
- The Scripture readings will be from the King James Version of the Bible.
- We don't usually kneel anyway, but that, and the bowing of one's head during prayers, was not considered to be sufficiently Protestant. We will stand for all prayers.