

First Sunday In Advent
December 3, 2017 10:00 A. M.

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Tower Bells

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

The Gathering

(The Worship Service begins with the prelude. Let us silently prepare our hearts and allow others the same opportunity.)

Prelude Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYPERDOL Setting J. Carter

The Lighting of the Advent Candle Charles, Isabel, Brendan, Alex Barkley and Faith Finne

***Call To Worship** (From Isaiah 43)

One: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old,

All: for I am about to do a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

One: I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, let us worship the Lord our God!

***Hymn** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 8

Prayer of Confession (*Please Be Seated*)

For some of us it's been a tough week, Lord. We said things we shouldn't have said; we did things we shouldn't have done. And we left a lot unsaid and undone that had potential for good. Yet your love sustains us, and you call us back time and again to renewal. In you there is no such thing as a last chance, for you are endlessly forgiving. By your Spirit, cleanse us heart, mind and soul. Release us so that we can be your resurrection people today. In Jesus we pray, amen.

Personal Prayer of Confession (In Silence)

The Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri** (No. 579)

***The Peace**

Leader: God sent the world the only Son. Because God loves us so much, we are able to love one another.

People: **LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, SINCE LOVE COMES FROM GOD.**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

(Greet those about you, sharing signs of peace and reconciliation)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 43: 16-21 (Blue Bible p.632; Black Bible p. 672)

Hymn "This Is the Day" *"This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made."*

A Time For Children "Jesus Loves Me" (No. 304) as children & leaders leave for Sunday School
Nursery is Available for young children

New Testament Lesson Mark 13: 24-37 (Blue Bible p.47; Black Bible p. 50)

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Communion Meditation: "Cosmic Shakeup" The Rev. Peter J. Kelley

***Hymn** "O Sing A Song of Bethlehem" No. 308

***Affirmation of Faith**

Out of the silence of chaos, God creates; out of the wandering wilderness of God's people, God guides; out of the quiet of the still night, God is born anew to us; out of the wild chaos of death, God lives, God loves. Out of the wild, chaotic, stillness of our lives, God appears, and brings new life and love to parched places and wandering people. We believe in the goodness of creation, the unconditional love of God, and the persistent grace of Jesus Christ, who surprises the earth with joy, and whose Spirit can fill our hearts

with the promise of life anew, and life eternal. This we believe and proclaim as disciples of Christ. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology (#592) and Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

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

People: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Sung Response: Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world. Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord. ____

Distribution of the Elements

Sharing Bread and Cup (Please hold until all are served; the bread is gluten free & grape juice is in the cups)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn**

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

No. 11

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Sonata in D minor

Scarlatti

*(Those who are able may stand.)

Liturgist:

Patty Shuford

Music Team:

Kim Palermo-Bogardus and Mary Mraz

Ushers:

Carolyn Pontaco and Cynthia Mellas

Greeters:

Debbie and Paul DePaulis

Communion Servers:

Liz Burns, Debbie DePaulis, Faith Finne,
Pat Milford, Ann Romeo, Patty Shuford

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL THIS MORNING are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lydia Numbers by her Children, Grandchildren and Dickerson Family.

First Sunday for Food – please remember those in need by bringing non-perishable food to church with you on the First Sunday of each month.

Christmas at First Presbyterian Church – Southold

**Service of Healing and Remembrance
Sunday, December 10 – 3:00 PM**

**Christmas Sunday
December 24, - 10:00 AM**

**Christmas Eve
4 PM – Family Service
8 PM - Candlelight Service**

Christmas Day

4:00 PM Christmas Dinner

All are welcome but please RSVP before Dec.23rd: 765-2597

For those worshipping with children under the age of 3, our downstairs Nursery is a clean, safe space and is staffed with a qualified and trained Nursery Care Giver. Ask an Usher or Greeter for instructions.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donations are now being received for Christmas Flower Memorials. Send contributions to the Church Office with the name of the Donor as well as the name(s) of the person(s) in whose honor/memory the gift is given. Donations must be received before December 15th.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time
MON.,	5:30 PM	Zumba meets in C. E. Building
	7:00 PM	AA Meets in the 1836 Manse
TUES.	10:00 AM	Prayer Group meets in the 1836 Manse
	12:30 PM	AA Meets in the 1836 Manse
WED.,	6:00 PM	Maureen's Haven
	7:30 PM	AA Meeting
FRI.,	6:00 PM	Overeaters Anonymous
SAT.,	10:30 AM	Women's AA Meeting
SUN.,	9:00 AM	Bible Study – Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next on December 17th.

A Cookie Walk sign-up sheet is available in the entrance of the Christian Education Building. The cookie walk is being sponsored by the Deacons and all proceeds will go to the Christmas Joy Offering. The walk will held on Sunday, December 17 following worship. All bakers are welcome to bring cookies, breads, cakes and pies.

Price Increase for Cemetery Plots

The price of a plot for two in the Cemetery will increase from \$1,400 to \$2,000, effective January 1, 2018. Plots may be purchased in installments. Plot prices have not been raised for almost a decade, and the new price is needed to maintain the Cemetery's high standard of perpetual care. It will be in keeping with prices charged by other North Fork cemeteries. The Cemetery will always buy back a plot at the original purchase price.

The Memorial Section, which is the easternmost part of the Cemetery, is the only section that now has plots for sale. It lies just to the east of the Cemetery's entrance road. Its gravestones are laid flat, creating a meadow-like appearance.

The price of a niche in one of the columbaria remains the same at \$1,350. A niche holds two urns for cremated remains. To purchase a plot or to ask questions, stop by the Church Office or call (631) 765-2597. The email address is fpcsouthold@optonline.net. Thank you, Jane Andrews, Cemetery Director (for the Cemetery Committee)