

daring; comfortable, but not too threatening; fruitful, but without much effort on our part. We cherish the example of our Christ, but confess our fear of fully living by his faithful example of complete obedience to the will of God.

Loving God, strengthen us to hear your call to obedience as we live our faith each day of our lives, longing to draw deeper into personal relationship with you. Empower us to discern the path you call us to follow; not standing on the sidelines letting opportunities to bear fruit pass us by, but actively serving others in word and in deed. Open our eyes to your grace and awaken our spirits at the touch of your love. We pray together in the name of Jesus, our Christ, the hope of our hearts, Lord of our Lives, and author of our salvation ...

(Continue in silent prayer of confession.) Together, let all God's people say,
Amen.

Kyrie Eleison, No. 551 "Lord, Have Mercy" LAND OF REST
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

*Gloria Patri, No. 581

*The Peace

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Anthem "Ubi Caritas" *Becki Mayo*
(Where There is Charity and Love)
Oboe: Zoe Plastaras, Kids'/Youth Choirs

Children's Moments

Rev. Matthew Means

WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14 N.T. p.194/P.237
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13 O.T. p.259-260/P.322
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Expect the Unexpected” *Rev. Matthew Means*

*Hymn No. 612 “We Praise You, O God” KREMSER

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles’ Creed (*Traditional*)

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.

Pastoral Prayer & 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Call to Receive our Tithes and Offerings

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “And Can It Be” D. Forrest
The Sanctuary Choir

*Doxology No. 606

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Choral Response

Sending

*Hymn No. 314 “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness” CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

*Benediction

*Choral Response, No. 601

-Amen, Amen, Amen

*Organ Postlude

“Festival Finale”

M. Archer

**Please stand, as you are able.*

THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew Means, Guest Minister

Jim Colbert, Lector

Rev. Matthew Means, Children’s Moments

Charles Worledge, Usher Captain;

Roger Ketcham, Bill Roe, and Jared Ponzetti .

*This morning’s flowers are given to the glory of God as a welcome to
Rev. Matthew Means and his family.*

If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, please

Rev. Means Congregational Meeting

March 26, 2017

A Special Called Meeting of the Congregation of the Old First Presbyterian Church of Huntington, NY will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:00 am worship service on Sunday, March 26, 2017, to act on the recommendation of the Pastor Nominating Committee for the next pastor to serve Old First Church, to approve the terms of call and to discharge the Pastor Nominating Committee.

All members of the church are reminded that a quorum consisting of 10% of the active membership of the church is required to be present for valid business to be transacted.

By Order of the Session
Thomas Bosch, Clerk of Session

sign the flower calendar in the central foyer or call the church office.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Prayers of Christian sympathy and love to: Peg Weigers and family for the loss of Edward W. Weigers, Peg's husband, and to Ruth Corwin and family for the loss of Bob Corwin.

Continue to pray for those who remain on our prayer list:

Kadi Cuneo (Worledge family friend), Bob Esser (member), William Gray (Dorothy Mandrakos' father), Dave and Else Haddock (members), Kristin Keydel (Pam Fosella's sister), Joan Lobasso (member), Our Pastor Nominating Committee and your next pastor, Cynde and Robert Raynor (Brett's parents), Rebecca Raynor (Brett's sister), Gerry Schult (member), Greg Schult (Gerry & Leslie's son), Marian Vozza (Holly Baptista's sister), Ed Williams (member), Grace Youngquist (member).

Names on our prayer list will remain for a month.

If you wish to have a name remain on the list, kindly contact the Church Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEDGE ENVELOPES FOR 2017 ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. Help us save postage and drop by soon to pick up your box!

WEATHERVANE-APRIL 2017: The mailing of the Weathervane will be Wednesday, March 29th at 10:00a.m. in room 101.

MARCIE MAZZOLA FOUNDATION 5K RUN: April 2, 2017 starting at 8:30am. Copies of the map are available outside Parish Hall and in the narthex.

YOUTH CLUB AND KIDS' AND YOUTH CHOIRS: will meet this Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

- Youth Club & TUXIS are asking for any used or unwanted craft items to add to our supplies! Please leave donations upstairs in the craft room, 205, or with Tina! Thank you so much :)
- Youth Club grades 1-8 from 5-7 pm in Youth Room
- Kids' Choir (grades 1-3) 5-5:30
- Youth Choir (grades 4-8) 5:30-6.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Next meeting will be Thursday, March 30 from 7:30-8:30 pm (new time) in the Fiske Room for Lesson 6.

FOOD 4 THE SOUL: The next meeting will be Sunday, April 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Youth Room.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We are planning to have a fun filled week of Vacation Bible School this summer the week of August 21-25. Watch for more information and registration forms available in future bulletins and Weathervane articles! All church school children and their friends are invited.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Please be sure to join us immediately following worship for our annual Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday, April 9. Children, pre K - grade 4, should meet in room 102 for instructions. Be sure to bring your baskets!

“FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND” - Cantata by the Sanctuary Choir next Sunday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m.

DEACONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Palm Sunday, April 9th. Fund raiser for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Tickets—\$8 adult/\$6 youth/\$25 max per family go on sale TODAY.

SANCTUARY EASTER FLOWERS: It's time to order your flowers that will decorate our sanctuary at Easter. Your name and dedication will appear in a bulletin flyer and flowers will be delivered to homebound members of Old First to brighten their season. Please see lavender insert for the form and return them to Heather Tucker by Sunday, April 9.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

- **CIRCLE-1/EVENING:** Circle One will be meeting this Tuesday, March 28th at 7:30 this month. (One week later than usual.) We will be discussing the book 'Fierce: Women of the Bible and their Stories' by Alice Conner. Call Nancy if able to attend 516-978-6104. Books will be available in the church office for \$14.00 each.
- **CIRCLE-3/BIBLE STUDY:** Our next Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, April 19 at 12:30 pm in room 101. We continue our study, “Who is Jesus?” with chapter 7 “According to the Non-Canonical Gospels. We ask you to read lesson 7 in preparation.
- **CIRCLE-4/QUILTING** meets on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am in Room 101. All are welcome. No experience necessary.
- **CIRCLE-6/CRAFTS** meets again on Friday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the craft room - 212. All are welcome.
- **LAYETTE:** The layette is in need of girls baby blankets.
- **THRIFT STORE:** Volunteers are needed for Thursdays and Fridays from 11am to 1:30pm. Please let Cynthia know if you can work occasionally or every week.

COMMUNITY FOOD COUNCIL: Items needed for the month of March are: canned fruit and pasta sauce. Thank you for your generous donations.



WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, March 26 - 2017

- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Worship w/Rev. Matthew Means and Kids' & Youth Choirs
10:20-11:00 a.m. Church School (*Room 102*)
11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting
6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)
6:30-8:00 p.m. TUXIS (*Youth Room-204*)

Monday, March 27 - 2017

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
7:30-9:00 p.m. N.A. (*Lower Level AA Room 10*)

Tuesday, March 28 - 2017

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Lower Level Room 11*)
1:00-2:00 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)
7:30-9:00 p.m. PW-C1/Evening (*Fiske Room*)

Wednesday, March 29 - 2017

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
10:00-11:00 a.m. Weathervane Mailing (*Room 101*)
5:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Club (*Youth Room-204*)
5:00-5:30 p.m. Kids' Choir Rehearsal (*Room 211*)
5:30-6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (*Room 211*)
7:00-9:15 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)
7:30-9:00 p.m. B.S. Troop 32 (*Gym*)

Thursday, March 30 - 2017

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
9:30-11:00 a.m. PW-C4/Quilting (*Room 101*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Lower Level Room 11*)
5:00-9:30 p.m. Giant Steps (*Room 102*)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (*Fiske Room*)
8:00-9:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Room 211*)

Friday, March 31 - 2017

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Life Line Screening (*Parish Hall*)
9:30-11:30 a.m. Al Anon (*Room 101*)
9:45 a.m.-12 p.m. PW-6/Crafts (*Craft Room-212*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Lower Level Room 11*)

Sunday, April 2 - 2017

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Worship w/Kate Jones Calone and

“Footprints in the Sand” by the Sr. Choir

10:20-11:00 a.m. Church School (*Room 102*)

6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)

LENT & HOLY WEEK AT OLD FIRST

Sunday April 2, at 10am

“Footprints in the Sand”

will be performed by the Sanctuary Choir

Sunday April 9, Palm Sunday at 10am

Children’s Processional, Choirs, Palms

-One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received-

Thursday, April 13 at 7:30pm

Maundy Thursday Service

Cantata, “Lamentations of the Lamb”

will be performed by the Sanctuary Choir

Friday, April 14 at 12 Noon

Good Friday Service of Darkness

Saturday, April 15 at 6:30 pm

Easter Vigil

Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow

95 Old Country Road, Melville

Sunday, April 16 Easter

Easter Worship Service at 10:00 am (New)

Special Worship Bags for Children in Worship

He has risen! He has risen, indeed!

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FIRST LESSON
Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON
1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.”

Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.