





The Setauket Presbyterian Church

“As active disciples of Jesus Christ, we celebrate and share the love of God among ourselves and with others.”

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

4th Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2013

9:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We use this time to make the transition between “getting here” and “being here”.

Be aware of being together in silence with others. Feel the spirit of the community.

Prelude

Ringling of the Steeple Bell

Introit *People Look East* (verse 4)

French folk melody

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

...Let us wait in the light of the Lord.

Sung Response

People, look east, and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way!

* Hymn 16 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

GABRIEL’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your people, set apart for your purpose. We have lived more in cynicism than in hope. We have been moved more to accomplishment than to sacrifice. Our dreams have been more of acquisition than of social justice. We try to walk in your ways without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. This Advent, help us to make room in our hearts, and in our lives, for you. Forgive us, revive us, and re-form us in your image, the image of your beloved son Jesus, in whose strong name we pray...

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection) Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* **Gloria** (from Hymn 23, *Angels We Have Heard on High*)

WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Children should proceed to their church school class.)

HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 5, Verse 1 (PICARDY)

***Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand,
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.***

First Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Anthem *I Sing of a Maiden*

Second Reading Luke 1:46-55

arr. Mark Orton

THE SERMON *What Shall I Give?*

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

* HYMN (insert) *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

CAROL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory

(Please sign the Friendship Rosters found at the end of the pew,
noting the name of fellow worshippers when it is returned.)

* Doxology 592

* Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One, Source of all power and grace, place within us the spirit of your holy child Jesus, fill us with such love and awe and delight that we become a blessing to everyone we meet, and send us into your world to share the abundant life we have through the one who was, and is, and is to come, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 36 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

CRANHAM

* CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENECTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

please rise in body or in spirit; **unison prayers are in bold.*

Large print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals and listening devices are available; please ask a Deacon.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:30 Worship Service with Baptism and the Rev. Mary Speers preaching;
No Childcare; No Church School; No Confirmation
