



# 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

1st Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2013

9:30 AM

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### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

*Take these few minutes to find the still, deep places within you, where God’s Spirit dwells.*

*Relax the body; quiet the mind. Focus on breathing, feeling, being. Be mindful of your center—your reservoir of inner peace, strength, love. Be aware of being together in silence with others.*

*Feel the spirit of the community.*

#### Prelude

#### Ring of the Steeple Bell

#### \* Call to Worship: The First Lesson (Isaiah 40:1-8)

*The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile*

#### \* Hymn 41 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SECOND LESSON (Jeremiah 23:5-6)

*The Prophet promises the people a righteous King*

#### \* Hymn 23 *Angels we Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

#### THIRD LESSON (Zechariah 9:9-10)

*The LORD promises that the King will come in peace*

#### \* Hymn 47 *Still, Still, Still*

STILL, STILL, STILL

#### FOURTH LESSON (Haggai 2:6-9)

*The Prophet speaks of the desire of all nations*

#### \* Hymn 53 *What Child is This?*

GREENSLEEVES

#### FIFTH LESSON (Isaiah 35:1-6)

*The Prophet foretells the glory of the Kingdom of God*

#### \* Hymn 38 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

CAROL

#### SIXTH LESSON (Luke 1:26-35, 38)

*The angel Gabriel salutes Mary*

#### \* Hymn 16 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

GABRIEL’S MESSAGE

#### SEVENTH LESSON (Luke 2:1-7)

*Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem*

#### \* Hymn 27 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

**EIGHTH LESSON** (Luke 2:8-20)

*The angels and shepherds glorify God*

\* **Hymn 50** *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

African-American spiritual

**NINTH LESSON** (John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18)

*John proclaims the mystery of the Incarnation*

\* **Hymn 31** *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

**CHRISTMAS STORY FOR ALL AGES**

Rev. Mary B. Speers

Children are invited to come forward for the Christmas Story

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** We celebrate today with Russell Leverett Dorn son of Carla Keirns and Michael Dorn.

**Presentation on behalf of Session**

**The Renunciations** (to Parents and Sponsors)

Do you renounce all evil, and powers in the world that defy God's righteousness and love?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin, which separate you from the love of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

**I do.**

Do you further covenant and promise, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, to be Christ's faithful disciple to your life's end: to trust in Christ in all things, to obey Christ's word and show Christ's love; to continue in the peace and fellowship of the Church; to make diligent use of the means of grace; to give of your substance as the Lord may prosper you; and to give your whole heart to the service of Christ and the Kingdom of God throughout the world?

**Yes, with God's help, I do. AMEN.**

**Questions to the Children, and to the Congregation**

\* **The Apostles' Creed** (Traditional)

Hymnal p. 14

**Baptism**

**Unison Prayer**

**O Lord, uphold Russell by your Holy Spirit. Give him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your loving service, now and forever. Remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to do your will, and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Sung Blessing**

**Hymn (insert)** *Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear*

VOM HIMMEL HOCH

## 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** (Hymn 56, verse 6 - *The First Nowell*)

***Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of nought,***

***And with his blood our life hath bought: Nowell, Nowell...born is the King of Israel!***

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy One who gave us birth, place within us the spirit of your holy child Jesus, fill us with such love and awe in following his way that we become a blessing to everyone we meet, and send into your world through us the peace, the abundant life we have through the one who was, and is, and is to come, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

...O, how you have been longing to shelter the world under your wings!

**We look to your lovingkindness, O Lord.**

\* **HYMN 29** *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

\* **CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION**

## 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.

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## NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 - EPIPHANY

9:30 Worship Service with Communion and the Rev. Mary Speers preaching;

Childcare (ages 1 - 3)

9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade)

11:00 Confirmation Class in the Martha Jayne Room

11:00 Adult Education Class in Jr./Sr. High Room