



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

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2014

9:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Fantasy in D major*

J.S. Bach

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *How Awesome is this Place*

John Ness Beck

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 42)

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
So my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Steadfast love by day the LORD commands:

At night the song of the LORD is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

* Hymn 350 *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

God our Help, we thank you for those whose lives have lit our way, for only you know how many times we have counted on the strength and faith of others to pull us through. Merciful God, you know how short we fall of your glory, how ready we are to fall back on your forgiveness. Save us from our complacency: wake us from our slumber, and then, we beg you, do not allow us to snuggle back into our old ways. Renew and inspire us, direct our gaze beyond our own concerns, set our feet on the path of health and service; through Christ our Lord, who loves us and redeems us, and 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 (sing once in unison, twice in a round)

from Taizé

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest...alleluia, alleluia!

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS INCLUDING CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

The Renunciations (Baptismal Vows)

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.

The Renunciations, together with the Apostles' Creed, are our inheritance from the earliest baptismal rites of the church. The Renunciations are spoken by persons being baptized, or by parents and sponsors on behalf of infants being baptized, who will then, when they are older, "confirm" the vows made on their behalf at baptism.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

* **The Apostles' Creed** (sung, as in John Calvin's Strasbourg liturgy) Hymn 481
This tune, GENEVAN 42, was Calvin's tune for Psalm 42, "As a deer longs for flowing streams."

Prayer over the Water

Baptism

Commissioning of Candidate:

John, Jesus has chosen you, and in Baptism, made you his own. Live in his love, follow him, and serve him.

Unison Prayer

O Lord, uphold John 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 presence, now and forever. Remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will, and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Questions to the Congregation

Prayer for the Reception of New Members

Almighty God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number these sisters and brothers in faith; and for your grace bestowed to us in baptism. Strengthen us all for service in your world. Increase in this your church the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that we may have the mind of Christ, loving one another, serving one another, and following Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us when we pray to say...

The Lord's Prayer

(Children should proceed to their church school class.)

HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 288 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me...melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...

First Reading Matthew 25:1-13

Anthem *Wachet Auf (Wake, Awake)*

J.S. Bach

translated by Catherine Winkworth

Second Reading Joshua 23:1-2, 14-16

THE SERMON *Trimmed and Burning*

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory

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

* **Doxology 606 (alt)**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

O God, fountain of all good, we bring to you the fruits of our labors according as you have prospered us. Enable us, with our earthly things, to give you the love of our hearts and the service of our lives; and grant that these offerings, being devoted to your service, may be used for your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* **HYMN 361** *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

AURELIA

* **CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen*

arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland

POSTLUDE *Kreisleriana: iii. Äußerst bewegt*

Robert Schumann

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, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor

9:30 Worship Service and the Rev. Mary Speers preaching; Childcare (ages 1 - 3)

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

11:00 Children's Choir in the Preschool Room

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