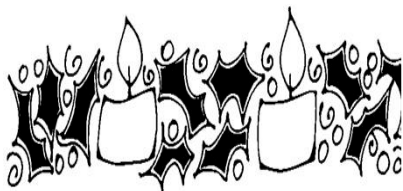




Peace

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

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015

9:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Puer Natus est*

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Light Enters *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Praetorius

*** Call to Worship/Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Leader 1: We light candles in Advent as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means "coming".

Leader 2: We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.

Leader 3: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they study war any more.

Leader 4: This second week of Advent, we light the second candle, to welcome Christ our Peace.

A leader lights two candles on the ring. Leaders and people then say:

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

*** Hymn 104** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we are not always grateful that you became one of us. We do not want to seek your Christ in our neighbors, families, friends, let alone in those we see as our enemies. We do not always consider a word from you to be a gift, instead hiding from your love and your gracious will for us. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace, for we pray in the strong name of Jesus, the Messiah who was, and is, and is to come... (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*** Gloria** (refrain from Hymn 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Children should proceed to their church school class.)

HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 347, verse 1

***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 Isaiah 64:1-5a

Anthem *Kyrie*

Charpentier

Second Reading Luke 1:26-38

THE SERMON The Ultimate Re-Gift

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

* Hymn 144 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

CRANHAM

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory *Pastoral Symphony*

Handel

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

* Doxology 606 (alt)

* Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, you who are complete in Yourself and the source of all power and grace, place within us the spirit of the coming Christ, fill us with such thankfulness that we become a blessing to everyone we meet, and send into your world through us the abundant life we have through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

* Hymn 496 *Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed*

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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, with Intercessions

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sharing the Bread and Cup (Please hold the elements until all are served.)

Prayer after Communion (from Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

And forget not all God's benefits.

God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your holy child Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Christ, and pledge ourselves to serve Christ in our neighbor for we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

* HYMN 100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

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* BENEDICTION

The benediction of the God of Sarah, Hagar and Abraham,

The benediction of the Son, who was born of Mary,

The benediction of the Holy Spirit of love,

Who watches over us like a mother for her children,

Descend upon us all. Amen.

(We join with the members of our sister church in San Antonio de los Baños in Cuba in sharing this benediction on the first Sunday of each month.)

CHORAL RESPONSE *Cuban Benediction*

arr. Mark Orton

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 13

- 9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor
- 9:30 Worship Service with Special Choral Presentation; Childcare (ages 1 - 3);
7th Grade Program Balcony
- 9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade)
- 11:00 Pageant Rehearsal & Children's Choir in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 Confirmation Class
- 11:00 Adult Education Class in Jr./Sr. High Room
- 11:00 Christmas Caroling to members in our community