

Christmas Eve Worship Service



December 24, 2015 7:30 pm
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The Setauket Presbyterian Church

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

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You will always be welcome here. This is God's house and a happy church home.

Let us be your church family, for we are all beloved children of God.

*Join us regularly for Christian worship, nurture, and the doing of God's work in the world—
and all shall be well; all manner of thing shall be well.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Christmas Medley*

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Born in the Night, Mary's Child*

Geoffrey Ainger

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader 1: We light this candle for Emmanuel, God With Us.

Reader 2: Tonight, in Christ Jesus, God comes to dwell among us.

Reader 3: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Reader 4: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

All: You have come, Lord Jesus!

* **HYMN 134** *Joy to the World!*

ANTIOCH

THE PROPHET SPEAKS TO THE PEOPLE IN EXILE Isaiah 9:2-7

* **HYMN 123** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

CAROL

JESUS IS BORN IN A STABLE IN BETHLEHEM Luke 2:1-7

* **HYMN 116** *The Snow Lay on the Ground*

VENITE ADOREMUS

GLORY ON THE HILLSIDE Luke 2:8-14

ANTHEM *Sing Gloria*

Katherine K. Davis

GLORY IN THE BACK STREETS OF TOWN Luke 2:15-20

* **HYMN 121** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

GLORY TODAY

Rev. Mary Barrett Speers

* **HYMN 110** *Love Has Come*

BRING A TORCH

FOLLOWING THE LIGHT Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Kate Jones Calone

* **HYMN 135** *There's a Star in the East*

FOLLOW

GIVING IN RESPONSE TO THE GIFT

Invitation

Offertory *It Was a Starry Night*

David & Bonnie Huntsinger

Thomas Loomis & Karen Loomis, Duet

(Please sign the Ritual of Friendship pads, noting fellow worshipers as it is returned.)

* **Doxology** (Hymn 147, 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!

* **Offertory Prayer**

Jesus our life, with the wise men of old we offer our gifts to you. May this Christmas be more than opening presents: this Christmas, may we open our hearts and minds to your Presence. Be born in us today: guide our faith from infancy to maturity; lead us beyond the concerns of the moment to taste your hope and love for all creation. Renew our spirits, and strengthen us to be your body in your world, through the indwelling power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts; hymnal p. 35)

You are invited to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus after the Benediction.

Please come upstairs to the balcony during the next hymn; sheet music awaits you there.

***HYMN 133** *O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1 and 3)*

ADESTE FIDELES

* **BENEDICTION**

CHORAL ASCRIPTION *Hallelujah Chorus*

G. F. Handel

POSTLUDE *Puer Natus est nobis*

Psalm 98

* The people may stand.

Large Print Bulletins, Bibles, Hymnals and Listening Devices are available; please ask a Deacon.

Have A Very Merry Christmas!!

Your Staff: Mary, Kate, Mikael, Karen, Marie, Dick, Jack,
Jan, Heather & Yvonne

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THE PARLOR is equipped with a sound system should you wish or need to take advantage of the space during worship. Please refrain from eating or drinking in our 200 year old Sanctuary.

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP THIS EVENING. If you are searching for a church home in this community, we would be happy to speak with you about exploring what membership means at this church. Please feel free to take a "Welcome" booklet from the pews for information about SPC and its programs. If you would like to learn more about the programs of this church, please call the church office (941-4271) or indicate your interest on the Friendship Roster, or speak to a pastor.

WE ALSO WELCOME AND THANK the members of our congregation who are sharing their musical gifts with us this evening.

ALL ARE INVITED to come back and participate in our 11:00 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service tonight where all participants will have candles, which will be lit toward the end of the service.

ALL YOUTH GROUP ALUMNI, AND FRIENDS are invited to a party immediately following tonight's 7:30 p.m. service in the Church Parlor. Come and reconnect with your church friends as we celebrate this special night together. Refreshments will be served.