



# 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

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2016

9:30 AM

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Prelude in A* Handel

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Light Enters *Come All You People* Alexander Gondo, arr. John Bell

#### \* Call to Worship



Christ came to be our King.

**We have come to be Christ’s people.**

The King of Kings calls us to follow.

**We have come to follow him.**

Friends, Christ is our King.

**And we are his people.**

\* Hymn 634 *To God Be The Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

### PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

**Almighty and merciful God, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.....**

*(Silent Prayer)*

#### Assurance of God’s Grace

Now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of Your redeeming 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 Hymnal

***(a) Glory to God, glory to God, (b) glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God; alleluia, alleluia.***

### WITH THE CHILDREN AND 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 Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Anthem *How Shall I Call Your Name*

Robin Mann

Second Reading Luke 4:14-21

THE SERMON *Where is God in My Life?*

The Rev. Dr. Craig Malbon

\* HYMN 792 *There is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

## MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

### THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

In Matthew 10:8 Jesus tells us, "*Freely you have received, freely give.*"

#### Offertory

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

\* Doxology 606 (alt)

\* Prayer of Dedication

Dear Lord, we give back to you in thankfulness what you have given to us in kindness. We acknowledge that the world and its resources are not ours but yours, and that you have put us in charge as your trustees. Help us to exercise responsibly the authority you give us in your world. Let Jesus your Son be the pattern for all our dealings with one another, and with the rest of creation. Bless the gifts we now present back to you, so that they may be used in the work of your Kingdom on this earth.

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*To Almighty God, Lord of All, who hears all prayers, let us lift up our cares and concerns for those who suffer.....*

**Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

\* HYMN 317 *In Christ There is No East or West*

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\* CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Let Us Now Depart*

A la Puerta

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C major*

Handel

*\*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 31**

- 9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor
- 9:30 Worship Service with the Rev. Mary Speers preaching; Childcare (ages 1 - 3);  
7th Grade Program Balcony
- 9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade)
- 10:30 Annual Congregational Meeting (time approximate)
- 11:00 Confirmation Class in the Parlor