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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.”

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

1st Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

9:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Chorale Prelude on *'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland'*

J.S. Bach

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Light Enters *While We Are Waiting, Come*

Claire Cloninger

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

Leader(s): This Advent, we pray each week for each of the four corners of the earth.

Let us face North. *(All persons face North.)*

O Spirit, O mighty wind at Creation,

O Life of God within all creatures,

O breath of the earth, O Sustainer,

We pray for the North.

We pray for the polar icecaps, for the polar bears;

for the whales and puffins; for the fishes and crustaceans;

for the tender, tenacious plants of the tundra;

we pray for your peoples living there.

**People: O Wisdom coming among us from on high:
help us to restore your Creation.**

(All persons return facing center. A leader lights one candle.)

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

*** Hymn 88** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION (unison)

Even in the small schemes of our lives there are times when we come upon the big mess which we may or may not have caused. The challenges given, the first shots fired, volleys of words thrown like grenades, the bodies prone, the revenge promised... war even on the tiniest scale wreaks havoc and rejects consolation through the years. The fog of war never completely lifts but the casualties are completely clear. Jesus, make it stop, make it stop within us.

Give us imagination to see relationships restored forgiveness offered good will renewed; give us vision to see our battlefields transformed. We long for a field of winter wheat green after the fiercest season, friends embracing former enemies, an armistice to the wars of fear within us-- a white flag foretelling a winter of welcome peace. Shalom

(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 2:1-5

Anthem *Lost in the Night*

Finnish melody, arr. Kyle Haugen

Second Reading Matthew 24:36-44

THE SERMON *Uncertainty*

The Rev. Dr. Craig Malbon

* **HYMN 400** *I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say*

ENGLAND

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory *My Lord, What a Morning*

arr. Richard Billingham

(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**

**Help us who have received so freely from you
to give as freely in our turn,
and so have the pleasure of giving
as well as the happiness of receiving. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* **HYMN 353** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

* CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Soon and Very Soon*

André Crouch

POSTLUDE *Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'*

Adolphus Hailstork

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 4

- 9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor
 - 9:30 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade); Middle School Program (7th-8th Grade)
 - 9:30 Worship Service with Communion and the Rev. Mary Speers preaching;
Childcare (ages 1 - 3);
 - 11:00 Children's Choir in the Preschool Room
 - 11:00 Adult Education Class in the Parlor
 - 6:00 Sunday Youth Group at the home of The Siegal Family
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