



# 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 after Christmas / New Year's Day

January 1, 2017

9:30 AM

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Introit (Hymn 108, v. 1)

*Of the Father's Love Begotten* (verse 1)

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

\* **Call to Worship** (adapted from John 1:1-4, 14)

In the beginning was the Word,

**And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

Through the Word all things were made,

**And without the Word was not one thing made that was made.**

In the Word was life, and the life was the light of humanity.

**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.**

\* **Hymn 111** *From Heaven Above*

VOM HIMMEL HOCH

### PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

*A New Year's prayer of John Wesley (18<sup>TH</sup> century)*

**Holy God, for Jesus' sake, look my way, and forgive. I've promised to follow, yet I've taken my own path. Here, now, I turn from the sins that lead me astray...**

(silence)

**I offer you my whole heart, and you have promised mercy to those who turn to you in humility. You are my God; Jesus, my Savior; the Spirit, my guide. I am your servant, your obedient child, your follower, trying daily to be faithful. I turn away from unworthy thoughts and actions; I turn away from my own wisdom and my own will, and take you as Lord and Saviour and guide. I commit myself again to your way. Whatever comes, I promise that neither life, nor death, nor anything else in all creation, shall part me from you. O mighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are my covenant friend. And I, through your grace, have become your covenant servant. May it be so: let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven...**

*(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!***

## HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 121, v. 3 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

***How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!***

***So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.***

***No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,***

***where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.***

First Reading

Hymn 108 (v. 2&3; seated) *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

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Second Reading

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

\* HYMN 158 *Born in the Night, Mary's Child*

MARY'S CHILD

## THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory

(Please sign the Friendship Roster, noting the name of fellow worshippers when 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!***

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One who gave us birth, place within us the spirit of your holy child Jesus, fill us with such love and awe in following his way that we become a blessing to everyone we meet, and send into your world through us the peace, the abundant life we have through the one who was, and is, and is to come, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Hymn 108 (v.4,5,6) *Of The Father's Love Begotten*

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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.**

It is truly right, and our greatest joy...

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

(sung together; Hymn 552)

tune from Appalachia, USA

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory; Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord:  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

**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 (insert)**    *All Beautiful the March of Days*

FOREST GREEN

\* **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.)*

**RESPONSE**    *Cuban Benediction*

arr. Mark Orton

**POSTLUDE**

*\*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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