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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

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

9:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We use this time to make the transition between “getting here” and “being here”.

Take these few minutes to find the still, deep places within you, where God’s Spirit dwells.

Relax the body; quiet the mind. Focus on breathing, feeling, being. Be mindful of your center—your reservoir of inner peace, strength, love. Be aware of being together in silence with others.

Feel the spirit of the community.

Prelude *The Salutation of Gabriel*

Daniel Pinkham

Constance Mulford, French Horn

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Light Enters *While We Are Waiting Come*

Claire Coninger

*** 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 East. *(All persons face East.)*

O Spirit, O Guide and Help,

O Christ, Word of God made Flesh,

We give thanks for apples and roses; for tea and coffee;

For chess, horses, and porcelain; for science, literature, and art.

We pray for the places still wild: for mountains, seas, forests, rivers, and deserts;

We pray for Europe, Africa, the Middle East; for Central, South, and East Asia.

We pray for peace. We pray for your peoples living there.

People: O Dayspring, first dawn shining in our hearts:

help us to restore your Creation.

(All persons return facing center. A leader lights three candles.)

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

*** Hymn 105** *People, Look East!*

BESANÇON

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Christ our Savior, even as we sing your praises, we ask for your mercy. Though we rejoice in your story, we avoid the cost of following you. We overlook your little ones, every day. We turn away from hungry people, needy people, inconvenient people. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. Help us to sing your song in every land. As we wait for you, transform our fears and doubts into acts of love and service, for we pray in the name of the One who showed us your will for our lives: Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God With Us...

(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.

Dramatic Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

in the style of the Iona Community

INTRODUCTION

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERING

Cantata: Magnificat, We Sing

Alice Parker

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Joy Offering

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Variations on '*Divinum Mysterium*'

Ronald Arnatt

Constance Mulford, French Horn

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

* **Doxology 606 (alt)**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God, We thank you for all that draws us close together, all that astounds us as our lives and others' are transformed by joy. Accept our gifts as songs of praise for what you give us every day: the joy of your life-giving, saving love in our world; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* **HYMN 107** *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn!*

REJOICE, REJOICE

* **CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE *Soon and Very Soon*

Andraé Crouch

POSTLUDE Variations on '*Divinum Mysterium*'

Ronald Arnatt

Constance Mulford, French Horn

**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, DEC. 18

9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor

9:30 Church School Christmas Pageant; Childcare (ages 1 - 3);
