



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

Christmas Day

December 25, 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 *In dulci jubilo*

Franz Liszt

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship** (Isaiah 25:9)

Lo, this is our God:

We have waited, that God might save us.

This is the LORD, for whom we have waited:

Let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of the LORD.

*** Hymn 134** *Joy to the World* (verses 1 & 4)

ANTIOCH

THE FIRST LESSON (Isaiah 40:1-8)

The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile

Hymn 119 *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* (verses 1 & 3)

MENDELSSOHN

SECOND LESSON (Jeremiah 23:5-6)

The Prophet promises the people a righteous King

Hymn 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High* (verses 1 & 3)

GLORIA

THIRD LESSON (Zechariah 9:9-10)

The LORD promises that the King will come in humility, bringing peace

Hymn 145 *What Child Is This?* (verses 1 & 3)

GREENSLEEVES

FOURTH LESSON (Isaiah 35:1-6)

The Prophet has a vision of the glory of the Kingdom of God

Hymn 123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (verses 1,2 & 5)

CAROL

FIFTH LESSON (Luke 1:26-25, 38)

The angel Gabriel salutes Mary

Hymn (insert) *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* (verses 1 & 4) GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

SIXTH LESSON (Luke 2:1-7)

Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem

Hymn 135 *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

FOLLOW

SEVENTH LESSON (Luke 2:8-20)

The angels and shepherds glorify God

Hymn 110 *Love Has Come* (verses 2 & 3)

BRING A TORCH

EIGHTH LESSON (John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18)

John proclaims the mystery of the Incarnation

* **HYMN 133** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (verses 1 & 4)

ADESTE FIDELES

GIVING GLORY TO GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory *Noël Suisse*

Louis Claude d Aquin

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

* **Doxology** (Hymn 56, 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 brother and our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION and **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

* **HYMN 136** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* (verses 1 & 3)

GO TELL IT

* **CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION** and **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Improvisation on '*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Paul Vasile

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.
