

Welcome to the
Setauket Presbyterian Church
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)



CHRISTMAS EVE MANGER SERVICE

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Setauket Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2018

We welcome the Reverend Marjory Roth to our pulpit this evening!

You will always be welcome here. This is God's house and a happy church home.

Let us be your church family, for we are all beloved children of God.

*Join us regularly for Christian worship, nurture, and the doing of God's work in the world—
and all shall be well; all manner of thing shall be well.*

✠ all rise in body or in spirit; *please sing only the first and last verses of all hymns*

GOD WAITS FOR THE WORLD

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship on this eve

To remember God's love

To proclaim God's Word

To listen to God's call

To hear God's will

To trust in the Good News

That born to us, a humble infant, God incarnate

That born to us, full of grace and love, an infant born to redeem

We come to worship on this eve

To give thanks for God's gift to the world, Amen

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

God's proclamation has been made

For God's love is coming for all

God's plan has been laid out

For God's love is coming for all

God waits for our response

For God's love is coming for all

God walks with us

For God's love is for all

God's proclamations extend beyond our understanding and knowledge.

For God's love is with in

We acknowledge that God's plan for us is beyond us and often our imagination.

For God's love is among us

We acknowledge that we are called to live faith-filled lives responding to God's call.

For God's love is around us.

God is with us, walking alongside us in our journey.

For God's love transforms us

Tonight we light the Christ Candle for the gift of an infant who brought light in the world. Let us trust in God's love.

For God's love shines bright.

✠ HYMN no. 115 *Away in a Manger*

GOD PROMISES LIGHT TO THE WORLD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 92 While We Are Waiting Come (Verse 1)

A READING FROM THE HEBREW PROPHETS Isaiah 11:6-10

✠ **THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (*please offer the Peace of Christ to your neighbors*)

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all:

And also with you.

GOD IS BORN IN A HUMAN BABY

THE CHRISTMAS STORY FROM THE BIBLE, Part I: Luke 2:1-7

✠ HYMN no. 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

GOD APPEARS IN SURPRISING WAYS

THE CHRISTMAS STORY FROM THE BIBLE, Part II: Luke 2:8-20

✠ HYMN no. 119 *Hark!, The Herald Angels Sing*

GOD'S LOVE FILLS THE WORLD

MEDITATION

Christmas Gift

Rev. Roth

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES and OFFERINGS

- ✠ **DOXOLOGY** HYMN no. 143, verse 4 - *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
All creation, join in praising God our Maker, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising to the-eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!!

PRAYER OF THANKS GIVING and DEDICATION

Holy Baby, tonight as we reflect on the mystery and miracles of our faith we are thankful for this church and the works we do in your name. We pray that with these gifts offered here your love continues to work within us and through us for not only our congregation but our community and the world. We offer this in the bold name of a humble infant who one day taught his disciples to say...our father....

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*"debts;" hymnal p. 35*)

GOD'S LOVE IS REVEALED IN ALL CREATION

- ✠ **THANKSGIVING and PRAYERS with ANIMALS and FAMILIES**
Please come forward in family groups, with or without animals, for prayers. The pastors or an elder of the church will pray with each family group according to their needs.

- ✠ **HYMN no. 134** *Joy to the World!* Händel

- ✠ **BENEDICTION** ... and let the whole church say, **Alleluia! Merry Christmas!**

POSTLUDE

Large Print Bulletins, Bibles, Hymnals and Listening Devices are available; please ask a Deacon.

Have A Very Merry Christmas!

*Your Staff: Marie, Noby, Betty, Aaron, Mark, Dick, Jack, Freja
Heather & Yvonne*

NEXT SUNDAY, December 30th, Lessons & Carols

9:30 Worship Service