

The Setauket Presbyterian Church

First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2019

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lynn Campbell

We come to glorify God,
to rejoice in the One who saves us.

**God comes, so we might believe,
so we might be blessed.**

Our hearts leap for joy!
For God has come to us in a child.

**God comes for those who hunger for hope,
for those who thirst for grace.**

Holy is the One who comes in God's name,
who fulfills every promise of God.

**God comes to walk with us,
to bring peace to a shattered world.**

✠ HYMN no.140 *Once in Royal David's City*

OPENING PRAYER

THE FIRST LESSON (Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18)

God said, "Let there be light!"

HYMN no.88 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

SECOND LESSON (Genesis 22:15-18)

God's promise to Abraham and Sarah

HYMN no.113 *Angels We Have Heard on High* (verses 1 & 3)

THIRD LESSON (Isaiah 9: 2. 6-7)

HYMN no.123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

FOURTH LESSON (Micah 5: 2-5a)

From Bethlehem, shall come forth a ruler

HYMN no.121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verses 1 & 4)

FIFTH LESSON (Luke 1:26-35, 38)

The birth of Jesus is foretold by Gabriel

HYMN no.158 *Born in the Night, Mary's Child*

SIXTH LESSON (Luke 2:1-7)

Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem

HYMN no.115 *Away in a Manger*

SEVENTH LESSON (Luke 2:8-20)

The angels and shepherds glorify God

HYMN no.147 *The First Nowell* (verses 1, 2, & 6)

EIGHTH LESSON (John 1:1-14)

John proclaims the mystery of the Incarnation

✠ **HYMN no. 133** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

OFFERTORY

✠ **DOXOLOGY** *from Hymn 144 In the Bleak Midwinter, v. 5*

What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a Shepherd I would bring a lamb;

If I were a Wise Man I would do my part,

Yet what I can I give Him,

Give my heart.

✠ **DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE**

Holy God, we offer these gifts to you and ask that they be used to further your kingdom on earth. May they become mercy for those tossed aside by the world; may they become a family for those scattered by fear; may they become a meal for those whose stomachs are empty, and hope for those whose hearts are hollowed out by despair. This we ask in the name of the child who came to be a servant to all, Jesus. Amen.

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

✠ **HYMN no.134** *Joy to the World!*

✠ **BENEDICTION**

Let us set out with haste to share God's good news.

**We will go to offer the gift of joy
to those overflowing with tears.**

Let us set out with hope to serve with Jesus.

**We will go to bring justice
to those looked down upon by the powerful.**

Let us set out with hearts filled with the Spirit.

We will go to love and serve the Lord! Amen!

POSTLUDE

✠ all rise in body or in spirit

The liturgy has been adapted by the Worship Leader from *enfleshed & PC (USA)*
Christmas Joy Offering Resource.

We welcome Lauren Ishida as Worship Leader this morning.

Thanks to Lauren for her service.

Next Sunday, January 5, 2020

9:30 Sunday Worship with Communion
Church School-Backwards Sunday
10:30 Fellowship Hour
11:00 Youth Group and Confirmation Class

THE STAFF

Rev. Kate Jones Calone, Interim Pastor
Rev. Ashley McFaul-Erwin, Community Outreach Pastor
Noby Ishida, Director of Music
Heidi Parles, Interim Director of Spiritual Formation
Aaron Watkins-Lopez, Church Administrator and Assistant to the Pastors
Heather Klein, Preschool Teacher/Co-Director Yvonne Sterrett, Preschool Teacher/Co-Director
Richard A. Holroyd, Church Treasurer
Mark Aicher, Financial Secretary
Susan Risoli, Outreach Operations Manager

Welcome

The Sympathy of the Congregations is extended to the Family and Friends of Elder Bonnie Schulz, who died on Monday, December 16th.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Gerry Nicklas; Chris Nicklas; Wolfgang Wulff; The Cox Family (friends of Pastor Ashley); **Christine Kreitzman** (friend of Betty Stein); **Betty Stein; Kristen and Ron Axelrod;**

Susan Powers; Mary Seigle; Joseph Munch (brother-in-law of Pat McCumber); **Carmen Walsh; Susan Bivonna** (cousin of Mary Sansone); **Mae Hultin; The Rev. Tim Hoyt-Duncan** (former Pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church in Northport); **Eileen Orr** (Pat Strong's sister); **Cindy Fronhofer** (sister of Sheila Towers); **Lucas Wright** (son of a friend of Kate Zvokel); **Ann Davis** (former member); **Jim Towler; Matt Zender** (Student of Noby and Rachel Carter-White); **Florence Gettler; Doug Waldhauer** (Virginia Sassano's Son); **Tim Wheeler and C Company, 1-508th PIR, 82nd Airborne; Al Reimers; Grace Rossi; Don & Barbara Overfield** (friends of Mike and Helene Bicknell); **Jim Sassano; Ed Wittman; Kaitlyn Diogo** (niece of Helene Bicknell); **Kimberly Janson; Peter Sarant** (Pam Crum's brother); **Joan Kuhns** (Dan Winter's mother-in-law); **George Hammarth and Kim Liroult** (co-workers of Sherri Aicher); **Stacey Irizarry** (friend of Diane Curtiss); **Hank Crum** (husband of Pam Crum); **Peter Hertling** (friend of the Dawes'); **Suzanne Wallace** (friend of Diane Melidosian); **Eric Brooks** (husband of Kathy Gray's niece, Danielle); **Jody Riggio, Dawn Vogel and Lorriane Vogel; Our Sister Church in Cuba; Cort Bunning; Sandy Williams** (Al Reimer's sister-in-law); **Dottie Devoe** (at Mills Pond rehab.); **Lynne Richardson** (Chris Richardson's mother); **Robert Price; Michael LaVecchia** (Bonnie Schlagel's cousin); **Ross & Lyn Saddle mire** (Sue Powell's parents); **Kathleen Pfeiffer** (Diane & Roger Curtiss' cousins); **Maryellen Trimboli** (Alice Dawes' student); **Margaret Jackson; Honor Dexter; Don Alberts** (Trisha Pearson's father); **Paige Pearson; Jon DeVoe; Geri Wells; Jack Fennimore** (Dottie Trump's son-in-law); **Jack Hayes** (Joellen McNamara's cousin); **Ruth Whyte; Ed Loveland** (Ron Loveland's brother); **Debbie Price** (Karen Carroll's friend); **Katherine Dodd** (Robynne Haliotis' sister-in-law)



WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP:

Setauket Presbyterian church is a living community of faith, active in worship and service of Jesus Christ. Founded in 1660, our mission is to meet the spiritual needs of our members and friends, be meaningfully involved in supporting our surrounding communities, and bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in the world. All are welcome here! Please feel free to take a "Welcome" booklet from the pews to read more about our ministries. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be on our mailing list, or have any questions about our tradition or faith community, please call the church office (631-941-4271), leave your contact information on one of the Friendship Rosters in the pews, or speak with one of the pastors. We hope that you feel the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in this place!



DEACONS perform a ministry of sympathy, witness, and service to the congregation and the larger community. If you or someone you know is in need, speak with any of the deacons assisting in worship today. The Deacons' Operation Care is always available to provide short-term

assistance with meals, shopping, transportation, and childcare. Please contact **Elena Grossman** at 631-379-8995 or elena.grossman@yahoo.com if you or someone you know requires care in December.

The Church Office will be closed the following dates:

Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1

Small Groups at Setauket Presbyterian

Patience, Freedom, Time, Justice...These are some of the topics that can be used as a fabric for forming deeper connections with one another, in a unique and thoughtful manner. Small Groups here at SPC meet once a month, in the cozy setting of a member's home to share in respectful listening, reflection and considerate discussion, as well as just getting to know each other better. To find out more please contact Heidi Parles at heidi.parles@setauketpresbyterian.org.

All Are Welcome at SPC: You may have noticed that these words are printed on our sign outside alongside two Pride flags. We take welcome seriously at SPC. SPC is a More Light Presbyterian Church and part of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians: two organizations that work for justice for LGBTQ+ people within our denomination.

Bible Study...Don't forget, the Tuesday Morning Bible Study group meets at 9:30 AM every Tuesday throughout the year.

Open Door Exchange (ODE): ODE is an outreach program of the Setauket Presbyterian Church through which we seek to redistribute good quality furniture to those in need. ODE was founded in 2015 and has helped over 1000 families in the past five years. We have a warehouse located in Port Jefferson Station that is open 3-4 days/week. Through relationships built through ODE we have also started an English Language Learner Class (ELL)!

Volunteers, from SPC and the wider community, are at the heart of ODE! If you are interested in donating furniture or volunteering please reach out to our Outreach Operations Manager, Susan, at opendoorexchangeli@gmail.com or 631-751-0176. Regular warehouse hours are Mondays & Wednesdays 10am-12pm and Fridays 1-3pm. Evening warehouse hours are beginning on December 17th from 6-8pm and again on January 21st from 6-8pm. We also have Saturday volunteer days – at least twice a month, volunteers go out into the community to pick-up donated furniture from homes.

We welcome new volunteers of all ages to join us!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ODE! 2020 marks five years of the Open Door Exchange. Throughout 2020 we will mark ODE's birthday in a variety of ways. The first way will be the ODE Birthday Party on January 10th at The Manse at 7pm! All past and present volunteers and supporters of ODE are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by January 5th to Pastor Ashley or call the church office.

Early Christians...Join members and friends in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and a fantastic breakfast. It's a great way to start your day. We will meet at 6:30am in the Fellowship Hall two Wednesdays a month. Anyone interested should contact Jack Strong at 631-941-4227 or jacknpat116@me.com.

The Children's Library is open on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Do come in to find that perfect book for holiday reading! We have books for both children and adults. Note: If you have books at home you borrowed and are no longer using, please be sure to bring them back to the Children's Library. You may leave them in the church office if the library is closed.



Community Garden: Are you interested in being a part of the SPC Community Garden or a student in need of community service credits? Any questions contact Ken Rogers at Karogers51@gmail.com or (631) 689-1639.

Opportunities at SPC for Children and Youth

At SPC, we joyfully welcome children of all ages to our Church School, Youth Group, and Confirmation programs. Church School classes for ages preschool through 6th grade meet Sunday mornings throughout the year at 9:45AM. Junior and Senior Highs, grades 7-12, participate in weekly Youth Group gatherings, shared meals, fun outings, and service projects, as well as an annual mission trip. The Confirmation Class is a one-year program of faith formation generally completed in 8th or 9th grade. Children of all ages are invited to the annual Vacation Bible School each summer, and youth serve as VBS volunteers. In all of our programs, we seek to be a place where young people can find a safe, loving community where they feel welcome and encouraged to be fully themselves.

Music for Children and Teens at SPC

Does your child or teen love music? We would love to welcome them to our Children's Choir! We meet from 11-11:30 AM on Sundays. **Children ages 3+** are welcome to join us!

Using the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) training program, children learn the fundamentals of music theory, church music history, and singing technique and perform beloved hymns, sacred songs, and Spirituals in an age-appropriate and fun way. Children also learn how to ring handbells and chimes, play percussion instruments, and enjoy solo opportunities.

Teens at SPC have the option of joining the adult choir or singing in the children's choir. We are blessed to have a number of excellent young instrumentalists in the congregation, and child and teen players who wish to perform as an ensemble and/or as soloists should contact us!

For more information on the Children's Music Program, please contact Lauren Ishida at: laurenishida1@gmail.com or 646-599-5258

The Soup Kitchen Prep We meet at about 4:15 in the downstairs kitchen on the the first two Mondays of the month. We will prepare and freeze 4 meals, which will be served throughout the year at our weekly Wednesday dinner at St. Paul's church in Port Jefferson Station. The prep dates for January are Monday January 6th and Monday January 13th. If you have questions or would like more information contact Barbara Curtis at 631-786-3112 or bacpj@optonline.net.

About the Organ

Plans for the restoration of the SPC pipe organ are continuing on schedule. It is expected that Glück Pipe Organs will begin dismantling the present organ toward the end of January. If you want to know more about the project, please refer to the letter you received dated December 9, 2019, and to the sheet of frequently asked questions. Be sure to attend our Music Director, Noby Ishida's Adult Education classes on January 12 and 19 where you can learn about how a pipe organ works.

As of this writing we have raised \$78,685.97 for the project and more is coming in. If you haven't already contributed, we hope you will give serious and prayerful consideration to doing so.

There are at least four ways to contribute to the project:

1. Write a check payable to Setauket Presbyterian Church and write "Organ Rebuilding Fund" in the memo space.
2. Make a donation online at setauketpresbyterian.org
3. Contribute part of the Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA if you are 70.5 or older. Funds from the RMD can be sent directly to the church and will not result in the increase in your income (and income tax) that it otherwise would.
4. Donate appreciated stock (stock that has gone up in value). Give the stock itself directly to the church, and the church will sell it. You will not have to pay capital gains tax on the increased value, and you will get a charitable deduction for the full value as of the date of your gift.

We are all grateful for every gift that has been made and will be made for this important effort!

Adult Education Classes are Sundays at 11AM in the Martha Jayne Room

January 12 and 19: The Pipe Organ: An Introduction How does air move through the organ pipes? What are ranks and stops, and how exactly does a pipe organ make so many different sounds? Please join SPC's Music Director Noby Ishida up in the choir loft, as we explore the fascinating history, the intricate design, and numerous capabilities of the pipe organ. This is a brand new look at an ancient instrument, and an excellent way to learn more about what goes on in the choir loft each Sunday. These classes are open to all, so bring a friend and come with your questions and a curious spirit!

Founder's Circle has evolved from the former Missionary Society of the Setauket Presbyterian Church. In 1966, in keeping with a new image presented by National Presbyterian Women, societies and guilds became circles "symbolic of binding people together in an equal and collegial manner." A circle has no beginning, no end, no top, no bottom, and only a center, which joins us as we work, study, and pray. Thus was born our circle, as we know it today, which promotes spiritual growth, mission, fellowship, and justice. Please join us at our meeting scheduled for January 9. This year we are discussing the Ten Commandments.

Mission Trip to US/Mexico Border: On January 19th several members of SPC will travel to Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico to spend several days with Frontera de Cristo. Frontera de Cristo (FDC), translates to "Christ's Border," is a Presbyterian border ministry located in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico and Douglas, Arizona. This will be an immersion learning experience where we will form relationships between US and Mexican siblings; build understanding of our spiritual, political, and economic connections across borders; seek to understand the realities of life on the border; and return home and share stories about our experiences with SPC and beyond.

As we prepare and travel, please lift up the group and the community we will visit in prayer. We look forward to returning and sharing stories from our time at the border.

You are Invited to a Congregation-Wide Book Study! As we move through this interim period at SPC, our session is reading together the book *Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation Into a Powerhouse for Mission*. This book was selected by the current moderators of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as the denomination-wide recommended reading for 2019. **If you'd like a copy of the book, please email or call the church.** The Session is currently reading Chapter 3. Videos and conversation starters are already on our SPC Facebook group. You can join the group by searching for the "Setauket Presbyterian Church" closed group in Facebook and asking to join.

Stewardship Reminder – If you haven't already done so, please remember to send in your pledge for 2020. Pledges can be mailed to SPC to the attention of the Financial Secretary, 5 Caroline Avenue, Setauket, New York 11733, emailed to Financial_Secretary@SetauketPresbyterian.org or placed in the offering plate on Sundays. Thank you to all who have already expressed their gratitude to God for all our blessings by making a pledge for 2020

Ministry of Welcoming and Walking with Our Immigrant Neighbors:

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has a long history of teaching and resolutions emphasizing the theological and scriptural call to support immigrants and pursue immigration justice.

Members of our congregation seek to live into that call in a variety of ways:

- through our Open Door Exchange and Soup Kitchen outreach programs that both provide services to and build relationships with our neighbors
- accompanying individuals and families to immigration court or other locations where we can demonstrate community support
- distributing Know Your Rights information in our local area
- together with several other congregations and organizations, participating in a Rapid Response Network
- identifying as a sanctuary church
- marching in solidarity with impacted communities
- providing financial support to organizations that help families impacted by deportation
- coordinating within the Presbytery of Long Island to welcome refugee families

For more information, or to find out how you can be involved, please reach out to one of the pastors, and we will connect you with a member of our Peace & Justice Committee.

Food Pantry at Grace Presbyterian Church: We regularly support the food pantry at Grace Presbyterian Church (Selden) with non-perishable food items, ex: breakfast cereals, granola bars, Peanut Butter, tuna fish, canned hearty soups, canned meats or stews, boxed mac & cheese, juice boxes, cookies, etc. Our youth group will be delivering food on January 5th, so please drop off items into the food pantry collection bins in the pre-school hallway on or before January 5th.

Prayer Shawl Ministry...For those of you who don't know what the prayer shawl ministry does, read on. We make shawls and give them away to people who are sick, grieving, celebrating, or facing a crisis. Check out our bulletin board to see how much they are appreciated. We are currently on hiatus but normally we knit or crochet together on Sunday mornings at 9. Please consider making a shawl for our ministry or joining us when we resume meeting. Check out www.shawlministry.com for information and directions for shawls if you want to get started now. Hope to see you when we start up again. If you have any questions contact Bonnie Schlagel or Diane Melidosian.

The SPC Choir Wants You!

Did you know that when you sing, you pray twice? Noby Ishida and The SPC Choir are pleased to invite teens and adults to join the choir for another exciting year of music, fellowship, and fun. We will be singing an eclectic array of works by Bach, Mozart, Vivaldi, Händel, Fauré, Gjeilo, Palestrina, Copland, Parker, Hogan, Hayes, The Gaithers, and many, many more! Rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM and on Sundays at 8:30 AM preceding the 9:30 AM service. All are welcome! Note: If you would like to join, but can only attend one of the rehearsals, or if you would like to join for special services and holidays (i.e., Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecost, etc.), please let us know. Childcare is available during the Sunday rehearsal and service!

If you have questions or would like to be added to our email list, please contact Noby Ishida at: nobyishida@yahoo.com, or 646-418-1127.

Don't Sing? Ring!

Want to make music, but saving your vocalizations for the shower? Consider joining SPC's Handbell Ensemble! We meet on Fridays at 7:15-8:15 PM, and enjoy making music on a set of exquisite Schulmerich handbells. The Handbell Choir performs 4 times per year, including the 11 PM service on Christmas Eve. We have some exciting new arrangements planned for this year, and we hope that you will join us! To join the Handbell Ensemble, contact Noby Ishida at: nobyishida@yahoo.com, or 646-418-1127.

PASTOR'S TIME AWAY: Please note that Kate and Ashley will be on vacation from December 26-January 3. For pastoral care emergencies during that time, please contact the church office or the Rev. Ron Wood at First Presbyterian Church, Smithtown. Kate and Ashley will be on the mission trip to the U.S.-Mexico border from January 20-25. For pastoral care emergencies during that time, please contact the church office or the Rev. Richard Graugh at the First Presbyterian Church, Port Jefferson.

Calendar for the Week of December 29th

Sunday

9:30 Intergenerational Lesson and Carols Service

Monday

2:00 Music Lessons

3:30 Lyrical Children in Hall 001

Tuesday-Office Closed

7:30 Al-Anon & Al-Ateen in Martha Jayne Room

Wednesday-Office Closed

7:00 Narcotics Anonymous Meeting in Fellowship Hall

7:30 NarAnon Meeting in Martha Jayne Room

Thursday

2:00 Music Lessons

7:00 Choir Practice

Friday

2:00 Music Lessons

7:15 Bell Choir

Saturday

9:00 Music Lessons

9:00 Piano Lessons

10:00 Preschool Open House

6:00 AA Meeting in Martha Jayne Room