

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, 2019

4:30PM

GOD WAITS FOR THE WORLD

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Benjamin Richardson

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!

INTROIT *Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring* from *Herz und Mund, und Tat und Leben*,

BWV 147

SPC Children's Choir, Johnny Weizenecker, Violin

*Jesus, joy of our desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright. Drawn by Thee, our souls
aspiring, Soar to uncreated light. Word of God the Flesh that fashioned, With the fire
of life impassioned. Striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying 'round Thy
throne.*

✠ THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with expressions of Christ's peace.

✠ HYMN no. 115 *Away in a Manger*

GOD PROMISES LIGHT TO THE WORLD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Restucci Family

Response

The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia!

Choral Response Love Has Come (first verse)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, by the gift of your Spirit, teach us to treasure your words and ponder them in our hearts, through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW PROPHETS Isaiah 52:7-10

HYMN no. 144 *In The Bleak Midwinter (verses 1 and 2)*

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

A CHRISTMAS STORY FOR TODAY

HYMN no. 122 *Silent Night*

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES and OFFERINGS

Tonight, in addition to our regular offering, we invite you to contribute to the Christmas Joy Offering, which supports leadership development for communities of color and provides support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

✠ 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 THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

On this glad night for all the earth, we are grateful for giving hearts made joyful in the gift of your Son; for you, O God, are generosity itself. Bless these gifts we offer for the benefit of those in need. Bless our lives in service of sharing your love in the world. We offer all that we have in the name of an infant who one day taught his disciples to say:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOD'S LOVE IS REVEALED IN ALL CREATION

THANKSGIVING and PRAYERS with ANIMALS and FAMILIES

All are invited to come forward, with or without animals, for prayers.
The pastors will pray with each according to their needs.

✠ HYMN no. 134 *Joy to the World!*

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

CHORAL RESPONSE *Go Tell it on the Mountain* African American Spiritual
SPC Children's Choir, Soloists: Meg Calone and Will Senf
Johnny Weizenecker, violin

REFRAIN: *Go, tell it on the mountain,*
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

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.

Have A Very Merry Christmas!

Your Staff: *Kate, Ashley, Noby, Betty, Heidi, Aaron, Mark,
Dick, Susan, Yvonne & Heather*

Join Us During The Christmas Season at Setauket Presbyterian Church

- Today, December 24** **Christmas Eve Services**
- 5:30PM** *Christmas Eve Dinner*
- 7:30PM** *Traditional Candlelight Worship
Service that concludes with an
invitation to join the choir in singing
the Hallelujah Chorus*
- 9:00PM** *Youth Group and Alumni Gathering
Join us in the Parlor for refreshments and
a chance to catch up with friends*
- 11:00PM** *Candlelight and Communion Service*
- Sunday, December 29** **Intergenerational Lessons and Carols
Service at 9:30AM**