



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

The Conversion of Paul

January 25, 2015

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

Ring of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *How awesome is this place*

John Ness Beck

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 67:1-3)

May God be gracious to us, and bless us,

May the face of God shine upon us:

that your way, O God, may be known upon the earth,

your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

* Hymn 2 Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

O God, we promise to serve you, and in our baptism we bear the name of Christ. But as your ambassadors, we have so often failed. We look back and see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Cast us from our high horse, heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that our eyes may be opened to your way, and our lives shine in the darkness with the light of Jesus Christ.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection) Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* Gloria

an African-American spiritual

1. **Glory, glory, hallelujah! since I laid my burden down,**

refrain: **Glory, glory, hallelujah! since I laid my burden down.**

2. **I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burden down,** (refrain)

3. **Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" since I laid my burden down,** (refrain)

WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Children should proceed to their church school class.)

HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 288 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me...melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...

First Reading Acts 9:1-20

Anthem *How lovely are the messengers*

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Second Reading Galatians 1:11-24

THE SERMON *What Keeps Us Together?*

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

* HYMN 177 *I Will Come to You*

YOU ARE MINE

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Kim Richardson

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory

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

* Doxology 606 (alt)

* Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we dedicate these gifts as an expression of our trust in you. You alone know our hearts, and you more than any human being love us. May this act of giving draw us closer to you, and spread a table of bounty before all who come closer to you through our sharing, in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 309 *Come, Great God of All the Ages*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

* CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *May Peace Be With You*

Donna Emory

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor

9:30 Intergenerational Worship Service with Communion and the Rev. Mary Speers preaching;
Childcare (ages 1 - 5)

11:00 Children's Choir in the Preschool Room

11:00 Adult Education Class in Jr./Sr. High Room

11:00 Parenting Workshop in the Parlor

6:00 Youth Group Super Bowl Party at the home of Kate Jones Calone

**SETAUKET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING
CALL**

The Annual Congregational and Corporate meeting of the Setauket Presbyterian Church will be held in the church sanctuary today, **January 25, 2015** immediately following the 9:30 A.M. Service of Worship.

Ruling Elders will be elected to the class of 2018 to succeed Ruth Cote, Barbara Curtis, Ken Rogers, Michael Tucci, and Kate Zvokel, and to the class of 2016 to succeed Joseph Nicklas, all of whose terms of office expire in March 2015.

Deacons will be elected to the class of 2018 to succeed Greg Bellias, Kelly Doerge, Diane Melidosian, Arlene Rogers, Sandra Roth, and Carol Russell, and to the class of 2016 to succeed John Aicher, all of whose terms of office expire in March 2015.

Congregational members of the 2015 Church Nominating Committee will be elected.

The Terms of Call for the Pastor will be voted on.

The report of the Treasurer for 2014 will be given.

The 2015 Church Budget adopted by Session will be presented.

Reports from all church committees will be received.

Minutes of this meeting may be referred to Session or presented for approval.

Stuart B. Campbell, Clerk of Session

Childcare during the annual meeting will be provided in the Preschool Room.