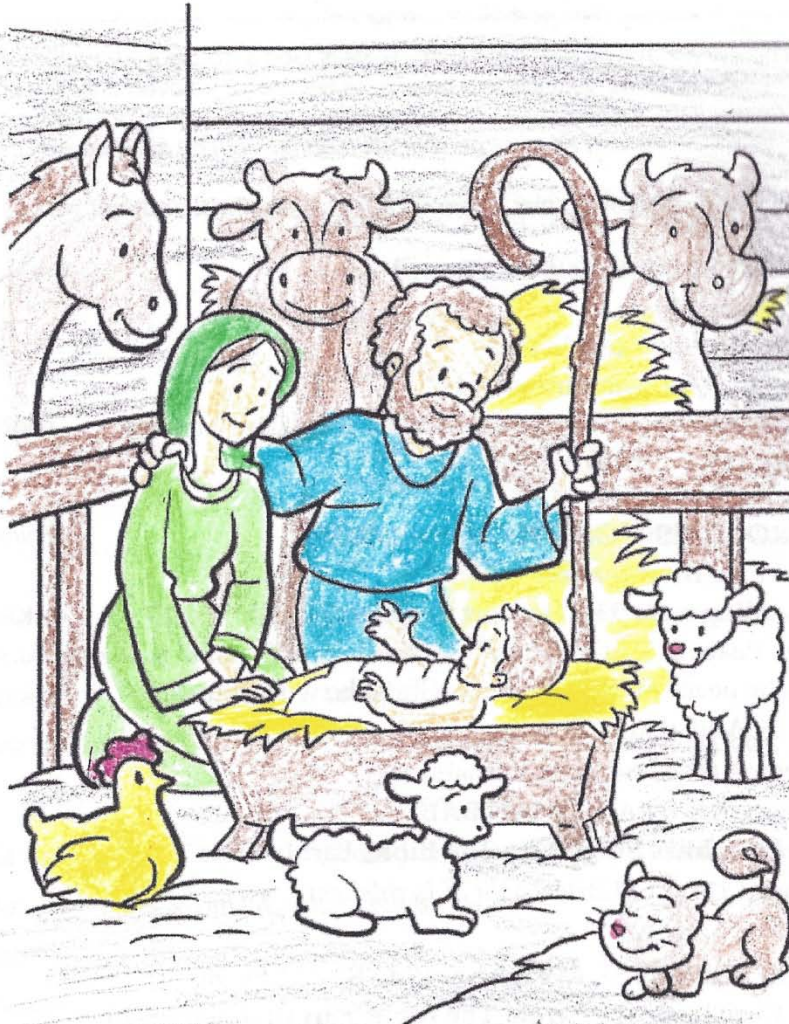


Christmas Eve Manger Service

Blessing of the Animals



December 24, 2015 4:30 p.m.

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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The Setauket Presbyterian Church

"As active disciples of Jesus Christ, we celebrate and share the love of God among ourselves and with others."

CHRISTMAS EVE MANGER SERVICE

December 24, 2015

4:30 PM

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: *Song for the Child* by Julia Cunningham

Rev. Mary B. Speers

Hymn 115 *Away in a Manger*

MUELLER

GOD PROMISES LIGHT TO THE WORLD

Prayer for Illumination

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 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

GOD APPEARS IN SURPRISING WAYS

The Christmas Story from **The Bible, Part II:** Luke 2:8-20

Reading: *How Did the Animals Know?* by Julia Cunningham

Rev. Kate Jones Calone

* Hymn 119 *Hark, The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

GOD'S LOVE FILLS THE WORLD

Reading: *Had We Been There* by Ann Weems

Rev. Speers

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

(The offering will be shared between SPC and the Guide Dog Foundation)

Offertory Carol *The Friendly Beasts*

Traditional

Children of Setauket Presbyterian Church

* **Doxology** (Hymn 147, 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 Thanksgiving and Dedication

Jesus our brother, with the wise men of old we offer our gifts to you. Be born in us today: guide our faith from its birth to its fullest flower; lead us beyond the concerns of the moment to taste your hope and love for all creation, for we pray in your name...

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 134** *Joy to the World!*

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

More Christmas Music

Poems from *The Stable Rat* by Julia Cunningham and *Kneeling in Bethlehem* by Ann Weems

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

Have A Very Merry Christmas!!

Your Staff: Mary, Katz, Mikael, Karen, Marie, Dick, Jack,
Janet, Heather & Yvonne

THE PARLOR is equipped with a sound system should you wish or need to take advantage of the space during worship. Please refrain from eating or drinking in our 200 year old Sanctuary.

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME HERE. This is God's house and a happy church home. If you are searching for a church home in this community, we would be happy to speak with you about exploring what membership means at this church. Please feel free to take a "Welcome" booklet from the pews for information about SPC and its programs. If you would like to learn more about the programs of this church, please call the church office (941-4271) or indicate your interest on the Friendship Roster, or speak to a pastor.

ALL ARE INVITED to come back and participate in our 7:30 PM Worship Service and join the choir at the end of the service in singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah, and to our 11:00 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service tonight where we will celebrate the joy of Jesus' birth with candles and communion.

ALL YOUTH GROUP ALUMNI, AND FRIENDS are invited to a party immediately following tonight's 7:30 p.m. service in the Church Parlor. Come and reconnect with your church friends as we celebrate this special night together. Refreshments will be served.