



All is
calm,
all is
bright



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

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

9:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Variants on '*Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*'

Gerald Near

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Light Enters *While We Are Waiting Come*

Claire Cloninger

*** Call to Worship/Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Leader(s): This Advent, we pray each week for each of the four corners of the earth.

Let us face South. (*All persons face South.*)

O Spirit, O Companion and Advocate,

O Christ, our Beginning and our End,

We pray for the coral reefs, birthplace of life;

for octopuses, pelicans, and penguins;

for the rain forests: for macaws and piranhas and coquí;

for the savannahs and deserts: elephants and giraffes, wallabies and kangas;

we pray for your peoples living there.

People: **O Key of David, key to your people's home:
help us to restore your Creation.**

(*All persons return facing center. A leader lights two candles.*)

People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*** Hymn 102** *Savior of the Nations, Come*

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

God of the future, you are coming in glory to fill your world with goodness. We confess that in all our preparations for another Christmas, we are still unprepared for you. Where we might be opening our hearts and our lives to receive you, we are busy filling them up, as though we did not really believe you were coming. Help our unbelief: give us grace to leave open our unfilled places, so that when our guest comes, they become places of honor, and we are ready with a joyful welcome in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord...

(*Silent Prayer*)

Assurance of God's Grace

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*** Gloria** (refrain from Hymn 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 347, verse 1

***Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand,
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.***

First Reading Luke 1:26-38

Anthem *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Heinrich Praetorius

Second Reading Luke 1:46-55

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

* HYMN 100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

Wayne L. Wold

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

* Doxology 606 (alt)

* Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, source of all power and grace, place within us the spirit of your holy child Jesus, fill us with such love and awe and delight that we become a blessing to everyone we meet, and send us into your world to share your abundant life through the one who was, and is, and is to come, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Peace

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and our greatest joy...

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

(sung together; Hymn 552)

tune from Appalachia, USA

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory; Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

Sharing the Bread and Cup (Please hold the elements until all are served.)

Prayer after Communion (from Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul:
And forget not all God's benefits.

God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your holy child Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Christ, and pledge ourselves to serve Christ in our neighbor for we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

* HYMN 496 *Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed*

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* BENEDICTION

The benediction of the God of Sarah, Hagar and Abraham,
The benediction of the Son, who was born of Mary,
The benediction of the Holy Spirit of love,
Who watches over us like a mother for her children,
Descend upon us all. Amen.

(We join with the members of our sister church in San Antonio de los Baños in Cuba in sharing this benediction on the first Sunday of each month.)

CHORAL RESPONSE *Cuban Benediction*

arr. Mark Orton

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on 'People, Look East'*

Paul Vasile

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.

OURS IS AN OPEN COMMUNION. All Christians are encouraged to join in celebrating the Lord's Supper today. This includes children whose parents deem it appropriate and who have instructed their children about the meaning of Communion. For greater inclusivity, all the bread being served is gluten free, and all wine is unfermented grape juice.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor
9:30 Worship Service with Christmas Cantata by SPC Choir; Childcare (ages 1 - 3);
9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade); Middle School Program (7th-8th Grade)
11:00 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
11:00 Adult Ed Class / Christmas Caroling, meet in Fellowship Hall
6:00 SPC Choirs Christmas Party at Ehrlich's home
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