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the

Light

of the
world





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

December 24, 2016

11:00 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.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Variants on 'Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming'
Silent Night

Gerald Near
arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

Ringling of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

Call to Worship: The Christ Candle

Reader 1: We light this candle for Emmanuel, God With Us.

Reader 2: Tonight, in Christ Jesus, God comes to dwell among us.

Reader 3: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Reader 4: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

All: You have come, Lord Jesus!

* **Hymn 144** *In the Bleak Midwinter*

CRANHAM

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Light of life, you came in flesh,
born into human pain and joy,
and gave us power to be your children.**

**Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us,
so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness
and walk in the way of peace....(silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

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

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

* **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 121, Verse 3 (ST. LOUIS)

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.

No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,

where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

A Proclamation from the Prophets of the Bible Isaiah 9:2-7

Anthem *Noël Nouvelet*

arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

The Birth Narrative Luke 2:8-20

A REFLECTION *The True Miracle*

The Rev. Dr. Craig C. Malbon

SHARING OUR LOVE THROUGH THE OFFERING

Offertory *Away in a Manger*

arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

(Please sign the Ritual of Friendship pads, noting fellow worshipers as it is returned.)

* **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 Dedication**

God of goodness and kindness, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, all that we have are gifts of your grace. As the heavenly host sang of your glory, accept what we bring as offerings of praise. With the shepherds we have witnessed the birth of our Savior; our response is gratitude for the hope of new life we receive in Christ Jesus. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

* **Communion Hymn 347** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (verses 1 & 2)

PICARDY

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, with Intercessions, and The Lord's Prayer

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.

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

Sung Prayer after Communion

* **Hymn 535** *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

BLESS THE LORD

* **SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

*When you light your candle, hold the **lit** candle upright, and tip the **unlit** candle towards it.*

When all candles are lit, we sing:

* **Candlelight Carol (insert)**

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

Verse 1 in English; then verse 1 in the original German; then verses 2, 3 & 4 in English

* **BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

Please extinguish your candle and return it to the basket as you leave.

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: Mary, Craig, Paul, Karen, Maria, Jack, Dick,
Heather & Yvonne



and
suddenly
there was with
the angel
a multitude of
the heavenly host
praising God
and saying
Glory to God
in the highest, and on earth
peace, goodwill towards
all

Luke 2
13-14