

Jesus...
HOPE IS BORN





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

7:30 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.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Variants on *'Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming'*
Away in a Manger
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Gerald Near
arr. Paul Vasile
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Ring of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit/Light Enters *A Virgin Unspotted*

William Billings

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 134** *Joy to the World!*

ANTIOCH

THE PROPHET SPEAKS TO THE PEOPLE IN EXILE Isaiah 9:2-7

* **HYMN 123** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

CAROL

JESUS IS BORN IN A STABLE IN BETHLEHEM Luke 2:1-7

* **HYMN 116** *The Snow Lay on the Ground*

VENITE ADOREMUS

GLORY ON THE HILLSIDE Luke 2:8-14

ANTHEM *I Wonder As I Wander*

John Jacob Niles

GLORY IN THE BACK STREETS OF TOWN Luke 2:15-20

* **HYMN 121** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

GLORY TODAY

Rev. Mary Barrett Speers

* **HYMN 110** *Love Has Come*

BRING A TORCH

FOLLOWING THE LIGHT Matthew 2:1-12

* **HYMN 135** *There's a Star in the East*

FOLLOW

GIVING IN RESPONSE TO THE GIFT

Invitation

Offertory *It Was a Starry Night*

David & Bonnie Huntsinger

(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!***

* **Offertory Prayer**

Jesus our life, with the wise men of old we offer our gifts to you. May this Christmas be more than opening presents: this Christmas, may we open our hearts and minds to your Presence. Be born in us today: guide our faith from infancy to maturity; lead us beyond the concerns of the moment to taste your hope and love for all creation. Renew our spirits, and strengthen us to be your body in your world, through the indwelling power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts; hymnal p. 35)

*You are invited to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus after the Benediction.
Please come upstairs to the balcony during the next hymn; sheet music awaits you there.*

***HYMN 133** *O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1 and 3)*

ADESTE FIDELES

* **BENEDICTION**

CHORAL ASCRIPTION *Hallelujah Chorus*

G. F. Handel

* The people may stand.

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, Marie,
Dick, Jack, Heather & Yvonne
