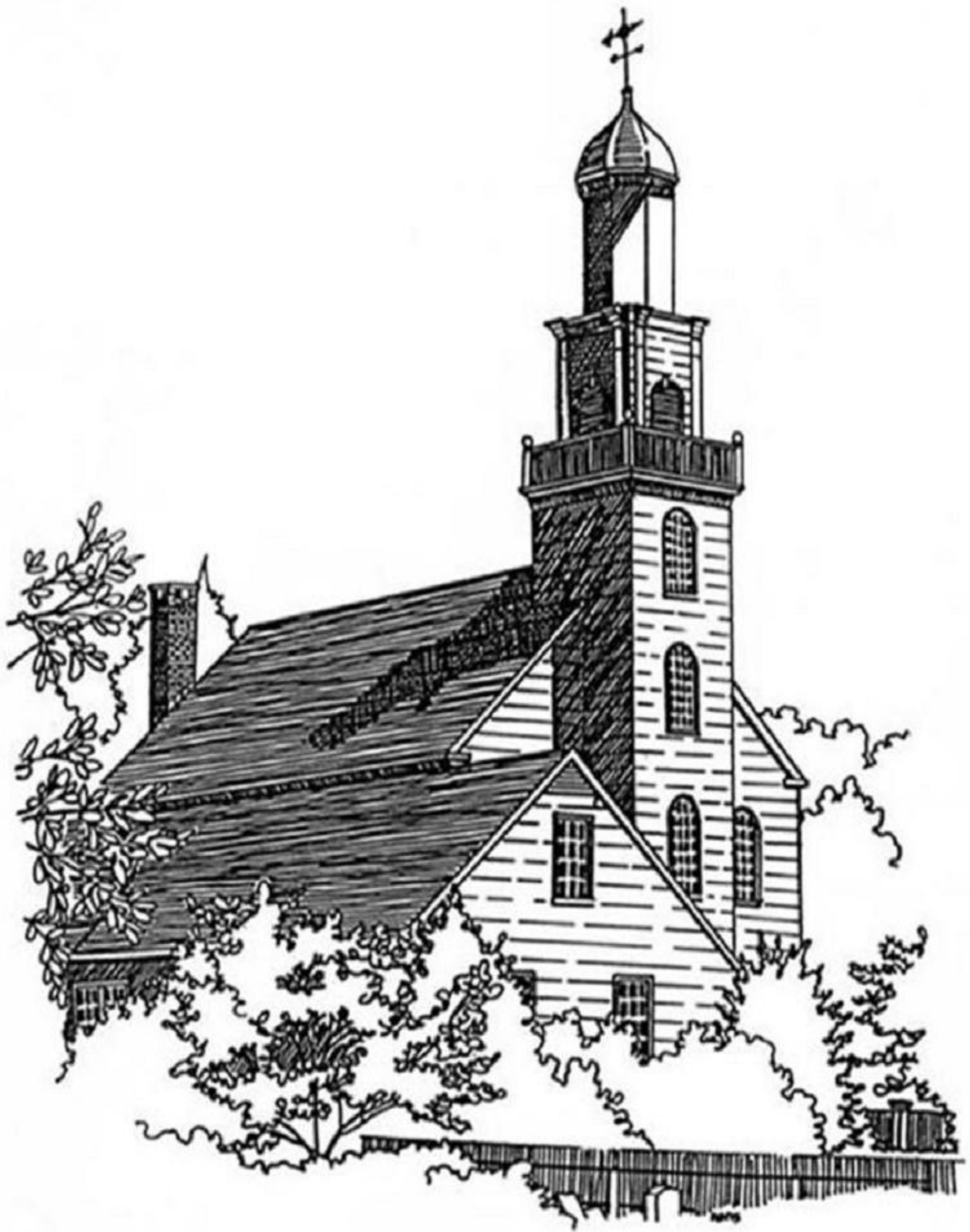


Welcome to the
Setauket Presbyterian Church



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Order of Worship

January 29, 2023

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

The Light Enters

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Micah 6:8)

God has told us what is good:

to do justice;

to love kindness;

and to walk humbly with our God.

Lord, we are here this morning to learn how to do these things.

Come to us now as your Son,

and teach us your ways!

Let us worship God.

❖**HYMN** no. 372 *O for a World*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (adapted from Matthew 5:1-12)

Merciful God, you call unexpected disciples—those who are poor and meek, those who are hungry and thirsty, those who are reviled and persecuted—to be a blessing for the world. And yet, we often think that the opposite is the case: that we need to be very wise, and accomplished, and in control of things, and universally liked, and powerful to be the kind of people you would choose to work through.

Lord, help us to grasp the fact that your greatest desire is that we would walk humbly with you, and not put pressure on ourselves to be something other than what we are: human beings. Number us among your kind and peace-making saints, that we may serve you and our neighbors with love and justice in our hearts. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE (adapted from Micah 6:3-7)

Friends, rejoice and be glad! For our sins are forgiven by a God who does not require terrible things from us, but instead has always been about the work of liberating us. God's mercy is great and God's Son, Jesus, brings healing, justice, and peace.

Friends, know that –

God loves us. God forgives us.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE Hymn no. 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* (verses 1 & 2)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you. Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN and THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may come to a new way of understanding and valuing our lives and experiences and the lives and experiences of others. Teach us once again that your grace indeed abides in deepest waters! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-12

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 1:18

SERMON *Fools Errand* Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖**HYMN** *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)* Joel Houston, Matt Crocker,
Nicole Karrs, alto Salomon Lighthelm

Congregation sings chorus

I will call upon Your name
keep my eyes above the waves
my soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

❖ **DOXOLOGY no. 609**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God,
all creatures high and low: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

❖**DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE**

Loving God, we thank you that you show us who you are through your great acts of liberation, your prophets, your apostles, and especially your Son. Indeed, you are there for us, helping us to tell the story of our lives in ever new and grace-filled ways. May the gifts we offer you today be a source of new life and new understanding for someone who finds themselves stuck and in despair; and may we always be about the work of serving you and our neighbor. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

❖**HYMN no. 643** *Now Thank We All Our God*

❖**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

❖ *please rise in body or in spirit; unison prayers are in bold.*

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1 and Connections Worship Companion, Year A, Volume 1.*

The rose on the pulpit is to welcome Asher Reese Melidosian, grandson of Diane and Richard; Asher was born to John and Bihui Melidosian of Wilmington, DE on 1/11/23.

We welcome **Jane-Marie Wright** as Worship Assistant this morning.
Thanks to Jane-Marie for this service!

THE SESSION

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