



CHRISTMAS EVE 2021

4:30PM Worship Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2021

4:30PM

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

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME

INTROIT

The Light Enters

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation to all.

Glory to God in the highest!

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

Glory to God in the highest!

For a child has been born for us,
a Son has been given to us.

Glory to God in the highest!

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest!

To us is born in the city of David
a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest!

And the Word became flesh and lived among us

Glory to God in the highest!

❖ **HYMN no. 119** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (first verse)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Ishida Family

PRAYER

Great God, as you came at night when all was still, so enter our lives this night. Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence, that we may clearly see the way, the truth, and the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW PROPHETS Isaiah 52:7-10

ANTHEM *Coventry Carol*
Ding Dong Merrily on High
What Child is This?
Guitar medley

THE CHRISTMAS STORY FROM THE BIBLE, Part I: Luke 2:1-7

HYMN no. 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (first verse)

THE CHRISTMAS STORY FROM THE BIBLE, Part II: Luke 2:8-20

HYMN no. 115 *Away in a Manger* (first verse)

A CHRISTMAS STORY FOR TODAY

HYMN no. 134 *Joy to the World!* (first and second verses)

OFFERING

Tonight, in addition to our regular offering, we invite you to contribute to the Christmas Joy Offering, which supports leadership development for communities of color and provides support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. You may leave your offering in the plates outside the sanctuary as you depart.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN no. 122 *Silent Night* (first & fourth verses)

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

May the news of the angels
fill our lives and hearts with great joy.

**May the star that guided the wise
lead us to the truth of understanding.**

May the witness of the shepherds
affirm in us the message of the Gospel.

**May the sound of the incarnate Word
bring us peace and hope.**

May the presence of the sacred baby
remind us of our own holiness.

**And may this Christmas
gift us, bless us, comfort us, and challenge us
as we journey into another year.**

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World*
Children's Ensemble

We thank guitarists Harris Becker and Laura Lessard for their service this evening!

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP: Setauket Presbyterian church is a living community of faith, active in worship and service of Jesus Christ. Founded in 1660, our mission is to meet the spiritual needs of our members and friends, be meaningfully involved in supporting our surrounding communities, and bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in the world. All are welcome here! If you are looking for a church home, would like to be on our mailing list, or have any questions about our tradition or faith community, please call the church office (631-941-4271) or speak with one of the pastors. We hope that you feel the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in this place!

THE STAFF

Rev. Kate Jones Calone, Interim Pastor

Rev. Ashley McFaul-Erwin, Community Outreach Pastor

Noby Ishida, Director of Music

Heidi Parles, Director of Spiritual Formation

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