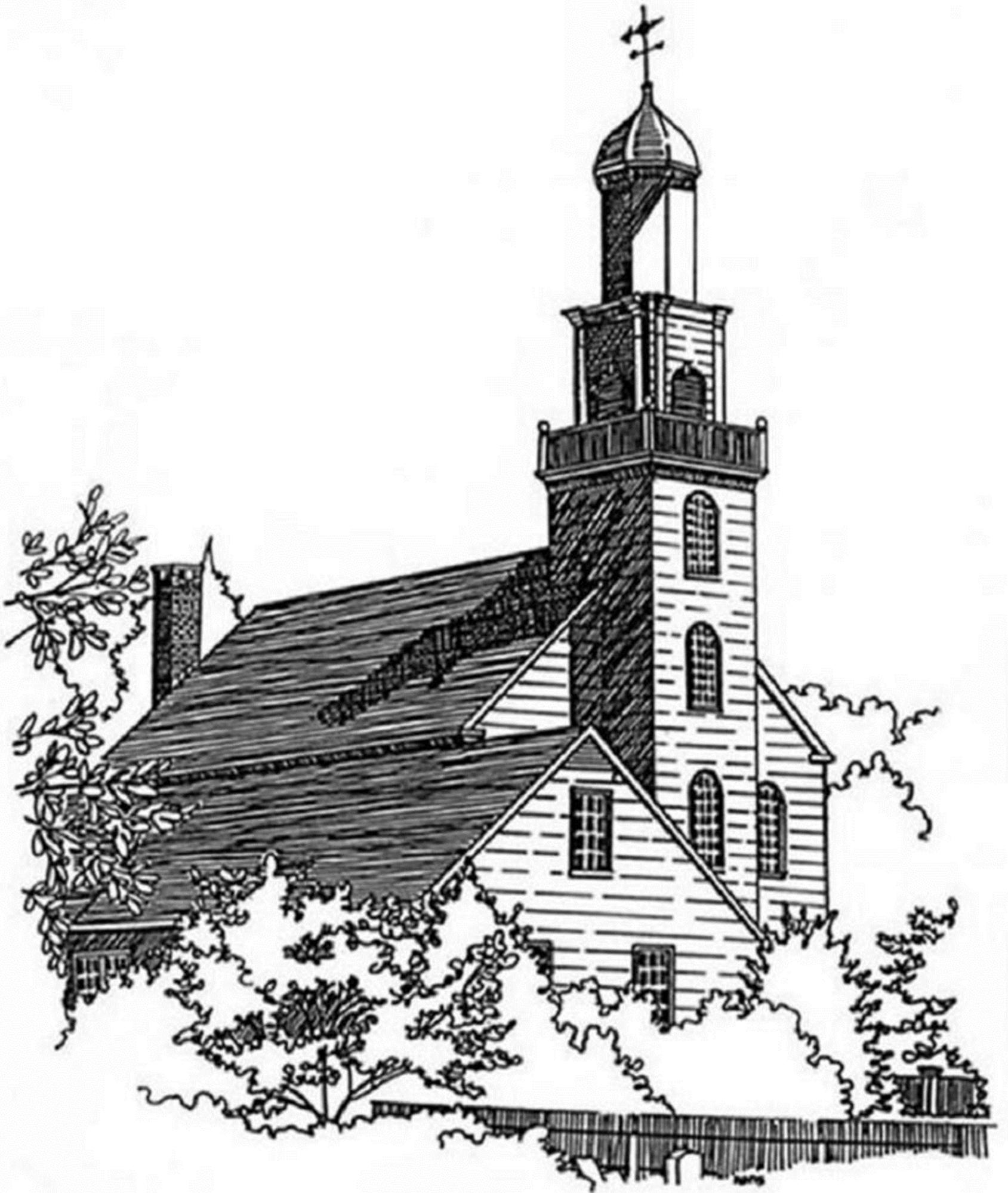


Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
After Pentecost**

Order of Worship

October 30, 2022

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

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

The Light Enters

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, find your vantage point, **your sycamore tree.**

The one we have been seeking **is seeking us.**

The one for whom we have longed **has come to this house today**

❖ **HYMN** no. 726 *Will You Come & Follow Me*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Merciful God, we don't know how to help people – not like you do. We say the wrong things. We set the wrong expectations. We give in ways that don't empower. We don't acknowledge our complicity in other people's vulnerability and need. We act the part of hosts when we ought to be guests.

Help us to do better. Help us to be like you, a Healer who nevertheless celebrated other people's faith and strength. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

It is never too late to join with Jesus on the journey of reformation. No matter your past, God's future for you is filled with meaning and promise. Open your heart, your mind, and your life to God's forgiveness and the Son's mercy and be at peace! **Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE no. 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (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, PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES and THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, through the power of your Holy Spirit, make your Word come alive for us today, full of grace and power. For we would be changed by you! Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19:1-10

SERMON *"Guesting"* Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖HYMN no. 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

OFFERTORY

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Kathy Kerr, Diane Melidosian*, Cynthia Porter* and Mikaela Tucci°*

(*to be installed; °ordained and installed)

Opening Responses (from I Corinthians 12)

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the Body of Christ, and individually members of it.

❖ **Profession of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions to the Officers-elect

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Congregational Unison Prayer of Commitment and Support

God of grace, who called us to common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

Recognition and Thanksgiving for Faithful Service

We recognize those who were called by God through the voice of the church to give service, and who today conclude their current terms on the session and deacons.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ. We celebrate and give thanks for God's call to all who minister among us.

Let us pray:

Eternal God, look mercifully upon this church, and upon these your servants, whose particular service we recognize today. We praise you for joy and accomplishments and for your grace which has nurtured and sustained us and them. Bind us ever closer to one another and draw us nearer to our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

❖ 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

Holy One, we ask you to bless these tithes and offerings, so that these gifts might bless those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and seeking justice with courage, strength, and joy; in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

❖HYMN no. 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

BENEDICTION

Go out into the world a guest, ready to learn from people, ready to receive what is offered us with thanksgiving, and ready to be a giver of joy!

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with us always! Amen.

POSTLUDE & PROCESSIONAL

All are welcome to follow the processional to the Fellowship Hall for the Stewardship Brunch
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We welcome **Joellen McNamara** as our Worship Assistant and **Victor Vaccaro** on the Bagpipes this morning. Thanks to them both for their service!
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The flowers on the pulpit this morning are given in honor of Mark Orton and his many years of service at the church.
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The Sympathies of the Congregation are extended to the family & friends of:
Mark Orton, former SPC Music Director
Kim Dolder Sconzo, friend of Heidi Parles