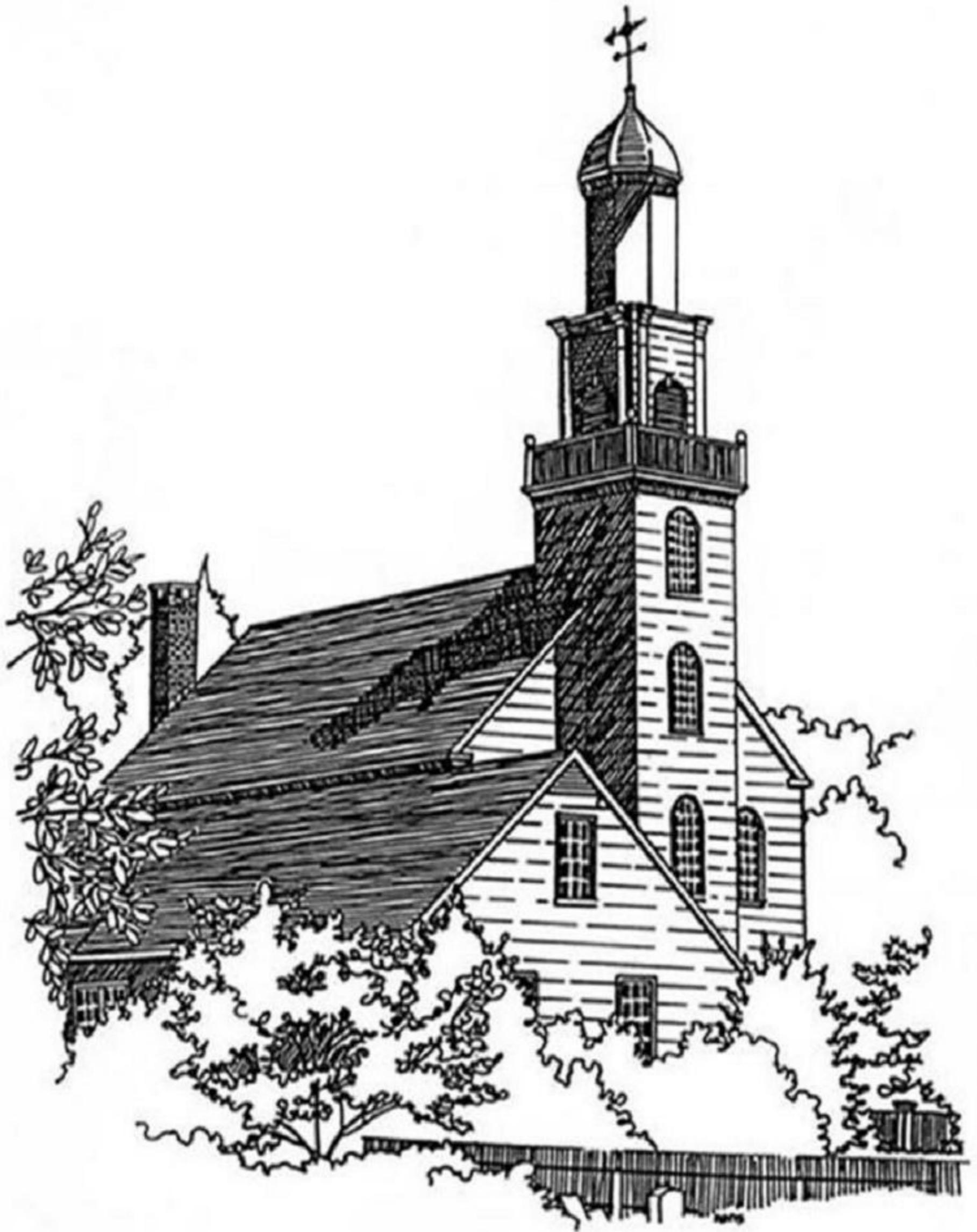


Welcome to the
Setauket Presbyterian Church



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Order of Worship

February 5, 2023

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

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

The Light Enters

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Isaiah 58:1-8)

We are here to learn how to shout,

how to lift up our voices like so many trumpets!

We don't want to serve only our own interests,

or to oppress people, or to quarrel and fight.

We want our light to break out into the world

through acts of mercy and justice.

Teach us, Lord, how to share with the hungry,

clothe the naked,

house the unsheltered,

and be there for kin and stranger alike.

Teach us, Lord, to let our light shine.

❖ **HYMN** (insert)

This Little Light of Mine

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace.

Lord, forgive our self-righteousness and give us back our integrity. We want to be that shining city on a hill that you created us to be, and to lead others to give thanks to God for having known us! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends, God has not given us a Spirit of fear, but gifts galore: to serve our neighbors, to love our families and friends, and to be kind and decent human beings. That we will mess up is a given. That God will build us back up again when we fall is also a given. Rejoice! Be glad! Know that –

God loves us. God forgives us. God calls us.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE Hymn no. **853**

We are Marching (Praying & Singing) in the Light of God

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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds to your Word this morning, that we might see the light that burns within us, and be convinced to let this light shine out into the world and to your glory. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 58:9b-12

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

SERMON *This Little Light?* Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖ **HYMN** no.726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* (verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

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 give thanks for all you have given us and praise you for your incredible goodness! Receive these our gifts of time, talent, and treasure now; bless them; and give us the wisdom to use what you have provided to build up our fellow human beings in faith, hope, and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Please join in singing the communion hymns as the elements are distributed, and we will partake together after all are served. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) practices an open communion. Visitors and children are welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper. Please note that all shared Communion bread is gluten free, and all "wine" is grape juice.

Hymn no. 525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

**Let us break bread together
on our knees;
let us break bread together
on our knees.**

**When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,**

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine...

Let us praise God...

Hymn no. 507 *Come to the Table of Grace*

**Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table;
it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.**

Come to the table of ...

...peace...

...love...

...hope...

...joy...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

❖CHARGE & BENEDICTION

We say these words together with our siblings in Christ in San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba

**The benediction of the God of Sarah, Hagar and Abraham,
The benediction of the Son, who was born of Mary,
The benediction of the Holy Spirit of love,
Who watches over us like a mother for her children,
Descend upon us all. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE Cuban Benediction

*La bendición de Dios de Sar' Agar y Abram;
La bendición del hijo que de María nació;
La bendición del Santo Espiritu de'amor
Que vela por nosotros, cual madre por sus hijos,
Descienda sobre todos, Amen*

CLOSING HYMN *I Will Follow*

Chris Tomlin

Congregation sings chorus:

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You

Who You love, I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You
I will follow You

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

We welcome **Ken Rogers** as Worship Assistant this morning. Thanks to Ken for this service!