

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



**Twenty-First Sunday
After Pentecost**

Order of Worship

October 16, 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

God, our help in times of trouble, gathers us together.

We come in search of Wisdom.

Through the Sacred testimonies of our faith, God feeds us.

For the nourishment of our souls, we come.

In the quiet of prayer, God speaks to us.

We come to listen.

The seeking. The doubting. The skeptical. The sure.

God welcomes us all.

In the mystery of Divine Wisdom, come, and let us linger together

❖ **HYMN** no. 475 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your words are given to us, Author of Life, so we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others. Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.

Forgive us, God of Wonder. Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, as we strive to live as you have called us to. (Time for silent personal confession) In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We are God's people, chosen and named as God's own.

We are God's people, no longer defined by sin.

We are God's people, people of the resurrection.

You are loved, you are forgiven, and God's mercy is extended to all.

Thanks be to 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We celebrate today with Killian Herzog child of Lindsay-Ann Carol Herzog and Brian Robert Herzog.

❖The Apostles' Creed (traditional)

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.

HYMN no. 488 *I was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts—a spring of hope for thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 32:22-31

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:1-8

SERMON *"God's Persistence"* Rev. Ashley McFaul-Erwin

❖HYMN no. 737 *Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song*

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Sue Spagnoli

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

Glorious One, despite all the pain and injustice that surrounds, your practices of solidarity never wane. With gratitude for every glimpse of your presence with us, we bring our offerings. The wonder of your love renews our hope and revives our care for one another. Thanks be to you, lover of justice and mender of broken hearts, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

❖ **HYMN no. 320** *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

❖ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

We welcome **Jean Hrbek** as our Worship Assistant this morning.
Thanks to Jean for this service!

THE SESSION

The Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner, Moderator
The Rev. Ashley McFaul-Erwin
Stuart Campbell, Clerk

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Founders Circle: Carol Ullo and Arlene Rogers, Co-Moderators

THE STAFF

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