

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Order of Worship

November 27, 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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Roxanne Kiefer Mollo & Grossman Family

❖ **HYMN** no. 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of today and God of tomorrow,
you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

But we say, "Our lives are too messy."

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

God of today and God of tomorrow,
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.

Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

There's room for every story. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Family of faith,

We who feel scattered are held together.

We who have lost our way are forgiven and found.

And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told,

"There's room for you here."

From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE Hymn no. 95 *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our 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.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of the ages, in scripture we hear stories of people like us—ordinary people, people who longed to know you, people who longed to follow you, people who made mistakes, people who tried to grow— old, young, native, immigrant, new to the faith, lifelong believer.

In scripture we hear stories of people like us, so just as you walked with them, help us to hear and remember all the ways that you walk with us.

We are listening. We are grateful. We are yours. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 2:1-5

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:1-17

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from

David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

SERMON

“Stories”

Rev. Ashley McFaul-Erwin

❖ **HYMN** no. 100 *My Soul Cries Out*

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP *ODE Mattresses*

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!**

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE**

Generous God, we thank you for bringing us to this season of waiting. As we look at our lives, we see evidence of the countless ways that you have provided for our needs. Let gratitude well up in our hearts and overflow in generosity to others. Draw us outward to see ways that we can joyfully share what you have given. Let our acts of kindness, love, and justice bear good fruit in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

❖ **HYMN** no. 94 *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

❖ **BENEDICTION**

**As you leave this place, may you go knowing that
from generation to generation,
we have been claimed and loved.**

**From generation to generation,
God has been by our side.**

**From generation to generation,
we are not alone.**

**The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow
knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth,
saying, “Go be the person you are called to be,
love wildly, do justice, and come back soon.”**

May it be so. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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