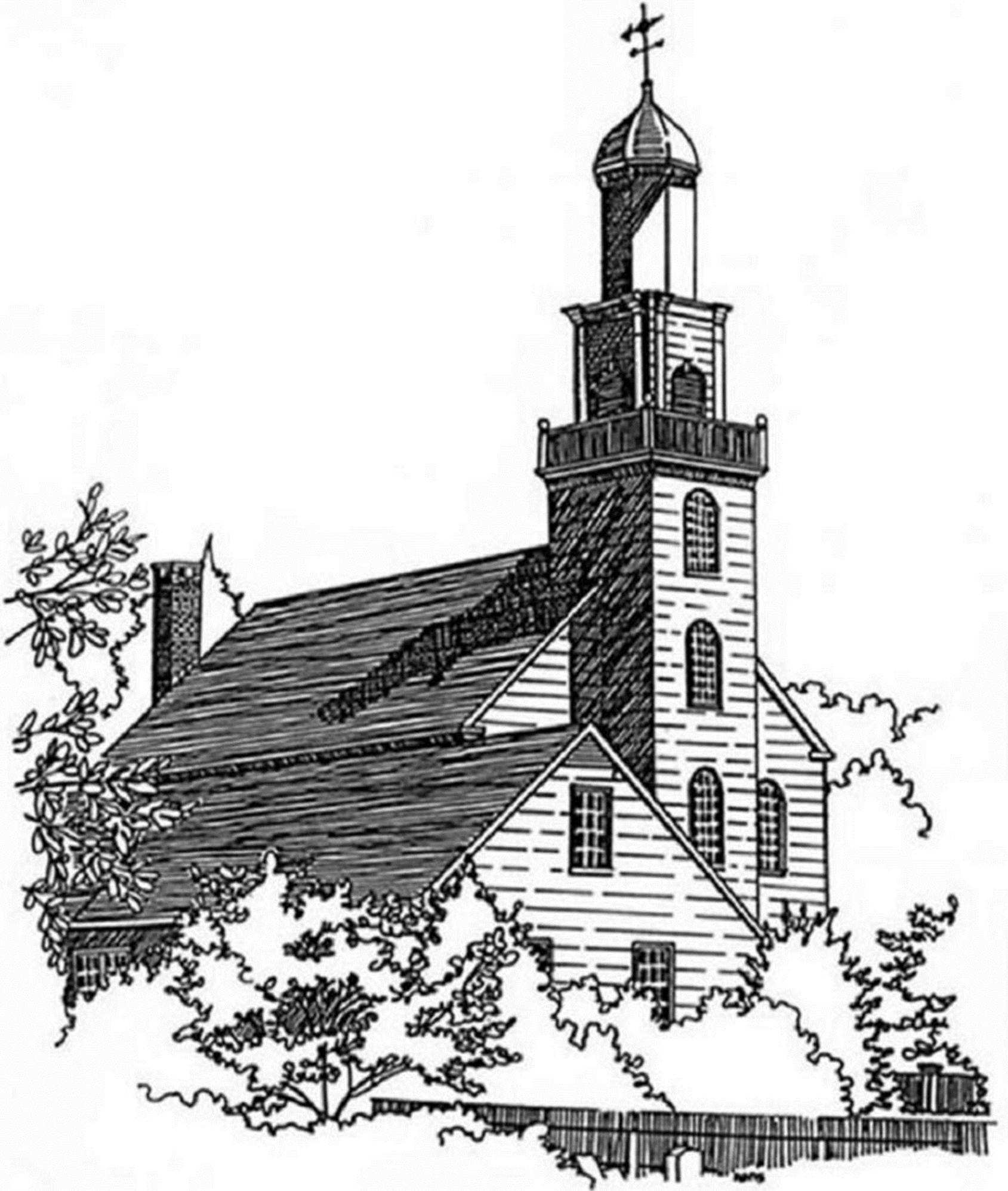


Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



**Twenty-Third Sunday
After Pentecost**

Order of Worship

November 13, 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

We are from north and south.

We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.

We are from this city and from others far away.

We are from big families and dinners made for one.

We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

We are from hot summers and cold winters.

We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,
and fast-food drive throughs.

We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.

We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

Today we are together.

Holy God, gather us in.

❖ **HYMN no. 393** *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth,
they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question.

Can anything good come from that side of town?

From a school with poor test scores?

From a criminal history?

From the opposite political party?

From a history of addiction?

From a faith with doubt?

From a church with faults?

Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all things at all times.

**Open our eyes to see your goodness, not as something that resides here or there,
but as the expansive grace that it is.**

Can anything good come from there? Yes. Always yes. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Family of faith, if you ever ask yourself, "Can anything good come from this messy and human life of mine?" Remember this: God is always whispering, "Yes." You were created in the image of God. Your origin story is one of goodness and love from the very beginning. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

God is here. God is at work among us.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We celebrate today with Carson Marciano, child of Jessica & Peter Marciano

❖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 Borning Cry*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, I don't always know how to pray, but you find me anyway. I don't always know how to listen, but you are in my ears all the same. I don't always know how to believe, but you surround me with beauty, and I find myself held together in love.

Where I come from there are so many distractions. Where I come from there is so much noise. Find me. Hold me. Be in these words. Help me hear. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Lamentations 1:1-7a

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21:5-6

SERMON

"What next?"

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖HYMN no. 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

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

God of North, South, East, and West, I have been meaning to say... thank you.
Thank you for scooping up the dirt and breathing life into it.
Thank you for forming this body, this life, this world, these people.
Thank you for drawing us in, for holding us up, and for weaving us together—
even when it's hard, especially when it's hard.

If people ask, "Where are you from?" my mouth speaks of geography,
but my soul always sings your name.

Lord, thank you for the places we've been,
for the people who've shaped us,
for the spaces we call home,
and for the opportunity to help our fellow human beings. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

❖HYMN no. 370 *This Is My Father's World*

❖CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgy is adapted from prayers by Rev. Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

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We welcome **Jane-Marie Wright** as our Worship Assistant this morning.

Thanks to Jane-Marie for this service!
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**The flowers this morning are given in celebration of the Baptism of
Carson Peter Marcano, grandson of Sue and Rob Spagnoli.**

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