

THIRD SUNDAY in ADVENT

Intergenerational Christmas Pageant

Order of Worship

December 15, 2019

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

The Light Enters

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Members of the SPC Choir

Response

The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia!

Congregational Response *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* (third verse)

Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.

✠ HYMN no. 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deb Dwyer

Great God,

We need to remember

**that how things are now is not how they've always been;
and it's not how they always will be.**

We need to remember

**that your kingdom has come,
that it is growing among us now,
and that the time will come
when it fills the world with justice and love.**

And so we pray for your coming,

to those around the world

whose poverty, pain, trauma, and grief

make your kingdom feel like a pipe dream;
to those in our community
who long to see your love and justice
expressed through your followers;
to those in your Church
who seek to be faithful and to make a difference
while juggling the needs of themselves and their families;
and to us,
who long to know you more,
and to live as citizens of your kingdom
in this place and time.

**May your coming be something we hope for,
and also something we experience
moment by moment.**

We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the one who has come for the whole world and who taught us when we pray to say together:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.
Glory to God in the highest and peace to all God's people.

✠ **SUNG RESPONSE no. 82** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (second verse)

Born thy people to deliver, born to set thy people free;
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

OFFERTORY

✠ DOXOLOGY

You are invited to sing any of the following versions of the Doxology, or words that are familiar to you.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠ DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

**Holy One, this Advent season we wait in joy, and we give with joy.
Joy for all you have given us; joy because of your sacred promises.
Receive these generous offerings, and use them to spread your joy in our
world. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of signs and wonders, we come to your words again and again, seeking
understanding. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and
minds so that we may believe the testimony of angels, shepherds, wise men,
and all who have been witness to the birth of your Son in every time and
place. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:46-55

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Hymn 143	<i>Angels, from the Realms of Glory (verses 1, 2, 3)</i>
Hymn 121	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1, 2, 3)</i>
Hymn 135	<i>There's a Star in the East (Rise Up Shepherd and Follow) (verses 1, 2)</i>
Hymn 115	<i>Away In a Manger (verses 1, 2)</i>
Hymn 105	<i>People Look East (verses 1, 4, 5)</i>
Hymn 151	<i>We Three Kings (verses 1, 5)</i>
Hymn 122	<i>Silent Night (verses 1, 2, 3)</i>

✠ HYMN no. 134 *Joy to the World* (verses 1 and 4)

✠ BENEDICTION

Be people of joy.

Let joy live in your heart and share the joy of Christ with all you meet.

Share joy by seeing the good in each other.

Share joy by remembering good times and hoping for good times to come.

Share joy by praying for our world.

In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share joy.

As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share joy, peace, hope, and love with those you meet. Amen.

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hymn no. 136 Go Tell It On the Mountain*

POSTLUDE

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

Portions of today's liturgy come from Feasting on the Word and John van de Laar.

Next Sunday, December 22, 2019, Choir Special Music Service

9:30 Choir Special Music Service

10:30 Fellowship Hour

11:00 Confirmation Class

No Adult Education Class

Pageant Participants

Director: Greg Senf

Script: Kenny Rogers

Michael Bicknell

Dave Calone

Kate Jones Calone

Meg Calone

Peter Calone

Sarah Calone

Brian Donahue

Genevieve Ehrlich

Jean Hrbek

Lauren Ishida

Koji Ishida

Sayuri Ishida

Justin Kirik

Charlotte Kugler

Hannah Kugler

Liam Kugler

Ashley McFaul-Erwin

Frank Miranda

Ali Nicklas

Arlene Rogers

Kenny Rogers

Andy Senf

William Senf

Violet Sucilsky Atchison

Persephone Terman

DECEMBER 15TH WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY

9:30 Worship Service
10:30 Fellowship Hour
11:00 Youth Group and Confirmation Class for Caroling
11:00 Caroling to homebound members-meet in Fellowship Hall
6:30 Feldenkrais in Parlor

MONDAY

8:30-11:00 ODE Volunteer Day
1:00 Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
2:00-9:00 Music Lessons
3:30 Lyrical Children in Hall 001
7:00 Vigil for Gun Violence Prevention in Sanctuary

TUESDAY

9:30 Bible Study
7:30 Al-Anon & Al-Ateen Meetings in MJR

WEDNESDAY

6:30 Early Christians
2:00-9:00 Music Lessons
4:00 Soup Kitchen in Port Jefferson
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous Meeting in FH
7:30 Nar-Anon in Hall 002
7:30 Session in Parlor

THURSDAY

2:00-9:00 Music Lessons
2:00 Mah Jong in Parlor
7:00 Book Group in Parlor
7:00-9:00 Choir Rehearsal in Choir Loft

FRIDAY

2:00-9:00 Music Lessons
7:15 Bell Choir in Loft

SATURDAY

9:00-5:00 Piano Lessons
9:00-4:00 Music Lessons
9:30 ODE Volunteer Day
6:00 AA in Martha Jayne Room

We welcome **Deb Dwyer** as our Worship Assistant this morning.

Thanks to Deb for this service!



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Wolfgang Wulff; The Cox Family (friends of Pastor Ashley); **Christine Kreitzman** (friend of Betty Stein); **Betty Stein; Kristen and Ron Axelrod; Susan Powers; Mary**

Seigle; Joseph Munch (brother-in-law of Pat McCumber); **Carmen Walsh; Susan Bivonna** (cousin of Mary Sansone); **Mae Hultin; The Rev. Tim Hoyt-Duncan** (former Pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church in Northport); **Eileen Orr** (Pat Strong's sister); **Cindy Fronhofer** (sister of Sheila Towers); **Lucas Wright** (son of a friend of Kate Zvokel); **Ann Davis** (former member); **Jim Towler; Matt Zender** (Student of Noby and Rachel Carter-White); **Florence Gettler; Doug Waldhauer** (Virginia Sassano's Son); **Tim Wheeler and C Company, 1-508th PIR, 82nd Airborne; Al Reimers; Anne M.** (friend of Betty); **Ernie Bump; Grace Rossi; Don & Barbara Overfield** (friends of Mike and Helene Bicknell); **Jim Sassano; Ed Wittman; Kaitlyn Diogo** (niece of Helene Bicknell); **Kimberly Janson; Peter Sarant** (Pam Crum's brother); **Joan Kuhns** (Dan Winter's mother-in-law); **George Hammarth and Kim Liroult** (co-workers of Sherri Aicher); **Stacey Irizarry** (friend of Diane Curtiss); **Hank Crum** (husband of Pam Crum); **Peter Hertling** (friend of the Dawes'); **Suzanne Wallace** (friend of Diane Melidosian); **Eric Brooks** (husband of Kathy Gray's niece, Danielle); **Jody Riggio, Dawn Vogel and Lorriane Vogel; Our Sister Church in Cuba; Cort Bunning; Sandy Williams** (Al Reimer's sister-in-law); **Dottie Devoe** (at Mills Pond rehab.); **Lynne Richardson** (Chris Richardson's mother); **Robert Price; Michael LaVecchia** (Bonnie Schlagel's cousin); **Ross & Lyn Saddlemire** (Sue Powell's parents); **Kathleen Pfeiffer** (Diane & Roger Curtiss' cousins); **Maryellen Trimboli** (Alice Dawes' student); **Margaret Jackson; Honor Dexter; Don Alberts** (Trisha Pearson's father); **Paige Pearson; Jon DeVoe; Geri Wells; Jack Fennimore** (Dottie Trump's son-in-law); **Jack Hayes** (Joellen McNamara's cousin); **Ruth Whyte; Ed Loveland** (Ron Loveland's brother); **Debbie Price** (Karen Carroll's friend); **Katherine Dodd** (Robynne Haliotis' sister-in-law)

THE SESSION

The Rev. Kate Jones Calone, Moderator
Stuart Campbell, Clerk

CLASS of 2020

Mark Aicher
Debra Dwyer
Linda Obernauer
Greg Senf
Anne Shybunko-Moore
Jessica Suhadolink

CLASS of 2021

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Jean Hrbek
Harry Janson
John Leser
Bonnie Schulz

CLASS of 2022

Greg Bellias
Kathy Coen
Chris Dere
Mae Hultin
Arlene Rogers

THE BOARD of DEACONS

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Joan Kahnhauser
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Diane Melidosian
Frank Miranda Jr. Co-Mod
Patricia Siegal
Susan Spagnoli

CLASS of 2021

Karen Carroll
Pam Crum
Lindsey Moser
Alice Leser
Melanie McDermet Co-Mod.
Beth Senf

CLASS of 2022

Lynn Campbell
Elena Grossman
Justin Kirik
Pat McCumber
Lisa McGrath
Christopher Roth

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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

THE STAFF

Rev. Kate Jones Calone, Interim Pastor

Rev. Ashley McFaul-Erwin, Community Outreach Pastor

Noby Ishida, Director of Music

Heidi Parles, Interim Director of Spiritual Formation

Aaron Watkins-Lopez, Church Administrator and Assistant to the Pastors

Heather Klein, Preschool Teacher/Co-Director Yvonne Sterrett, Preschool Teacher/Co-Director

Richard A. Holroyd, Church Treasurer

Mark Aicher, Financial Secretary

Susan Risoli, Outreach Operations Manager



WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP THIS

MORNING. If you are searching for a church home in this community, we would be happy to speak with you about exploring what membership means at this church. Please feel free to take a "Welcome" booklet from the pews for information about Setauket Presbyterian Church (SPC) and its programs. If you would like to learn more about the programs of this church, please call the church office (941-4271) or Membership Moderator Jean Hrbek, indicate your interest on the Friendship Roster, or speak to the pastor.

DEACONS perform a ministry of sympathy, witness, and service to the congregation and the larger community. If you or someone you know is in need, speak with any of the deacons assisting in worship today. The Deacons' Operation Care is always available to provide short-term assistance with meals, shopping, transportation, and childcare.

Today's Deacons are:

The Church Office will be closed the following dates:

Wednesday, December 25, Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1



Operation Care is sponsored by the Deacons. Meals, transportation and light housekeeping are some of the short-term services open to everyone. If you or someone you know can use these services please contact the Deacons. Please contact Elena Grossman at 631-379-8995 or elena.grossman@yahoo.com if you or someone you know requires care in December.

VOLUNTEER WITH THE OPEN DOOR EXCHANGE

Open Door Exchange, SPC's furniture ministry, welcomes new volunteers! Open Door Exchange collects good quality furniture donated from the community and shares it with Long Islanders who are transitioning into housing from shelters, military service, displacement after a disaster, or who simply need assistance with basic household furniture. We welcome volunteers of all ages at our warehouse in Port Jefferson Station.

Open Door Exchange News

Have you ever heard the word "hygge"? It's a Scandinavian term that refers to cozy comfort at home, especially during the colder months. We're talking relaxing on the couch with a cup of hot tea, burrowing into an overstuffed chair with a good book, or sitting at the table with friends while you all laugh and chase away the winter blues.

At Open Door Exchange, we're big fans of hygge. When we connect our clients with

furniture, it means they can sit comfortably at a table and eat, or provide a place for their kids to do homework and have friends over. And now we're about to bring even more comfort to the people we serve.

ODE is starting evening hours with Tuesday January 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. and we'll continue on with evening hours in the months ahead. We're looking for volunteers who would like to be at the warehouse those nights. So if you've wanted to get more involved with ODE – but weren't able to because of daytime commitments – now is your chance! Please see me or Pastor Ashley, or drop us a note at opendoorexchangel@gmail.com if you'd like to be part of ODE's expanding hours.

I'll leave you with this quote from a client's email to ODE. Perhaps her words will bring you some hygge. It reads: "I'm so thankful. You have no idea how desperately we need furniture. What a wonderful early holiday gift."

Wishing you comfort and joy,
Susan

GOING GREEN AT FELLOWSHIP HOUR!

Thank you to everyone who brought in a mug as part of our attempt to decrease the use of disposable cups at fellowship hour. We now have PLENTY of mugs and are running out of space to store them! From now on at fellowship hour, you can pick up a clean mug by the coffee table, and put the used mug in the rack near the kitchen. Washing the mugs will not be a deacon duty, as they already have plenty to do after church. We are compiling a list of individuals who have volunteered to run the mugs through the dishwasher (3 minutes) and put them away on Sunday. There will be a sign-up sheet near the kitchen. (Dishwasher training included if you sign up!) See Melanie McDermet for more information.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Are you interested in being a part of the SPC Community Garden or a student in need of community service credits? Any questions contact Ken Rogers at Karogers51@gmail.com or (631) 689-1639.

SOUP KITCHEN PREP

The Soup Kitchen Prep: The next prep will be on Monday January 6th. Please email Barbara Curtis (bacpj@optonline.net) if you have any questions.

Soup Kitchen News: We meet about 4:00 pm on two Mondays a month, we're usually finished by 6:30 and we welcome all volunteers! No experience is necessary! We will prepare and freeze 4 meals, which will then be used throughout the year at our weekly serving at St. Paul's church in Port Jefferson. If you'd like to join us or if you'd like more information please contact Barbara Curtis at 631-786-3112 or bacpj@optonline.net

Early Christians...Join members and friends in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and a fantastic breakfast. It's a great way to start your day. We will meet at 6:30am in the Fellowship Hall two Wednesdays a month. Anyone interested should contact Jack Strong at 631-941-4227 or jacknpat116@me.com.

Stewardship Reminder – If you haven't already done so, please remember to send in your pledge for 2020.

Pledges can be mailed to SPC to the attention of the Financial Secretary, 5 Caroline Avenue, Setauket, New York 11733, emailed to Financial_Secretary@SetauketPresbyterian.org or placed in the offering plate on Sundays.

Thank you to all who have already expressed their gratitude to God for all our blessings by making a pledge for 2020

The Children's Library is open on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Do come in to find that perfect book for holiday reading! We have books for both children and adults. Note: If you have books at home you borrowed and are no longer using, please be sure to bring them back to the Children's Library. You may leave them in the church office if the library is closed.

Music for Children and Teens at SPC

Does your child or teen love music? We would love to welcome them to our Children's Choir! We meet from 11-11:30 AM on Sundays. **Children ages 3+** are welcome to join us!

Using the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) training program, children learn the fundamentals of music theory, church music history, and singing technique and perform beloved hymns, sacred songs, and Spirituals in an age-appropriate and fun way. Children also learn how to ring handbells and chimes, play percussion instruments, and enjoy solo opportunities.

Teens at SPC have the option of joining the adult choir or singing in the children's choir. We are blessed to have a number of excellent young instrumentalists in the congregation, and child and teen players who wish to perform as an ensemble and/or as soloists should

contact us!

For more information on the Children's Music Program, please contact Lauren Ishida at: laurenishida1@gmail.com or 646-599-5258

You are Invited to a Congregation-Wide Book Study! As we move through this interim period at SPC, our session is reading together the book *Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation Into a Powerhouse for Mission*. This book was selected by the current moderators of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as the denomination-wide recommended reading for 2019. **If you'd like a copy of the book, please email or call the church.** The Session is currently reading Chapter 3. Videos and conversation starters are already on our SPC Facebook group. You can join the group by searching for the "Setauket Presbyterian Church" closed group in Facebook and asking to join.

SPC is now offering a "Paperless" Program for Steeple News delivery!

If you would prefer to receive Steeple News **ONLY** electronically, you can opt-in to the "Paperless" Program. Please contact Aaron in the Church office at (631) 941-4271 or Setauketpresbyterian@verizon.net.

No Ordinary Gift....A Good Night's Sleep: Please consider donating to our ODE Mattress fund and give the gift of a good night's sleep. Over 200 mattresses are needed for local families. We have special cards for Christmas - your donation may be made honoring a special person or be given in memory of a loved one. All donations will be listed on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary as well as in the February Steeple News. The special donation cards will be available in Fellowship Hall after worship **or in the church office.**

ABOUT THE ORGAN ... This last week you should have received a letter explaining the plans for rebuilding our wonderful pipe organ and some answers to frequently asked questions. We hope you will give it serious and prayerful consideration.

There are at least four ways to contribute to the project:

1. Write a check payable to Setauket Presbyterian Church and write "Organ Rebuilding Fund" in the memo space.
2. Make a donation online at setauketpresbyterian.org
3. Contribute part of the Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA if you are 70.5 or older. Funds from the RMD can be sent directly to the church and will not

result in the increase in your income (and income tax) that it otherwise would.

4. Donate appreciated stock (stock that has gone up in value). Give the stock itself directly to the church, and the church will sell it. You will not have to pay capital gains tax on the increased value, and you will get a charitable deduction for the full value as of the date of your gift.

We are all grateful for every gift that has been made and will be made for this important effort!

Prayer Shawl Ministry...For those of you who don't know what the prayer shawl ministry does, read on. We make shawls and give them away to people who are sick, grieving, celebrating, or facing a crisis. Check out our bulletin board to see how much they are appreciated. We are currently on hiatus but normally we knit or crochet together on Sunday mornings at 9. Our supply is now very low. We need your help! Please consider making a shawl for our ministry or joining us when we resume meeting. Check out www.shawlministry.com for information and directions for shawls if you want to get started now. Hope to see you when we start up again. If you have any questions contact Bonnie Schlagel or Diane Melidosian.

Bible Study...Don't forget, the Tuesday Morning Bible Study group meets at 9:30 AM every Tuesday throughout the year.

THE SPC CHOIR WANTS YOU!

Did you know that when you sing, you pray twice? Noby Ishida and The SPC Choir are pleased to invite teens and adults to join the choir for another exciting year of music, fellowship, and fun. We will be singing an eclectic array of works by Bach, Mozart, Vivaldi, Händel, Fauré, Gjielo, Palestrina, Copland, Parker, Hogan, Hayes, The Gaithers, and many, many more!

Rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM and on Sundays at 8:30 AM preceding the 9:30 AM service. All are welcome! Note: If you would like to join, but can only attend one of the rehearsals, or if you would like to join for special services and holidays (i.e., Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecost, etc.), please let us know. Childcare is available during the Sunday rehearsal and service!

If you have questions or would like to be added to our email list, please contact Noby Ishida at: nobyishida@yahoo.com, or 646-418-1127.

DON'T SING? RING! Want to make music, but saving your vocalizations for the shower? Consider joining SPC's Handbell Ensemble! We meet on Fridays at 7:15-8:15 PM beginning on September 13th, and enjoy making music on a set of exquisite Schulmerich handbells. The Handbell Choir performs 4 times per year, including the 11 PM service on Christmas Eve. We have some exciting new arrangements planned for this year, and we hope that you will join us! To join the Handbell Ensemble, contact Noby Ishida at: nobyishida@yahoo.com, or 646-418-1127.

PASTOR'S TIME AWAY

Please note that Kate and Ashley will be on vacation from December 26-January 3. For pastoral care emergencies during that time, please contact the church office or, when the office is closed, Kate's cell phone at (646) 823-7158. Kate and Ashley will be on the mission trip to the U.S.-Mexico border from January 20-25. For pastoral care emergencies during that time, please contact the church office or the Rev. Richard Graugh at the First Presbyterian Church, Port Jefferson.

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