

FOURTH SUNDAY in ADVENT

Special Choir Music Service

Order of Worship

December 22, 2019

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

The Light Enters

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Members of the Confirmation Class

Response

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

Alleluia!

Choral Response *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* (fourth verse)

✠ **HYMN** no. 88 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verses 1, 6, 7)

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Carol Ullo

Shepherd of Israel, God of hosts, we have turned away from you, neglecting the welfare of your creation, ignoring the plight of your people, trampling on the creatures and the plants you have made, taking from Earth what we cannot give back. We have not helped our neighbors in need, kept peace within our families, or tended the vine you have planted in our own lives. Forgive us and lead us to a more gracious life. In your compassion, turn us to your way. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. *(time for silent confession)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it.

God's grace is in the world, and our sins will not overcome it.

We are loved, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

✠ **SUNG RESPONSE no. 87** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* (first verse)

"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.

"Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.

To my people now proclaim that my pardon waits for them!

Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over."

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION, and THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Today, in addition to our regular offering, we invite you to contribute to the Christmas Joy Offering, which supports leadership development for communities of color and provides support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

✠ **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 with love, and we give with love.

Love for you, our God; love for your beautiful people.

Receive these generous offerings, and use them for your works of love in our world.

Amen.

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION no. 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me...melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

The SPC Choir

Noby Ishida, Conductor

Soloists: Elizabeth Mirandi, soprano; Rachel Carter-White, mezzo-soprano

Orchestra: Yanki Karatas and Philip Carter, Violins; Ofir Tomer, Viola;

Stephen Moran, Cello; Kelly Smestad, Oboe; Richard Wiederman,

Trumpet; Carole Huston, Organ

I. GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Glory to God in the highest

II. ET IN TERRA PAX

And on earth, peace to people of good will

III. LAUDAMUS TE

We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You

Elizabeth Mirandi, soprano & Rachel Carter-White, mezzo-soprano

IV. GRATIAS AGIMUS TIBI

We give thanks to You

V. PROPTER MAGNAM GLORIAM

for Your great glory.

VI. DOMINE DEUS

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty

Elizabeth Mirandi, soprano

VII. DOMINE FILI UNIGENTE

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

VIII. DOMINE DEUS, AGNUS DEI

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, heavenly King, only-begotten Son of the Father, have mercy on us!

Rachel Carter-White, mezzo-soprano

IX. QUI TOLLIS PECCATA MUNDI

You who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

X. QUI SEDES AD DEXTERAM

You who are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us!

Rachel Carter-White, mezzo-soprano

XI. QUONIAM TU SOLUS SANCTUS

For You alone are holy, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the most high

XII. CUM SANCTO SPIRITU

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

✠ **HYMN no. 107** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

✠ **BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Antonio Vivaldi

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

Portions of today's liturgy come from Feasting on the Word.

Next Sunday, December 29, 2019, Lessons and Carols Worship

9:30 Intergenerational Lessons and Carols Worship Service; No Church School

10:30 Fellowship Hour

No Adult Education Class

Join Us During The Christmas Season at Setauket Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services

10:30AM *A Service of Story and Song*

5:30PM *Christmas Eve Dinner*

4:30PM *A Service of Worship and*

Blessing of the Animals

All are welcome, including pets of all varieties

7:30PM *Traditional Candlelight Worship*

Service that concludes with an

invitation to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus

9:00PM *Youth Group and Alumni Gathering*

Join us in the Parlor for refreshments and a chance to catch up with friends

11:00PM *Candlelight and Communion Service*

Sunday, December 29

Intergenerational Lessons and Carols Service at 9:30AM

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family and friends of member and Elder Bonnie Schulz, who died on December 16th.

We welcome **Carol Ullo** as our Worship Assistant this morning.
Thanks to Carol for this service!



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ted Sargent; Gerry Nicklas (mother of Greg Nicklas); Chris Nicklas (brother of Greg Nicklas); 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; 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

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

THE STAFF

Rev. Kate Jones Calone, Interim Pastor

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Noby Ishida, Director of Music

Heidi Parles, Interim Director of Spiritual Formation

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

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DECEMBER 22ND WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY

9:30 Special Choir Music Service

Church School

10:30 Fellowship Hour

11:00 Confirmation Class

6:30 Feldenkrais in Parlor

MONDAY

8:30-11:00 Music Lessons

3:30 Lyrical Children in Hall 001

TUESDAY-Christmas Eve

Office Closed

10:30 Story & Song Service

4:00 Christmas Eve Dinner Set Up

4:30 A Service of Worship & Blessing of the Animals

5:30 Christmas Eve Dinner in Fellowship Hall

7:30 Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

7:30 Al-Anon & Al-Ateen Meeting

9:30 Youth Group & Alumni Gathering

11:00 Candlelight and Communion Service

WEDNESDAY-Christmas Day

Office Closed

7:00 Narcotics Anonymous Meeting in Fellowship Hall

7:30 NarAnon Meeting in Parlor

THURSDAY

2:00-9:00 Music Lessons

FRIDAY

2:00-9:00 Music Lessons

SATURDAY

9:00-5:00 Piano Lessons

9:00-4:00 Music Lessons

6:00 AA in Martha Jayne Area



WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP:

Setauket Presbyterian church is a living community of faith, active in worship and service of Jesus Christ. Founded in 1660, our mission is to meet the spiritual needs of our members and friends, be meaningfully involved in supporting our surrounding communities, and bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in the world. All are welcome here! Please feel free to take a "Welcome" booklet from the pews to read more about our ministries. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be on our mailing list, or have any questions about our tradition or faith community, please call the church office (631-941-4271), leave your contact information on one of the Friendship Rosters in the pews, or speak with one of the pastors. We hope that you feel the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in this place!



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. Please contact **Elena Grossman** at 631-379-8995 or elena.grossman@yahoo.com if you or someone you know requires care in December.

Today's Deacons are: Alice Leser and Beth Senf

The Church Office will be closed the following dates:

Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25, Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1

Small Groups at Setauket Presbyterian

Patience, Freedom, Time, Justice...These are some of the topics that can be used as a fabric for forming deeper connections with one another, in a unique and thoughtful manner. Small Groups here at SPC meet once a month, in the cozy setting of a member's home to share in respectful listening, reflection and considerate discussion, as well as just getting to know each other better. To find out more please contact Heidi Parles at heidi.parles@setauketpresbyterian.org.

All Are Welcome at SPC: You may have noticed that these words are printed on our sign outside alongside two Pride flags. We take welcome seriously at SPC. SPC is a More Light Presbyterian Church and part of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians: two organizations that work for justice for LGBTQ+ people within our denomination.

About the Music: As our musical offering this morning, we are especially pleased to present Vivaldi's *Gloria*, one of the composer's best-known and most enduring works. Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) is best known for his work with the young women of the Ospedale della Pietà (an orphanage, music school, and convent for girls in Venice), whom he taught to play instruments and sing, and who performed a large number of his many vocal and instrumental works.

The text of the *Gloria* dates back to the fourth century AD and is considered part of the "Ordinary" of the Mass. While it is always appropriate to give glory to God, this text is particularly relevant at Christmas time, as we (along with the angels) rejoice and sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will!" Vivaldi's *Gloria* represents the pinnacle of Italian High Baroque style. Listen for exciting string writing, prayerful interludes, emotive (almost operatic) vocal lines, and -- particularly in the final movement -- intense counterpoint.

During this great season of anticipation and excitement, we hope that you will be as edified and inspired by this great work as we are.

-- Noby Ishida and the SPC Chorus

Open Door Exchange (ODE): ODE is an outreach program of the Setauket Presbyterian Church through which we seek to redistribute good quality furniture to those in need. ODE was founded in 2015 and has helped over 1000 families in the past five years. We have a warehouse located in Port Jefferson Station that is open 3-4 days/week. Through relationships built through ODE we have also started an English Language Learner Class (ELL)!

Volunteers, from SPC and the wider community, are at the heart of ODE! If you are interested in donating furniture or volunteering please reach out to our Outreach Operations Manager, Susan, at opendoorexchangeli@gmail.com or 631-751-0176. Regular warehouse hours are Mondays & Wednesdays 10am-12pm and Fridays 1-3pm. Evening warehouse hours are beginning on December 17th from 6-8pm and again on January 21st from 6-8pm. We also have Saturday volunteer days – at least twice a month, volunteers go out into the community to pick-up donated furniture from homes.

We welcome new volunteers of all ages to join us!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ODE! 2020 marks five years of the Open Door Exchange. Throughout 2020 we will mark ODE's birthday in a variety of ways. The first way will be the ODE Birthday Party on January 10th at The Manse at 7pm! All past and present volunteers and supporters of ODE are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by January 5th to Pastor Ashley or call the church office.

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.

Opportunities at SPC for Children and Youth: At SPC, we joyfully welcome children of all ages to our Church School, Youth Group, and Confirmation programs. Church School classes for ages preschool through 6th grade meet Sunday mornings throughout the year at 9:45AM. Junior and Senior Highs, grades 7-12, participate in weekly Youth Group gatherings, shared meals, fun outings, and service projects, as well as an annual mission trip. The Confirmation Class is a one-year program of faith formation generally completed in 8th or 9th grade. Children of all ages are invited to the annual Vacation Bible School each summer, and youth serve as VBS volunteers. In all of our programs, we seek to be a place where young people can find a safe, loving community where they feel welcome and encouraged to be fully themselves.

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 or leave them in the church office if the library is closed. If you have any questions get in touch with Jan Kavazanjian, our children's librarian.

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, & young 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

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.

Mission Trip to US/Mexico Border: On January 19th several members of SPC will travel to Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico to spend several days with Frontera de Cristo. Frontera de Cristo (FDC), translates to "Christ's Border," is a Presbyterian border ministry located in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico and Douglas, Arizona. This will be an immersion learning experience where we will form relationships between US and Mexican siblings; build understanding of our spiritual, political, and economic connections across borders; seek to understand the realities of life on the border; and return home and share stories about our experiences with SPC and beyond. As we prepare and travel, please lift up the group and the community we will visit in prayer. We look forward to returning and sharing stories from our time at the border.

Christmas Joy Offering 2019 Supporting Leaders: Past Present and Future Jesus Emmanuel "God with us" Matthew 1:23

The Christmas Joy Offering helps provide income supplements and medical support through the Assistance Program of the PC(USA) Board of Pensions, to retired and current clergy, church workers and their families with needs that lie beyond the scope of their Benefits Plan. Our gifts bring them support and relief and the assurance of "God with us."

Our gifts also enable deserving students who feel called by God to serve the church, but are unable to afford tuition and expenses, to receive scholarships so that they can attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools like the Menaul School in Albuquerque NM, the Presbyterian Pan American School in Kingsville, TX, Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, AL, and Johnson C Smith University in Charlotte, NC. There they are equipped to truly excel and feel gratitude for "God with us."

Please join us in supporting the Joy Offering with a generous Christmas gift as witness to "God with us." The Offering will be collected today, December 15, December 22 and at all of the Christmas Eve Services. Thank you for your faithful support!



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.

Founder's Circle has evolved from the former Missionary Society of the Setauket Presbyterian Church. In 1966, in keeping with a new image presented by National Presbyterian Women, societies and guilds became circles "symbolic of binding people together in an equal and collegial manner." A circle has no beginning, no end, no top, no bottom, and only a center, which joins us as we work, study, and pray. Thus was born our circle, as we know it today, which promotes spiritual growth, mission, fellowship, and justice. Please join us at our meeting scheduled for January 9. This year we are discussing the Ten Commandments.

Adult Education Classes are Sundays at 11AM in the Martha Jayne Room
January 12 and 19: The Pipe Organ: An Introduction

How does air move through the organ pipes? What are ranks and stops, and how exactly does a pipe organ make so many different sounds? Please join SPC's Music Director Noby Ishida up in the choir loft, as we explore the fascinating history, the intricate design, and numerous capabilities of the pipe organ. This is a brand new look at an ancient instrument, and an excellent way to learn more about what goes on in the choir loft each Sunday. These classes are open to all, so bring a friend and come with your questions and a curious spirit!

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, Gjeilo, 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, 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.

About the Organ ... Plans for the restoration of the SPC pipe organ are continuing on schedule. It is expected that Glück Pipe Organs will begin dismantling the present organ toward the end of January. If you want to know more about the project, please refer to the letter you received dated December 9, 2019, and to the sheet of frequently asked questions. Be sure to attend our Music Director, Noby Ishida's Adult Education classes on January 12 and 19 where you can learn about how a pipe organ works.

As of this writing we have raised \$78,685.97 for the project and more is coming in. If you haven't already contributed, we hope you will give serious and prayerful consideration to doing so.

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!

Earth Care Tip of the Week: Buy in bulk whenever possible. Not only are the mesh bags (sold in a package of 3) available in the produce section of Stop & Shop good for that unwrapped produce you are buying, they are perfect for bulk bin items available at both Wild by Nature and Whole Foods. Grains, nuts, hot and cold cereals, trail mixes, snacking treats, rice, beans, seeds, dried fruits and more can be purchased, often at a lower price, because the cost of plastic packaging and labeling has been eliminated. Cloth or mesh bags may also be available at other local stores as well.

Food Pantry at Grace Presbyterian Church: We regularly support the food pantry at Grace Presbyterian Church (Selden) with non-perishable food items. Staples include: breakfast cereals, breakfast or granola bars, Peanut Butter, tuna fish (cans or pouches), canned hearty soups, canned meats or stews, boxed mac & cheese, juice boxes, cookies, etc. Our youth group will be delivering food on January 5th, so please drop off items into the food pantry collection bins in the pre-school hallway or to the church office on or before January 5th.

The Soup Kitchen Prep: We meet at about 4:15 in the downstairs kitchen on the the first two Mondays of the month. We will prepare and freeze 4 meals, which will be served throughout the year at our weekly Wednesday dinner at St. Paul's church in Port Jefferson Station. The prep dates for January are Monday January 6th and Monday January 13th. If you have questions or would like more information contact Barbara Curtis at 631-786-3112 or bacpj@optonline.net.

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.

Bible Study

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

Ministry of Welcoming and Walking with Our Immigrant Neighbors

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has a long history of teaching and resolutions emphasizing the theological and scriptural call to support immigrants and pursue immigration justice.

Members of our congregation seek to live into that call in a variety of ways:

- through our Open Door Exchange and Soup Kitchen outreach programs that both provide services to and build relationships with our neighbors
- accompanying individuals and families to immigration court or other locations where we can demonstrate community support
- distributing Know Your Rights information in our local area
- together with several other congregations and organizations, participating in a Rapid Response Network
- identifying as a sanctuary church
- marching in solidarity with impacted communities
- providing financial support to organizations that help families impacted by deportation
- coordinating within the Presbytery of Long Island to welcome refugee families

For more information, or to find out how you can be involved, please reach out to one of the pastors, and we will connect you with a member of our Peace & Justice Committee.

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.

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.

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 Schlager or Diane Melidosian.

