

Christmas Eve Service of Story and Song

December 24, 2019

10:30AM

Martha Jayne Room

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CENTERING OURSELVES

Please take a stone from the basket as it is passed around and hold it in a moment of silent prayer.

Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;

O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Reading from "The Creation" by James Weldon Johnson

Place your stone in the bucket, setting aside your worries and distractions as we prepare to welcome Jesus.

Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We have watched; we have waited

in hope (*the first candle is lit*)

for peace (*the second candle is lit*)

in joy! (*the third candle is lit*)

with love. (*the fourth candle is lit*)

Light of Jesus, show us the way;

shine in us forever, we pray. (*the Christ candle is lit*)

Responsive Prayer

Please respond by saying "Now we have seen a great light!"

God of love, you come into the world this day

Now we have seen a great light!

You come to bring hope, peace, joy, and love to all people.

Now we have seen a great light!

Once we walked in darkness,

Now we have seen a great light!

Open our hearts and our minds to welcome you

Now we have seen a great light!

May your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path

Now we have seen a great light!

A child has been born for us this day

Now we have seen a great light!

Amen.

DECORATING THE TREE WITH SYMBOLS OF GOD'S LOVE

Cookies

Psalm 139:15-16

Carol *Joy to the World*

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her king;

let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Candy Canes

Luke 2:8-20

Carol *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Go, tell it on the mountain,

over the hills and everywhere;

go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,

behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,

over the hills and everywhere;

go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Stars

John 1:1-5

Carol *We Three Kings*

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

**O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

Ornaments

Luke 1:46-55

Carol *Away in a Manger*

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.**

**The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

OFFERING

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING PRAYER

Please write a word or draw a picture that represents a prayer you have today. During the playing of "Silent Night," please place your prayer in the water, where it will dissolve into the embrace of God's peace.

BENEDICTION

Please respond by saying, "Jesus Christ is born!"

Go, tell it on the mountain!

Jesus Christ is born!

Tell it over the hills and everywhere!

Jesus Christ is born!

Tell it to the whole world!

Jesus Christ is born!

For you, for me, and for everyone!

Jesus Christ is born!

Merry Christmas!

CLOSING MUSIC

Angels from the Realms of Glory

As you depart, please take home a stone to keep and remember God's love all year round!

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

Large Print Bulletins, Bibles, Hymnals and Listening Devices are available; please ask a Deacon.

Have A Very Merry Christmas!

Your Staff: *Kate, Ashley, Noby, Betty, Heidi, Aaron, Mark,
Dick, Susan, Yvonne & Heather*

Join Us During The Christmas Season at Setauket Presbyterian Church

Today, December 24

Christmas Eve Services

4:00PM *Set Up for Christmas Eve Dinner*

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



MERRY CHRISTMAS!