





# The Setauket Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Traditional Service

December 24, 2019

7:30 PM

**GATHERING MUSIC**      *Sinfonia from Messiah*      G.F. Händel

**RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INTROIT**      *Comfort ye...Ev'ry Valley from Messiah*      G.F. Händel  
Morgan Manificier, tenor

*Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.*

*The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry moutain and hill made low; the crooked straight and the rough places plain.*

**The Light Enters**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**Response**

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

**Alleluia!**

**Congregational Response** *Love Has Come* (first verse)

Love has come: a light in the darkness!

Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.

See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;

hear how their song of joy arises:

Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!

Love! Love! Glory to God on high!

✠ **HYMN no. 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted your good**

news to be good. We have refused Christ's peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may watch and wait once more to hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. (*time for silent prayer*) Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear this good news of great joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth!**

✠ **SUNG RESPONSE** no.119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (verse 1)

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.*

*Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"*

*Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;*

*with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deliverer God, our Advent journey is fulfilled. We have prepared our hearts and minds for this night's Spirit-filled celebration. We are alert to your presence with us and pray for the grace of insight and understanding as we encounter your Word on this holy night. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      Isaiah 2:1-7

**HYMN** no.145 (seated) *What Child Is This?* (verses 1 and 3)

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      Luke 2:8-14

**ANTHEM**                                      From the *Messiah*                                      G.F. Händel  
Elizabeth Mirandi, Soprano and the SPC Choir

*There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch o'er their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone 'round about them. And they were sore afraid. And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts, praising God and saying: 'Glory to God, and peace on earth, good will towards men!'*

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      Luke 2:15-20

**ANTHEM**                      "Then shall the eyes of the blind...O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion"  
From *Messiah*                                      G.F. Händel

Rachel Carter-White, Mezzo-Soprano

*Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel, God with us. O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God! Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.*

*Rejoice Greatly from Messiah*

G.F. Händel

Elizabeth Mirandi, Soprano

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, thy King cometh unto thee; He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen. Rejoice greatly. .*

## **MEDITATION**

**Rev. Kate Jones Calone**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Tonight, 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.*

*"Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened...He Shall Feed His Flock" from Messiah*

Thomas Killhoury, Tenor and Elizabeth Mirandi, Soprano G.F. Händel

*Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.*

*Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.*

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

## **FESTIVAL OF LIGHT**

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

*The Christ candle represents Jesus, the Light of the world. The candle lighting ceremony is symbolic of the spreading of the Gospel Light from one life to another. The lighted candle is never tilted, but always held upright when giving light to another. Please extinguish your candles after the last stanza of Silent Night.*

**HYMN no.122 (seated) *Silent Night***

**Silent Night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous start, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.**

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER (unison)**

**Living God, on this holy night we stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory;  
we sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;  
we wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;  
we sit with Mary, cradling your love.  
May the good news of this night inspire us  
to tell the world of our great joy:  
for unto us is born a Savior,  
the Messiah, the Lord.  
Glory and Praise to you forever! Amen.**

**✠ HYMN no.134 *Joy to the World!***

*You are invited to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus after the Benediction. Please come upstairs to the balcony during the singing of Joy to the World; sheet music will be available for you there*

**✠ BENEDICTION**

**May the news of the angels  
fill our lives and hearts with great joy.  
May the star that guided the wise  
lead us to the truth of understanding.  
May the witness of the shepherds**

affirm in us the message of the Gospel.  
May the sound of the incarnate Word  
bring us peace and hope.  
May the presence of the sacred baby  
remind us of our own holiness.  
And may this Christmas  
gift us, bless us, comfort us, and inspire us  
as we journey into another year.

✠ CHORAL RESPONSE      *Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah*      G.F. Händel  
*Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,  
and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.*

We invite everyone to join us in singing this jubilant song of praise!

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

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**Have A Very Merry Christmas!**

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

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**Please join us for our 11:00PM Candlelight and Communion Service**

**Next Sunday, December 29**

9:30 Intergenerational Lessons and Carols Service, No Church School

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## 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

Barbara Curtis  
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

### CLASS of 2020

Anne Campbell  
Joan Kahnhauser  
Bruce Lloyd  
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

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## 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



Please join us at our Midnight Communion Service at 11PM

Next Sunday, December 29, Intergenerational Lessons and Carols Service

9:30 Intergenerational Worship Service, No Church School

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

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Chris 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; 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)





## **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!

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**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](mailto:elena.grossman@yahoo.com) if you or someone you know requires care in December.

**Today's Deacons are: Alice Leser and Beth Senf**

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**The Church Office will be closed the following dates:**

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

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## **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](mailto:heidi.parles@setauketpresbyterian.org).

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**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.

**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 [opendoorexchangel@gmail.com](mailto:opendoorexchangel@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 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm and again on January 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

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**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.

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### **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. You may leave them in the church office if the library is closed.

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### **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](mailto:laurenishida1@gmail.com) or 646-599-5258

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**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](mailto:jacknpat116@me.com).

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**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!

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**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.

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## **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!

**About the Organ ...**Over a year ago the Session learned that our beautiful fifty-year-old Schantz pipe organ is in serious need of repair. Our current Music Director, Noby Ishida, has done a masterful job of continuing to play it in spite of its problems, but that cannot go on much longer. 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](http://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!



**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](mailto:Karogers51@gmail.com) or (631) 689-1639.

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### **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.

## **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](mailto:nobyishida@yahoo.com), or 646-418-1127.

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## **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](mailto:nobyishida@yahoo.com), or 646-418-1127.

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## **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 [bacpi@optonline.net](mailto:bacpi@optonline.net).

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## **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](mailto:Setauketpresbyterian@verizon.net).

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**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.

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**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](mailto: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

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**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](http://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.

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### **Christmas Memorials**