

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

October 18, 2026

❖ *Please rise in body or in spirit; unison prayers are in bold.*
Kindly sign the friendship pad near you and pass it down the pew!

GATHERING MUSIC *Moderato*

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus* Yury Arbatsky

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this place,
friends and strangers meet, the broken are mended, and the weary welcomed.
In this moment,
the ordinary becomes miraculous, and life is on pause. This is God’s time.
In this sanctuary,
God’s goodness is revealed. Our doors open with kindness. Our lives join together.

OPENING PRAYER

❖HYMN no. 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Healer,
We stand on the edge of promises and hopes,
Yet we cannot seem to let ourselves pass over to the life you have for us.
We care more about our needs and desires than for the struggles of our neighbors
We wallow in uncertainties when you call us to trust in you, our Covenant God.
Have mercy on us and forgive us.
Restore our hopes with your vision of tomorrow,
Refresh our spirits through the love of your Son, Jesus Christ,
And free us to share your love with the world.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

The good news remains true:
God has chosen us, forgives us,
and walks beside us.
Our hope is not in vain.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Alleluia!

SUNG RESPONSE no. 584 *Gloria*

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 stand as able and greet those around you by sharing the peace of Christ.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands!

ANTHEM *The Perfect Wisdom of Our God* Stuart Townend and Keith Getty
Arr. Lloyd Larson

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

SERMON *The View from Nebo* Elder Joseph A. Betz

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Werde Munter*

OFFERTORY *Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth* Johann Pachelbel

❖ 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!

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of the harvest, you are continually planting the seeds of your love in our world and in our lives. As we bring our gifts to you, may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope, planted deeply in our community.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

❖HYMN no. 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

❖ CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Turn! Turn! Turn! (To Everything There Is a Season)* Pete Seeger
Christina Montalto, Soprano

Please keep the right-side aisle clear until musical instruments
for the 11AM service have been carried up to the front. Thank you!

Today’s liturgy is based on the writings of Rev. Thom Shuman and the PCUSA Call to Worship Journal (online).

