Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

November 15, 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

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Christ is Our Corner-Stone* George Th. Miles

CALL TO WORSHIP

We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.
Let us worship together this day!

OPENING PRAYER

❖**HYMN no. 49** *The God of Abraham Praise (verses 1, 2, 4)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the Good News! Although we have sinned, in Jesus Christ we are graciously forgiven.
Thanks be to God. We are at peace. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 584 *Gloria*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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.*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, come to us in these words of scripture and proclamation. Speak to us of your way in the world and in our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-23

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

ANTHEM *Good and Simple Gifts* Natalie Sleeth arr. Jean Anne Shafferman

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25: 24-30

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

SERMON Rev. Candace Whitman

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *B minor* Johann Krieger

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From A Declaration of Faith)

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God has already demonstrated his judging and saving work. We are warned that rejecting God's love and not caring for others whom God loves results in eternal separation from him and them. Yet we are also told that God loves the whole world and wills the salvation of all humankind in Christ. We live in tension between God's warnings and promises. Knowing the righteous judgment of God in Christ, we urge all people to be reconciled to God, not exempting ourselves from the warnings. Constrained by God's love in Christ, we have good hope for all people, not exempting the most unlikely from the promises. Judgment belongs to God and not to us. We are sure that God's future for every person will be both merciful and just. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Ich Sterbe Taeglich* Paul Kretzschmar

❖ 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 grace and God of glory, we dedicate these gifts given this day to your work in the world. May these gifts bring hope and light to all who need it. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

❖HYMN no. 697 *Take my Life (verses 1, 4, 5, 6)*

❖ CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Humble Thyself In The Sight Of The Lord*
Bob Hudson arr. Mark Hayes

Today's liturgy is based upon the Order of Worship by the Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger in The Presbyterian Outlook as well as the PCUSA Book of Common Worship.

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