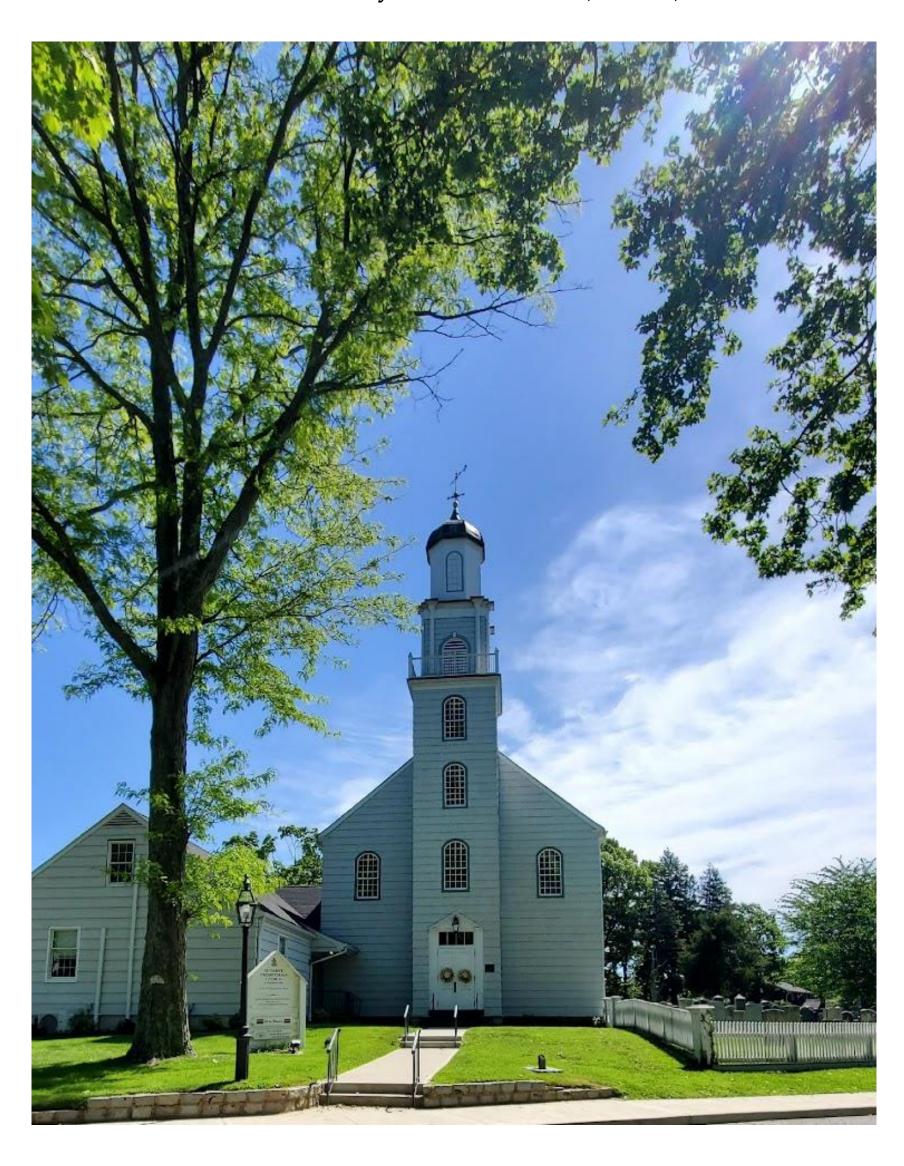
Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

November 16, 2025 *Gratitude Sunday*

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

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Safely Through Another Week

John Newton

CALL TO WORSHIP

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth, says the Lord.

Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.

O sing to the Lord a new song,

for God has done marvelous things.

God has remembered his steadfast love

and faithfulness.

I will rejoice and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard.

O sing to the Lord a new song,

for God has done marvelous things.

God has remembered his steadfast love

and faithfulness.

No longer shall they labor in vain;

all their descendants shall be

offspring blessed by the Lord.

Before they call I will answer;

while they are yet speaking I will hear.

O sing to the Lord a new song,

for God has done marvelous things.

God has remembered his steadfast love

and faithfulness.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN no. 403** Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Majestic Creator, we fail to believe we carry your image and we fail to behave as those who belong to you. Mighty Savior, we turn from your path of sacrificial love and we turn toward our personal preferences. Merciful Spirit, we forget your call to righteousness and we forget our need of you. In our sinfulness, triune God, we seek now your forgiveness, praying that you will relieve the burden of our regrets by the power of your patient love.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

God is creating new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered. They shall not even cross God's mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what God is creating: newness of life.

In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God and to one another. Alleluia!

SUNG RESPONSE no. 583 Glory to God

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 share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

ANTHEM

I Then Shall Live

Jean Sibelius words by Gloria Gaither

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them." When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

SERMON

Rev. Candace Whitman

♦HYMN no. 330 Our Help is in the Name of God (verses 1 and 3)

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Deb Dwyer

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Voluntary John Stanley

❖ 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!

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE**

To you, O God, we offer our lives—our abundance, our poverty, all that we have, all that we are— a sign of our great thanksgiving for the treasure of your grace. Take and use us for good in the world that you so love; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN no. 546** Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (verses 1 and 2)

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Toccata in C Carlos Siexas

Today's worship service draws from the Call to Worship Journal.



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