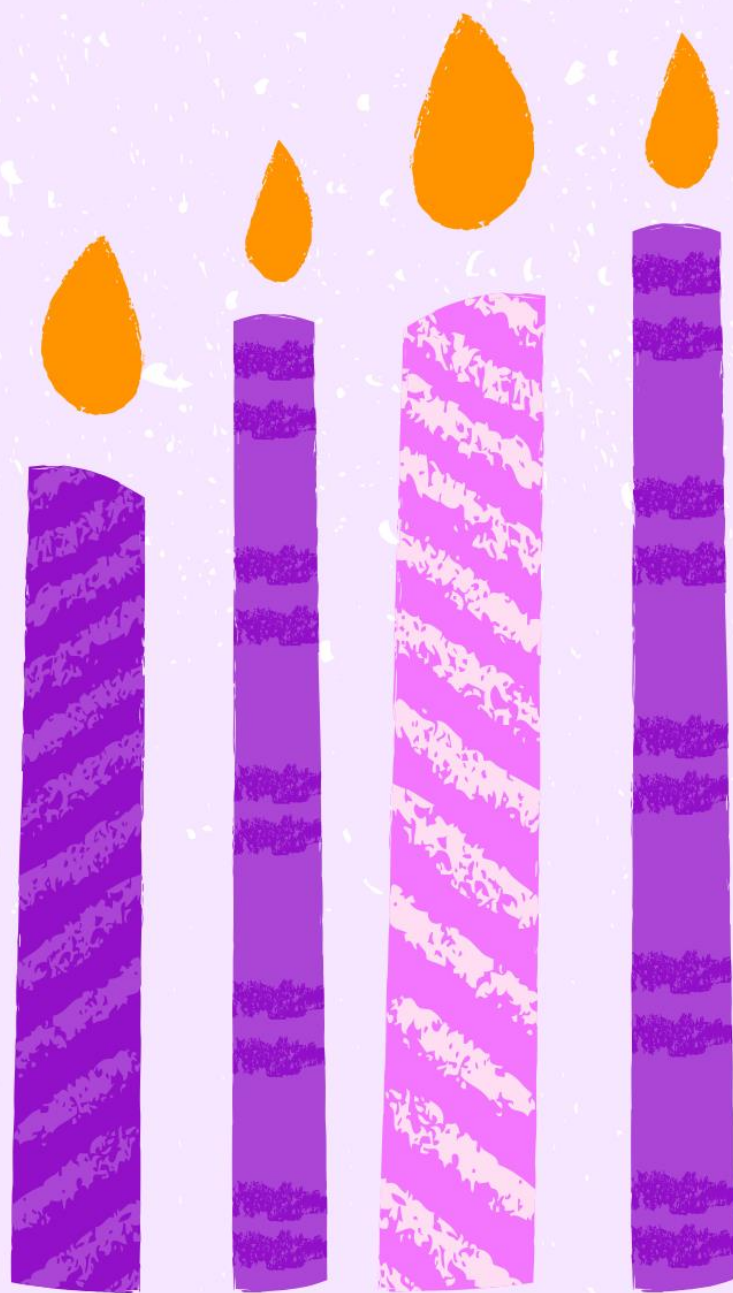


*Welcome to the*  
**Setauket Presbyterian Church**  
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



**PEACE**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

# Order of Worship

December 7, 2025

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

## RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

*Gottes Sohn ist Kommen*

J.S. Bach

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *(from Salt Advent Candle Lighting Litanies)*

Because of war, because of violence in our communities, because there is still so much unrest in our hearts, we light a candle of peace...

**Because hatred is still so strong, because so many swords have not yet been remade into ploughshares, we light a candle of peace...**

May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

**May the light from this candle say to all that God's peace is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.**

Friends, be not afraid, God's peace is at hand!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come,

**Welcomes us to the place.**

As one body, with one voice,

**We honor and glorify the giver of wisdom, counsel, knowledge and joy.**

So be it. Amen.

## OPENING PRAYER

❖HYMN no. 826      *Lift High the Cross*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, You, who have seen us from our very forming; you see us as we are. We confess that we have doubts and fail to look to you. We do not heed your word each day in all we say and do. We do not always see our neighbors, families, friends and strangers as beloved children whom you have made. Call us to you and remind us of your forgiving mercy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Christ comes into our world — Christ comes into our lives — to purify us and give us another chance. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **We rejoice in the hope Christ offers us!**  
**Thanks be 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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Your word, Holy God, was written for our instruction. By your Holy Spirit open our ears and incline our hearts to be filled with the knowledge and wisdom of your eternal love; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING    Isaiah 11:1-10

*A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.*

ANTHEM

Come to the Light (A Celtic Advent song)

Joseph M. Martin

SCRIPTURE READING    Romans 15: 4-13

*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name”; and again he says, “Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”; and again, “ Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

SERMON

Ruling Elder Vickie DeFriest

❖HYMN no. 129    Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Georg Böehm

❖ 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 OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Great creator, provider and sustainer of all things, with humble hearts we give to you our offerings, to be used for the work of your kingdom. We give to you our lives, as your hands and your heart in this world, so that others may come to know and glorify you. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Ours is an open table. Visitors and children are welcome to partake of the Lord’s Supper. Please note that all shared Communion bread or crackers are gluten free, and all “wine” is grape juice.*

Invitation

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving

*sung response:*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy , holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Words of Institution

*sung response:*

F

C

F

B♭


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Am



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G)

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Fsus

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Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

**Hymn no. 525 Let Us Break Bread Together**  
Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with  
my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.  
Let us drink wine...  
Let us praise God...

**Hymn no. 507 Come to the Table of Grace**  
Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God’s table;  
it’s not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of ...  
...peace...  
...love...  
...hope...  
...joy...

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

❖**HYMN no. 82** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

❖**CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

*We say and sing these words together with our siblings in Christ in San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba*  
**The benediction of the God of Sarah, Hagar and Abraham,**  
**The benediction of the Son, who was born of Mary,**  
**The benediction of the Holy Spirit of love,**  
**Who watches over us like a mother for her children,**  
**Descend upon us all. Amen.**

*La bendición de Dios de Sar’ Agar y Abram;*  
*La bendición del hijo que de María nació;*  
*La bendición del Santo Espiritu de’amor*  
*Que vela por nosotros, cual madre por sus hijos,*  
*Descienda sobre todos, Amen.*

**POSTLUDE**

*Hosanna to the Living Lord*

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

