

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



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Order of Worship

February 1, 2026

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

Kindly sign the friendship pad near you and pass it down the pew!

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Peace Like A River, Kum Ba Yah*

Traditional Spiritual Arr. Jean Anne Shafferman
Rachel Carter-White and Julian Hightower

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the sea of life's daily stress and strife,
In the struggle to keep our heads above the waves,
Jesus calls us from the shore:

“Follow me, and be fishers of people!”

God gathers us into new boats

Built with room for friend and stranger.

“Follow me, and use your gifts with purpose.

Follow me, and build abundant life."

We will be weavers of community,

Architects of justice,

Gardeners of peace.

Let us go with another and follow our Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

❖ HYMN no. 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Forgiven of our sin and freed to serve, let us answer Christ's call.

Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us. Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE no. 584 *Glory, Glory, Glory*

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

Saving God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that as the scriptures are read we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 9:1-4*

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

ANTHEM

Come, All Servants of the Lord

Stan Pethel

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 4:12-23*

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

SERMON

Rev. Candace Whitman

❖HYMN no. 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me?* (verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.

Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.

But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O for a Closer Walk with God

Gerhard Krapf

❖ 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

God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. Use these offerings to change the things that so need changing, as we offer ourselves to you as servants of peace, mercy and justice. 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:

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.
(G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B♭ C Dm B♭ F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

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

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. 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

❖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 Espíritu de amor
Que vela por nosotros, cual madre por sus hijos,
Descienda sobre todos, Amen.*

POSTLUDE

All Praise to Thee, Eternal God

Johann Pachelbel

Please remain seated for the Annual Meeting immediately following
worship today.

Today's liturgy and prayers are drawn from PCUSA online resources.

