

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



First Sunday of Lent

Order of Worship

February 22, 2025

❖ *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

Voix Humaine in the 1st tone op.2

Lambert Chaumont

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are the body of Christ,
and we depend on God's grace.

**We pray to God in times of distress,
knowing that we are freed from sin
and preserved from trouble.**

In times of wilderness God is still present;

In the Spirit of God, we resist temptation.

Steadfast love surrounds those
who trust in the Lord.

We will be glad in the Lord and shout for joy!

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 395** *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful One, we are so easily tempted. We turn away from your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness. But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind. You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian. We confess our transgressions to you: forgive our sins.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

God does not count our sins against us,
but offers us a free gift of righteousness.

Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE no. 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

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

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:12–19 (The Message)

You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we're in—first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death. That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone, but the extent of the disturbance was not clear until God spelled it out in detail to Moses. So death, this huge abyss separating us from God, dominated the landscape from Adam to Moses. Even those who didn't sin precisely as Adam did by disobeying a specific command of God still had to experience this termination of life, this separation from God. But Adam, who got us into this, also points ahead to the One who will get us out of it. Yet the rescuing gift is not exactly parallel to the death-dealing sin. If one man's sin put crowds of people at the dead-end abyss of separation from God, just think what God's gift poured through one man, Jesus Christ, will do! There's no comparison between that death-dealing sin and this generous, life-giving gift. The verdict on that one sin was the death sentence; the verdict on the many sins that followed was this wonderful life sentence. If death got the upper hand through one man's wrongdoing, can you imagine the breathtaking recovery life makes, absolute life, in those who grasp with both hands this wildly extravagant life-gift, this grand setting-everything-right, that the one man Jesus Christ provides? Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us in all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, he got us into life! One man said no to God and put many people in the wrong; one man said yes to God and put many in the right.

ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Twila Paris

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:1–11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

SERMON

Rev. Candace Whitman

❖HYMN no. 167 *Forty Days and Forty Nights* (verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Verset

Domenico Zipoli

❖ DOXOLOGY no. 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

God of grace, you have gifted us with life in Christ. Today we bring the gifts of our work and the gifts of our hearts. May all that we bring, and all that we are, be your means of grace in the world, that all people may encounter your good news. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer can be found on page 35 of the red hymnal

❖ HYMN no. 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

❖ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Doxology

Mark Hayes

Today's liturgy and prayers are based on the PCUSA Call to Worship Journal.



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