

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Fourth Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

March 15, 2026

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

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

Michael Praetorius

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are children of light,

Rejoicing in everything good and right and true.

We worship the Lord who heals, liberates, and raises us from the dead.

In the dream of the beloved community of God, we are awake, and we stand in the light of Christ.

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies (verses 1, 2, 4)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world.

We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Jesus restores our souls and leads us in right paths for his name's sake.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

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 Ephesians 5:8–14

...for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

ANTHEM

All We Like Sheep

Joseph M. Martin

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1–41 (*see insert*)

SERMON

From Illusion to Illumination

Jennie Sucilsky

❖ **HYMN no. 451** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peace and Justice Committee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prière

Pi  rre de Breville

❖ **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.

❖ **HYMN no. 702** *Christ Be Beside Me*

❖ **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

G minor

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Today's liturgy and prayers are drawn from the PCUSA "Call to Worship Journal."
