

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

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



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

September 27, 2026

❖ *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

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Toccata* Girolamo Frescobaldi

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen, people of God! **Hear the wonders of our Creator!**
God split the sea; **walls of water towered above.**
God guided our ancestors in faith: **clouds by day, lightning by night.**
God split open the rock; **water flowed like rivers.**
God split open the heavens and met earth. **God meets us still.**

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 664** *Morning Has Broken*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess to you: **we are not of the same mind. We do not share the same love. We act in selfish ambition and do not regard others as better than ourselves. We have not looked to the interests of others instead of ourselves. We do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ. Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us, that we might serve each other as you served us, and reflect your glory in this world.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

When we lift up our souls to God,
God does not put us to shame.
God forgives us, leads us in the truth,
and leads us in what is right.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 584 *Gloria*

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 stand as able and greet those around you by sharing the peace of Christ.*

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 Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’ ” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

ANTHEM	<i>Thy Word</i>	Michael W. Smith Arr. Lloyd Larson
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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:23–27

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

SERMON	Rev. Candace Whitman
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MUSICAL INTERLUDE	<i>Tibi Omnes Angeli</i>	Giovanni Battista Fasolo
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MINUTE FOR MISSION

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

❖**THE APOSTLES’ CREED (traditional)**
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL UNISON PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT
God of grace, who called us to common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us, so that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Safely Through Another Week* Rolf Unkel

❖ 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

Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness.
Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace
for the world you dearly love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

❖HYMN no. 307 *God of Grace, God of Glory (verses 1, 2 and 3)*

❖ CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Humble Thyself In The Sight Of The Lord* Bob Hudson
Arr. Mark Hayes

Please keep the right-side aisle clear until musical instruments
for the 11AM service have been carried up to the front. Thank you!

Today’s liturgy is drawn from the PCUSA Call to Worship Journal (online).

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