



Setauket Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2020

11:00 PM

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this holy night, we come to adore
In darkness and in light, we come to adore
In faith and in doubt, we come to adore
Throughout all of our days
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

HYMN no. 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn-ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!
got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
glo - ry in the high-est!
now in flesh ap - pear-ing!

us a-dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Merciful God, we confess that often we find darkness more comfortable than light. We confess that we find your good news frightening and unsettling, especially when we consider its demands as well as its promises. Forgive us, break us, bend us, remake us. Give us the courage to lay ourselves open to the wonder and healing of your coming. Be born again into our world; be born again into our hearts and lives. Hear now our silent and personal confessions as we prepare ourselves for your arrival. (time for silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

The true light that will never be extinguished has come into the world. That light shines on in the darkness, that light persists in the darkest of nights. This is the Good News: God hears us, God forgives us, God loves us, God is with us! Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE no.119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (verse 1)

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:2-7

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-20

SHARING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The Christ candle represents Jesus, the Light of the world. The candle lighting ceremony is symbolic of the spreading of the Gospel Light from one life to another.

CANDLELIGHT CAROL no.122 *Silent Night*

STILLE NACHT

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;
 'round yon vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In-fant, so ten-der and glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far, heaven-ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ra - diant beams from thy ho-ly face, with the dawn of re-deem - ing with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our
 mild, sleep in heav-en-ly peace, sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born."

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World*

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,
 and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

We thank Joenne Dumitrascu for leading our music tonight on Violin.