

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



Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Order of Worship

January 7, 2024

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

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

The Light Enters

CALL TO WORSHIP

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders!

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars.

It makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

The voice of the Lord also once said to Jesus –

“You are my child, the Beloved;

with you I am well pleased.”

What a marvelous voice!

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 2** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of majesty and power, your voice shakes the wilderness and strips the forest bare, and it also shakes us, stripping us of pretensions and illusions. In your presence, we know how we have wandered from your way, forgotten the sound of your voice, and failed to live into the gifts you have given us. Have mercy on us, Lord. Speak to us again of your promises. Summon us to live according to your justice. Call us by name to be your beloved children. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

By joining God’s family through baptism, we have claimed our place in God’s family. In the name of Jesus Christ, God’s beloved Son, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 287 *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* (verses 1-3)

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

Speak to us this day, O Lord, through your Holy Spirit, for your voice is powerful enough to shake the mountains and to create this world from nothingness. Help us to let go of our assumptions, to claim the Christian journey as our own, and to be your kind and brave people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1:1-8

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

ANTHEM *A la Puerta del Cielo*

arr. Audrey Snyder

*In a humble manger, the baby lies sleeping,
Over him, his dear mother's vigil is keeping.
Sleep little baby, Aru, Aru.*

*Holy infant mild, you are blessed beyond measure,
Mother Mary shelters our heavenly treasure.
Sleep little baby, Aru, Aru.*

*As the Lord on high blesses all sleeping children,
He blesses the mothers who love and protect them.
Sleep little baby, Aru, Aru.*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:9-13

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖HYMN no. 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

❖ 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 OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Loving God, you are the source of all goodness and mercy. We praise you for your providence, nurturing and sustaining all of life. We thank you for your grace, forgiving and delivering us from evil. We bless you for your love, binding us together in community. By your Holy Spirit, fill us with gratitude, so that in your providence, grace, and love, we may share these gifts with others; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C F^{sus} 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

God of grace, we give you thanks for the meal we have shared as members of your beloved community. As we have received the bread and cup through the gift of your grace, so send us forth in your Spirit to share these gifts with others, that they too may know and trust your presence, power, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.
Amen

❖**HYMN no. 93** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

❖**CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ.
To God be the glory.

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

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1*
and *Connections Worship Companion, Year B, Volume 1*.

We welcome our Worship Assistant this morning. Thanks to them for their service!