

*Welcome to the*

# **Setauket Presbyterian Church**

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



**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
September 19, 2021

# *Order of Worship*

## GATHERING MUSIC

## RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

The Light Enters

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

**We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.**

Who among you is seeking God's just and holy truth?

**We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.**

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

**We long to live lives filled with the Spirit.**

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus, Wisdom from on high. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict. Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, justice, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace. (Time for silent personal confession) In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

This is the wisdom from above: God plants in us the forgiveness and healing we need, so we might share the good harvest of joy and mercy with everyone we meet. **Bathed in the living waters, fed by the Bread of life, we are given new life and hope. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

## 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.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

We celebrate today with Charles Brady Herzog, child of Lindsay-Ann Carol Herzog and Brian Robert Herzog.

❖ ‘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.

**HYMN no. 486** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*  
*Children will be escorted to church school.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts—a spring of hope for thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Mark 9:30-37

**REFLECTION**

Rev. Ashley McFaul-Erwin

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

**MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Jane-Marie Wright

**OFFERING, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

❖ **HYMN no. 320** *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

❖ **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*You may leave an offering as you depart.*

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

*Liturgy adapted from Thom Shuman as posted on Lectionary Liturgies.*

We welcome **Michael Tucci** as our Worship Assistant this morning.  
Thanks to Michael for this service!

The flowers today are in memory of Jim Burke who died in 2018.

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**WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP:** Setauket Presbyterian church is a living community of faith, active in worship and service of Jesus Christ. Founded in 1660, our mission is to meet the spiritual needs of our members and friends, be meaningfully involved in supporting our surrounding communities, and bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in the world. All are welcome here! If you are looking for a church home, would like to be on our mailing list, or have any questions about our tradition or faith community, please call the church office (631-941-4271) or speak with one of the pastors. We hope that you feel the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in this place!

**THE STAFF**

Rev. Kate Jones Calone, Interim Pastor

Rev. Ashley McFaul-Erwin, Community Outreach Pastor

Noby Ishida, Director of Music

Heidi Parles, Director of Spiritual Formation

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