

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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GATHERING IN THE LORD'S NAME

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - PEACE

We invite God into our lives, into our mess. We light the candle of hope, trusting that with God our days are brighter. We light the candle of love, inviting God into our lives. We light the candle of joy, believing in the miracles of Jesus. We light the candle of peace, knowing God's peace. Let us go out into the world, showing the Peace of Christ. Amen.

WELCOMING PRAYER

Gracious God, we invite you into our spaces. We open our hearts, minds and places for your love to enter. Let us rejoice today in your love and worship! Amen.

HYMN: 12 (Blue Hymnal) *People Look East*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of love, too often we forget just how much you love us. Too often we stray from your way, believing we know better or deceiving ourselves into believing that this world has what we need. We know your love for us is real. We know that the Spirit calls us into showing your love in this world; yet this task is often

too much or too heavy for us. It is easy to live our life in lite work and in lite love. Continue to embrace us in your love as we strive to do our best in this world.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM *We Wait for Thee* Johnson

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

SECOND READING: Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE *The Peace of Christ* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 15 (Blue Hymnal) *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious Lord, we lift up to you the gifts that we have given and exchanged this week. In the giving spirit of this season, we lift up all that has been done in your name. We continue to give thanks for the time, talent and money that allows our church to show your love in this community. Big and small, work within the ways in which love spreads from this church and into the world. Amen.

DOXOLOGY AND DEDICATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *Go Now In Peace*

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth	Pastor
Dr. Gary de Sesa	Director, Ministry of Music
Dr. Natalie Naylor	Clerk of Session
Robert Gilmore	Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emma Steck	Dawn and John de Sesa
Eddie Balsamo	Rev. Stark Jones
The James Haefele Family	Inesa Murphy
The Mastrangelo Family	Kelly Eickenbrock
Joe Terramoccia & Muoio Family	Terry Hinton
Emily & Dwight Dyer	Cathy and Jason Nelson

All who are struggling due to the Coronavirus outbreak
And those who are on the front lines helping

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³ Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." ⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name,

like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Second Reading

Luke 1:26-38

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

HYMN

"People Look East"

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

ANTHEM

“We Wait For Thee”

– Johnson

Dark is the night and empty the sky,
As the ground lies still and cold.
We pause in solemn anticipation,
As we wait for the promise of old.

Come, thou Prince of Peace;
Come, great Lord of lords;
Come, set Your people free.
Come, Desire of the nations, come,
With joy and hope we wait for Thee.

Revive our hearts and renew our minds,
Come and bring us peace to endure.
Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God,
Emanuel, God with us!

Come, thou Prince of Peace;
Come great Lord of lords;
Come, set your people free.
Come, Desire of the nations, come,
With joy and hope we wait for Thee,
With joy and hope we wait for Thee!

HYMN

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising And soon He will draw nigh;
Up, watch with expectation, At the midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, Replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation, The end of sin and toil.
The marriage feast is waiting, The gates wide open stand;
Arise, O heirs of glory, The Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, Thou Sun so longed for, Above this shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption, And ever be with Thee!

Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.