

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - PREPARE

Isaiah reminds us that we must prepare the way for the Lord. Advent is a journey of preparation to Christmas. We light this first candle to remind us that we should always be prepared for the coming of Christ.

Let us prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ.

In the midst of a busy season, we are reminded to be prepared for God's presence in our lives all year round.

Let us prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ.

HYMN: 655 (Red Hymnal) *Sanctuary*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: No matter who you are, where you are on your faith journey,
God welcomes you to come to worship

Many: We are here to worship

One: God invites us to prepare our hearts and minds

Many: We are ready to worship

One: God calls us to be present in the here and now

Many: We are here to worship

One: Let us join our voices in praise

All: Let us join our voices in worship

HYMN: 2 (Blue Hymnal) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

(Please remain seated throughout the service. **Bold** indicates read in unison.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy Sustainer, too often we let the worries of this world cloud the plans you have for us. We stand in your presence and yet we fail to see what you are calling us to do. We forget to slow down and prepare to hear your word and learn your plan. We take hold of our plans and our ways. Yet we try, yet we wish to be better. We confess this so that we acknowledge and do better. Continue to work in us and around us and we will strive to see you more.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please remain in your seat and wave to your neighbors.)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* Lewis

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, descend into our hearts and these readings today. Allow your will to shine out of the pages and into our hearts. Work within the Words spoken and read to let your message be heard and be understood. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:27

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *A Road Trip* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 8 (Blue Hymnal) *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERTORY (We are not passing the offertory plate; please leave your donation and COVID wellness card in the offering plate as you leave.)

DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Today we prepare for the coming of Christ. We lift up to you these gifts given freely and with joy for your mission. We ask that you use them to continue to prepare us, this church and the world. Amen.

HYMN: 20 (Blue Hymnal) *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

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.

Refreshments Host today is Natalie Naylor.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emma Steck
 Eddie Balsamo
 Scott Erikson
 Joe Terramoccia & Muoio Family
 Cathy and Jason Nelson
 Rhonda Liss
 Sam Rizzo
 Jay Bender
 Anita Catalanello
 Family of Richard Shearman

Dawn and John de Sesa
 Rev. Stark Jones
 The Mastrangelo Family
 Emily & Dwight Dyer
 Paula Liscio
 The Stallone Family
 Joy Wyler
 Merrick Randall
 Debra Hecht

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Dec. 1	10 AM Bible Study In Person at Church
Tues, Dec. 7	7 PM Bible Study via Zoom

December Birthdays

12/8 Michael Gilmore
 12/11 Kita de Sesa
 12/16 Erin Gilmore

First Reading
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹ for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. ¹⁰ For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Second Reading
John 14:27

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

ANTHEM

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

- Lewis

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.
Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.

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.