

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - FAITH

Jesus asks people to follow and, with faith, his disciples did. Jesus spoke about belief and, with faith, people were healed. We light this second candle to represent our faith. For it is our faith that brings us to God.

Let our faithfulness be known to all.

We light the first candle to remind us that we should always be prepared for the coming of Christ.

Let our faithfulness be known to all this season.

HYMN: 399 (Blue Hymnal) *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight (vs 1&3)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Faith fills the air

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, Come

One: Faith fills our Spirit

Many: Come, Creator, Come

One: Faith fills our lives

Many: Come, Jesus, Come

One: Faith fills our worship

All: Let us worship and rejoice

HYMN: (Insert) *The People Who Walked in Darkness*

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy Creator, we come with our whole selves to this worship. We know our shortcomings. We know when we walked past our faith and picked another path. We know when we let the doubts of this world work in our hearts instead of allowing your Grace to remain. We know our own unworthiness and yet we trust that you offer us worth.

(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: *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

Stevens

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Holy, we come to your Word today and ask that your wisdom beam from the readings. Allow us to come to know you better through these readings. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

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 *Unexpected*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 10 (Blue Hymnal) *On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

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

Loving Lord, in our faithfulness we offer these gifts to you. The gifts of time, talent and money that work within this church and our world for your glory. Work within the gifts we give joyfully and freely today, so that your light shines brightly into this world. Amen.

HYMN: 28 (Blue Hymnal) *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

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 Jo Gencorelli.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emma Steck
Eddie Balsamo
The Mastrangelo Family
Cathy and Jason Nelson
Rhonda Liss
Sam Rizzo
Merrick Randall
Family of Richard Shearman
Melanie Bailey & Martufi Family
Jeff Lovering

Dawn and John de Sesa
Rev. Stark Jones
Emily & Dwight Dyer
Paula Liscio
The Stallone Family
Joy Wyler
Anita Catalanello
Debra Hecht
Casey DeSantis
Elizabeth Jordan

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Tues, Dec. 7

7 PM Bible Study via Zoom

Wed, Dec. 15

10 AM Bible Study In Person at Church

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'" ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Second Reading

John 11:25-26

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

ANTHEM

"Watchman, Tell Us Of The Night"

-Stevens

Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends:
Trav'ler, o'er yon mountain's height, see that glory beaming tends.
Watchman, both its beauteous ray aught of joy or hope fore tell?
Trav'ler, yes it brings the day, promised day of Israel.
Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn:
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, let thy wand'rings cease; Hie thee to thy quiet home.
Trav'ler lo, the Prince of Peace, lo, the Son of God is come!

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.