

**ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

DECEMBER 19, 2021

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE

God so loved the world, that God came to dwell among us and offer us a new relationship. Advent is the time of year to remember, embrace and think through our relationship built on God's love. Let us light this fourth candle to remember that God's love for us knows no bounds.

Let us rejoice in God's love for us.

We light the third candle, the candle of joy, with gladness. We light the second candle reminding us that our faith connects us to God. We light the first candle reminding us that we should be prepared for the birth of Jesus

Let us rejoice in God's love for us.

HYMN: 376 (Blue Hymnal) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vs. 1)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: God so loved us

Many: We come to worship

One: God's love revealed to us

Many: We come to praise

One: God became one of us

Many: God's steadfast love endures

One: God works within us

Many: God's steadfast love endures

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

One: God so loved the world

All: Let us worship and praise

HYMN: 245 (Red Hymnal) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, you continue to love us and to offer relationship with you despite the many times we fail you. Your steadfast and never ending love endures our sinful ways. Today, we lift up to you the times in which we have failed to spread your love. The moments in which we let things go undone or unsaid; the moments in which love faded. Help us to continue to see your ways and know your will. Continue to love us even though we have shortcomings.

(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: *We Wait for Thee*

Johnson

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: God of Love, move within the readings here today and in our hearts so that your glory and will may be known. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:1-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 130:5-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *Love of God*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

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

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

God of Love, we lift up to you the many gifts given freely to this church of time, talent and money. We ask that you continue to work within the gifts given and those of the Spirit so that your love may be known and spread for your glory. Amen.

HYMN: 41 (Blue Hymnal) *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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
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. 21	2 PM	Session Meeting
Wed, Dec. 22	10 AM	Bible Study In Person at Church
Fri, Dec. 24	5:30 PM	Christmas Eve Service

First Reading
John 1:1-18

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Second Reading
Psalms 130:5-8

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. ⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. ⁸It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

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, wait for Thee,
With joy and hope we wait for 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.