

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 26, 2021

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Christmas is upon us

**Many: Christ is here**

One: God with us, has been born

**Many: God's presence is here**

One: The Holy is walking among us

**Many: The Holy dwells here**

One: Let us celebrate

**Many: We exclaim Christ's name**

One: Let us worship

**Many: For God is here**

One: Let us live

**All: Let us praise**

HYMN: 277 (Red Hymnal) *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy God, we lift up to you the times in which we have rushed through life instead of taking time to see all you do. The moments we have let things go by instead of reaching out and holding tight. In this Holy season of Christmas, we lift up to you all the Holy moments we have missed when we turn our eyes to the secular**

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

**world. Lift us in the next few weeks of Christmas. Help us live into this season fully and surely as we celebrate that you live among us. That the Holy and Divine dwell within us and our lives each and every day. Help us to see and know.**

(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: *With the Sound of Joyous Singing*

Martin

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**All: God with us, descend into our hearts and minds this day so that we can come to know and feel you with us. Open our hearts and minds so that we may hear your Word and know your wisdom. Work within our stubborn selves so that your glory may be known. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:19-34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 32:1-2

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Some are Great*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 250 (Red Hymnal) *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**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**

**Divine, we lift up to you these gifts given here today, as well as the time, talent and energy of all of us. Please work within the gifts to spread your glory to this community and world. Amen.**

HYMN: 257 (Red Hymnal) *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**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 Mastrangelo Family	Emily & Dwight Dyer
Cathy and Jason Nelson	Paula Liscio
Rhonda Liss	The Stallone Family
Sam Rizzo	Joy Wyler
Merrick Randall	Anita Catalanello
Family of Richard Shearman	Debra Hecht
Melanie Bailey & Martufi Family	Casey DeSantis
Jeff Lovering	Elizabeth Jordan

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Important Dates**

Wed, Dec. 29	10 AM Bible Study In Person at Church
Tues, Jan. 4	7 PM Bible Study via Zoom

**January Birthdays**

1/8	Helen Lockman
1/13	Olivia Nossa
1/19	Alexander Shimmel

## **First Reading**

**John 1:19-34**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>19</sup> This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup> He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” <sup>22</sup> Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup> He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. <sup>24</sup> Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup> They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” <sup>26</sup> John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup> the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” <sup>28</sup> This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing. <sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’” <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

## **Second Reading**

**Psalms 32:1-2**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
<sup>2</sup> Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

## **ANTHEM**

**“With the Sound of Joyous Singing”**

- Martin

With the sound of joyous singing, break the silence of the night,  
for a new day Christ is bringing. Lo, new hope is shining bright.  
Let the voice of music ever sound the peace and joy He brings.  
Let our song be silenced never. Rise and greet the newborn King.  
With the sound of joyous singing, sound the peace and joy He brings.  
Let the sound of joyous singing join with angels shouting praise.  
Alleluia, sing this day of days. Arise your light is beaming.  
Hope is born, let earth rejoice.  
Christ has come, all hearts redeeming. Let all make a joyful noise.  
With the sound of joyous singing, lift your praise with heart and voice.

With the sound of joyous singing, come announce the end of strife.  
Christ has come to bring us life. Offer songs of glad thanksgiving.  
Give to God your adoration, praise the Lord, let voices ring.  
With the sound of joyous singing, come and praise the new born King!

### **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.