

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2, 2022

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

HYMN: 69 (Blue Hymnal) *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: The Christ child is born

**Many:** God's presence with us

One: God's presence is here with us

**Many:** Let us rejoice and praise

One: God is working around us

**Many:** Let us rejoice and worship

One: We sing a song of God's love

**Many:** We rejoice and praise God's Holy Name

All: Let us worship

STATEMENT OF FAITH (From the Westminster Confession)

**All:** The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God

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

and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

HYMN: (Insert) *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSON

**All:** Holy God, you have offered us a relationship. You have come into our world, yet too often we walk by you. Too often we let the concerns of this world cloud our ability to see where you are working around us. Help us when we fall short. Guide us when we miss you. Help us with your wisdom to know you.

(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: *Star in the Desert*

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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: Isaiah 60:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

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MESSAGE *A Long Trip*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 66 (Blue Hymnal) *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

## **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

**Holy Light, we lift up to you the gifts given freely for your glory. Please allow the gifts of time, talent and money to work within our community and beyond so your light may shine in the dark. Amen.**

HYMN: 68 (Blue Hymnal) *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE

## **THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN**

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

Dr. Gary de Sesa

Dr. Natalie Naylor

Robert Gilmore

Pastor

Director, Ministry of Music

Clerk of Session

Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

Refreshments Host today is Helen Lockman.

## **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, Jan. 4

Sun, Jan. 9

Wed, Jan. 12

Sun, Jan. 30

7 PM Bible Study via Zoom

10 AM Communion Sunday

10 AM Bible Study In Person at Church

11 AM RPC Annual Meeting

### **First Reading**

#### **Isaiah 60:1-6**

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)  
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.<sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.<sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.<sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.<sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.<sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

## **Second Reading**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.<sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.<sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”<sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.<sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.<sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**ANTHEM**

**“Star in the Desert”**

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Star in the desert, a light in the sand,  
Piercing through the shadows, covering the land;  
Watching wise men journey in a tiny caravan,  
Star in the desert, the star of Bethlehem.

Star in the desert, glist'ning in the night,  
Leading on the faithful to the Savior's light.  
Candle in the darkness, glowing ever like a pearl,  
Sending the promise of peace to all the world.

Star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to that perfect light, perfect light, perfect light,

More than a symbol, this Morning Star so bright,  
It beings the dawning, it dispels the night,  
Hope forever is shining, on the world God's love is poured,  
For the Star in our desert, the Star in our desert,  
The Star in our desert is Jesus Christ, the Lord,  
Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord!

## **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.