

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: 3 (Blue Hymnal) *Comfort, Comfort You My People*

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: The light shines in the darkness,

**Many: We come to worship, seeking the light of Christ once again.**

One: Shine into our lives and into your world this Advent.

**All: Renew us with fresh hope.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE

One: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Many: We are easily distracted by the darkness that comes with unease and anxiety.**

**All: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your renewing hope.**

\* HYMN: (Insert) *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, vs 1*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty and everlasting God, you hold all our days in your hands**

("\*" invites all who are able to stand. **Bold** indicates read in unison.)

**and embrace us in your everlasting arms. In a tired and violent world, you are hope. In a hectic and busy world, you are peace. In a cold world, you are comfort. In Jesus Christ, you bring love into this world and call us to embody his love in all we do and say. In our worship this day, we offer you our love and loyalty. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of hope, we confess that we often prefer accepting half-truths and pleasing ideas rather than your challenging word. We praise our own cleverness rather than your wisdom. We have exploited others for our benefit and used the earth without a thought for its wellbeing. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct who we shall be through the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?*

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**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: God of hope and healing, we turn to your Word to hear your will and your wisdom for our times. Open our hearts and minds by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit so that we might hear what you are saying to the church through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 24:36-44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *The Hope of the World* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

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

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION  
(Response to *Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 13 (Blue Hymnal) *Prepare the Way*

CALL TO OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, our hope and our help, receive our gifts as seeds of gratitude for your gift to us in Christ Jesus. Bless these seeds with growth so that hope will sprout in people who struggle with despair, and in places trying to rebuild after devastating loss. Be their hope and their help, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* 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.*

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.

The Flowers today are given by Jojo Gencorelli on the birthday of her grandson, Joshua Yoder.

Refreshments Host today is Mary Matos.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Emma Steck	Dawn and John de Sesa
Eddie Balsamo	Rev. Stark Jones
The Mastrangelo Family	Emily & Dwight Dyer
Paula Liscio	Rhonda Liss
The Stallone Family	Sam Rizzo
Merritt Randall	Charlie Barba
Jeff Lovering	Edith Van Raalte
Marie Idone	John Nistico
Richard and Lynn Cardozo	Graziella Girardi
Frank Gencorelli	Sheemeza Ali
The Muoio Family	The Galluzzo Family

Families of victims in Ukraine and all the Ukrainian refugees  
All who are struggling due to the Coronavirus outbreak

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming Dates**

Tues, Nov. 29	2 PM	Session Meeting
Wed, Nov. 30	10 AM	Bible Study In Person
Sun, Dec. 4	11 AM	Christmas Decorating Coffee Hour
Tues, Dec. 6	7 PM	Whole Church Book Club via Zoom
Sun, Dec. 18	5:30 PM	Christmas Fellowship Dinner and Carols

**Whole Church Book Club** – *Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice*, by Joan S. Gray  
Meetings are every 2 weeks at 7pm via Zoom. Please read Chapter 6 for next meeting, Dec. 6.

## **December Birthdays**

12/8 Michael Gilmore

12/11 Kita de Sesa

12/16 Erin Gilmore

## **First Reading**

### **Isaiah 2:1-5**

### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

## **Second Reading**

### **Matthew 24:36-44**

### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>36</sup> "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

## **ANTHEM**

### **"Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?"**

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In the quiet of the night, or in morning's early light,

is your heart prepared for a King?

Will you hear an angel sing?

Will your own hosannas ring?

Is your heart prepared for a King?

Wait! Watch! Pray for the One who brings hope to a wearied earth.

Wait! Watch! Pray for the One who brings peace,

who brings peace by His birth.

Can you see the shining star?

Does it call you from afar?

Is your heart prepared for a King?

Will you watch? Will you pray? Is your heart prepared,

is your heart prepared for a 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.