

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: 244 (Red Hymnal) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: The light shines in the darkness,

**Many: We come to worship, seeking the peace of Christ.**

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

**All: Renew in us Jesus' call to be peacemakers this day.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - PEACE

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

**Many: We are easily distracted by the darkness of force and power and we often choose strife and turmoil.**

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

\* HYMN: (Insert) *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, vs 2*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of wisdom and understanding, of peace and promise, you are the giver of life and you live in us. You have welcomed us as your children and called us to live out your image with hospitality**

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

toward each other. Glory and honor and praise be yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, this day and every day, now and evermore. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of peace and promise, we confess that we have taken your commitment to us for granted. We assume what we do is acceptable to you, yet we judge others more harshly. We have been slow to welcome others, especially if their cultures or convictions differ from ours. You call us to repentance, but we resist seeing anything needing change in our hearts or our habits. Forgive our self-satisfied attitudes and challenge us with your vision of a peaceable kingdom where all can be made new.**  
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *We Wait for Thee*

Johnson

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: God of peace and possibility, 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. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 3:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *The Fullness of Peace*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

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

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** (see insert)

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(Response to *God of peace with justice: Make us better stewards of the gifts you give us.*)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 281 (Red Hymnal) *What Child Is This?*

CALL TO OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, our Peace and our Promise, receive our gifts as seeds of gratitude for your gift to us in Christ Jesus. Bless these seeds with growth so that peace will take root in people who face conflict and danger, and places seeking to establish peace in the face of violence. Be their peace and their promise, 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 Helen Lockman in loving memory of Ron Lockman.

Refreshments Hosts today are Helen Lockman and Mary Ann Soare.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Emma Steck  
Eddie Balsamo  
The Mastrangelo Family  
Paula Liscio  
The Stallone Family  
Merritt Randall  
Jeff Lovering  
Marie Idone  
Richard and Lynn Cardozo  
Frank Gencorelli  
The Muoio Family

Dawn and John de Sesa  
Rev. Stark Jones  
Emily & Dwight Dyer  
Rhonda Liss  
Sam Rizzo  
Charlie Barba  
Edith Van Raalte  
John Nistico  
Graziella Girardi  
Sheemeza Ali  
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**

Sun, Dec. 4	11 AM	Christmas Decorating Coffee Hour
Tues, Dec. 6	7 PM	Whole Church Book Club via Zoom
Wed, Dec. 7	10 AM	Bible Study In Person
Tues, Dec. 13	2:30 PM	Rescheduled Session Meeting

**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.

## **First Reading**

### **Isaiah 11:1-10**

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

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

## **Second Reading**

### **Matthew 3:1-12**

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

<sup>36</sup> In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup> and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for

I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

### **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,  
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.