

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS  
SPECIAL HYMN SING SERVICE

JANUARY 1, 2023

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: 258 (Red Hymnal) *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

**Many: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; give praise, all shining stars!**

One: Give praise, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

**Many: Give praise, hills and mountains.**

One: All people together, let us praise the name of the Lord and declare God's glory in heaven and on earth.

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* HYMN: 288 (Red Hymnal) *We Three Kings*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of majesty and mystery, like the magi following the star we come to you in wonder. Your purposes are beyond our comprehension, your majesty incomparable, your love beyond imagination and your presence always with us. We praise you for**

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

**your steadfast love, and offer you our trust for the year ahead as we seek to follow faithfully in the footsteps of Christ, our newborn King. Amen.**

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: In the law and the prophets, you give us your will, and in Jesus Christ, you revealed your love. Open our minds by the power of your Spirit so that we might understand what you are saying to the church. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 63:7-9

ANTHEM: *Carol of the Bells*

Leontovich

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 148

\* HYMN: 343 (Red Hymnal) *Amazing Grace*

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 2:10-18

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

FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:1-19

\* HYMN: 255 (Red Hymnal) *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

\* HYMN: 256 (Red Hymnal) *Love Has Come!*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN: 259 (Red Hymnal) *Angels, from the Realms of Glory V. 1,2,5*

CALL TO OFFERTORY

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of neighborhoods and nations, we bring our gifts to you, grateful that you are with us in good times and hard times. We do not know what the year ahead will hold but your love shines like a star to guide us. Bless these gifts, and bless us, and use them and us in the service of your mission in the world. Amen.**

### \* HYMN REQUESTS

### \* 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.*

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.

Kita de Sesa and Natalie Naylor will be assisting in the service.

Refreshments Host today is Natalie Naylor.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Upcoming Dates**

Tues, Jan. 3	7 PM	Whole Church Book Club via Zoom
Wed, Jan. 4	10 AM	Bible Study In Person
Sun, Jan. 29	11:15 AM	RPC Annual Mtg – Luncheon following

**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, next meeting, Jan. 3.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Emma Steck	Dawn and John de Sesa
Eddie Balsamo	Rev. Stark Jones
The Mastrangelo Family	Emily 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
Paul Whelan and Family	Joyce Zanchelli

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

### **January Birthdays**

1/8	Helen Lockman
1/19	Alexander Shimmel

### **Isaiah 63:7-9**

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

<sup>7</sup> I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup> For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not act deceitfully,” and he became their savior <sup>9</sup> in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

### **Psalms 148**

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

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! <sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! <sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! <sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens! <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. <sup>6</sup> He

established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!<sup>10</sup> Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!<sup>12</sup> Young men and women alike, old and young together!<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.<sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

**Hebrews 2:10-18**                      **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.<sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,<sup>12</sup> saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”<sup>13</sup> And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,<sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.<sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham.<sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.<sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

**John 1:1-19**                              **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being<sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was

John.<sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.<sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.<sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him.<sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.<sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,<sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.<sup>14</sup> And 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.<sup>15</sup> (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.’”) <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.<sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.<sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.<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?”

**ANTHEM**  
**“Carol of the Bells”**                      - Leontovich

Hark how the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say, throw cares away  
Christmas is here, bringing good cheer, to young and old, meek and the bold.  
Ding dong ding dong, that is their song, with joyful ring all caroling.  
One seems to hear words of good cheer from everywhere filling the air.  
Oh how they pound, raising the sound, o’er hill and dale, telling their tale.  
Gaily they ring while people sing songs of good cheer, Christmas is here.  
Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas,  
Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas.  
On on they send, on without end, their joyful tone to every home.  
Ding ding... dong!