

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 8, 2023

10:00 AM

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### GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**Many:** The glory of the Lord is upon us.

One: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

**All:** Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

\* HYMN: 290 (Red Hymnal) *As with Gladness Men of Old*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you placed a star in the sky to draw wise folk to the place of Christ's nativity. You revealed the mystery of your eternal purpose for humanity: God made flesh – born of Mary. Empower the church to be like the star's light, drawing the world to the glory of Christ our Lord, through whom we pray. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSON

**All:** Almighty God, you gave light to the world in Jesus Christ, but

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

we preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your peace upholds the oppressed and defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins and lead us to true repentance, may we trust you in all things.  
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, granting forgiveness and healing of sins. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Mary, Did You Know?*

Lowry/Green

With gratitude to Helen Lockman on her Birthday

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All:** Your Word, O God, comes to us in the translation of ancient scripture. Send your Holy Spirit to open our minds with understanding and our hearts with wisdom in the name of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. 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 *The Journey*

Rev. Joan Finck

\* HYMN: 67 (Blue Hymnal) *Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning*

### WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(Response to God, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 288 (Red Hymnal)

*We Three Kings*

#### CALL TO OFFERTORY

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we bring our gifts to you with grateful hearts. Use these gifts to spread your love in the world. Make us blessing to all those whom we encounter, that the life of Christ lives in us. 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.*

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

#### CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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.

We welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Joan Finck, filling in for Pastor Marjory today.

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Barbara Wackenhet Foundation.

#### 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  
Paul Whelan and 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  
Joyce Zanchelli

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### Upcoming Dates

Wed, Jan. 11	10 AM	Bible Study In Person
Tues, Jan. 17	7 PM	Whole Church Book Club via Zoom
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. 17.

#### **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 in 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, magi 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 in the east 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 magi 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 in the east, 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

**"Mary, Did You Know?"**

- Lowry/Green

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This Child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm the storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the face of God.

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb!

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would be the world's great Giver?  
And your humble King would be baptized at the bank of Jordan's River?  
Did you know He had come to earth that all our sins be eased?  
And to hear His Father say to Him, “With you I am well pleased.” \*

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
That sleeping child you're holding is the great I AM?

Mary, did you know?

\*Additional Verse by Gary de Sesa

## 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.