

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 461 (Blue Hymnal) *God Is Here!*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: We praise you, O God, for you are our God, and we are your people.

Many: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

One: Search us and know us, Creator, remove us from shadows into your presence.

Many: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

One: Place your hand upon us, Gracious One, as we worship you and minister in your name.

All: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

* HYMN: 630 (Red Hymnal) *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign One, we acknowledge your presence among us. Stir up the gifts you have planted among us. Hold us in your care and

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

present a mirror before us so that we may know ourselves as you have known us. Strengthen us in your mercy and let your grace propel us to renewal and righteousness. Lift us so that might arise in spirit and in truth for your glory. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, 1 Corinthians 6:12 reminds us that “All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be dominated by anything. You have created us in your holy and divine image. We pray to reflect your goodness in the world. We confess that we have engaged in actions and attitudes contrary to your kingdom, and we ask for wisdom, guidance, and fortitude to be the people you have called us to be. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Spirit of the Living God* Iverson

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Creator God, your Word set creation in motion. Send your Holy Spirit to set our minds in motion as we listen to the Scriptures today. Add to our insight and challenge our assumptions, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 139, John 1:43- 51

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *Search Me, Know Me, Lead Me*
Rev. Dr. Antionette Walrond

* HYMN: 403 (Red Hymnal) *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERTORY

* 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

Generous God, cultivate and nurture gratitude and trust in us. May our gifts be used for the benefit of the kingdom and all creation in your name. Amen.

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

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.

We welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Dr. Antionette Walrond, filling in for Pastor Marjory today.

Refreshments Hosts for today are Mary & Michael Matos.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Jan. 17	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom
Tues, Jan. 23	3:30 PM	Session Meeting
Sun, Jan. 28	11:15 AM	RPC Annual Meeting
Wed, Jan. 31	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom

Please be advised:

The Annual Meeting of the Roslyn Presbyterian Church and Congregation will take place on **Sunday, Jan. 28 at 11:15 AM.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emily Dyer	Emma Steck
Nora Shimmel	Dawn and John de Sesa
Rev. Stark Jones	Joyce Zanchelli
Eddie Balsamo	Sam Rizzo
The Catalanello Family	Graziella Girardi
Sheemeza Ali	Paul Whelan and Family
Emmie Shoch	Dr. Ralph & Judy Mastrangelo
John Nistico	Jeff Lovering
Regina Maria	Rhonda Liss
Paula Liscio	The Stallone Family
Elizabeth Bienz	Ray Peres
Jay Sikserz	Family of Amaliga Knavs

All victims, hostages and their families in the Israeli conflict.
We pray for peace in the Middle East.

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10 **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called,

“Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!”⁵ and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.⁶ The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.”⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.⁸ The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Second Reading

Psalm 139, John 1:43- 51 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.⁷ Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,”¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.¹⁹ O that you would kill the wicked, O God, and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—²⁰ those who speak of you maliciously and lift themselves up against you for evil!²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?²² I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.²⁴ See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.”⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and

Peter.⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.”⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!”⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.”⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

ANTHEM **“Spirit of the Living God”**

- Iverson

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, Wash over me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, Wash over me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, Wash over me.

Spirit of the living God, Move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind, Make us one in love,
Humble, caring, Selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, Fill our lives with love.

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.