

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Advent is a time for waiting.

Many: We wait for God, who appears like a tender branch growing from a stump.

One: Advent is a time for hoping.

Many: We wait for God, who comes with justice and righteousness.

One: Advent is a time to worship.

All: We wait for God, praising the One who comes to fulfill promises.

ANTHEM: *We Wait for Thee*

Johnson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE

Leader: Hope is a flame that is given by God.

People: Hope for a new world burns in our hearts.

Leader: Hope burns in the message of the Law and the teaching of the Prophets.

People: Hope is revealed in Jesus Christ.

(The candle is lit.) Leader: Let us pray:

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

People: Source of light, burn in our lives and in your world with your renewing hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, you come to your people to dwell with us. You come with power to transform all things. You come with promises to make all things new. You come with signs of your deep love for the world. You come, and your truth breaks into our lives shattering lies and half-truths, setting your people free. Your coming is our hope, and so, we offer you our praise and prayers in gratitude and anticipation. Come into our lives again, O God, and show us how to hope in the face of all that is discouraging, for we gather in the name of Hope made flesh, Jesus Christ, your promise and our desire. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Surprising God, forgive our sleepiness in the presence of your splendor and for when we abandon hope and expect and look for the same old thing in the same old way. Forgive us our silence when we ought to have spoken up and our carelessness with your world and each other. Awaken us to your holy, hopeful presence so we may watch and wait for you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Spirit of God, move within and among us today, to open God's Word, read and proclaimed, for us. Guide us to your truth and help us discern and understand your Word, pointing us to Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 21:25-36

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 12 (Blue Hymnal) *People, Look East*

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 *Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 277 (Red Hymnal) *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

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

Holy and Righteous God, we offer our gifts with humble hearts, knowing the needs in your world are great and our gifts alone will never fill that need. We offer our gifts in hope that you will bless them and use them to help fulfill your purpose revealed in Jesus Christ, Savior of us all. 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.

All are invited to our Thanksgiving Celebration Luncheon with Kalam, following today's service.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Sun, Dec. 1

11 AM Thanksgiving Luncheon w/Kalam

Thurs, Dec. 5

10:30 AM Session Meeting

Sun, Dec. 15

5 PM Christmas Dinner, Carol Singing

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Family of Emily Dyer

Emma Steck

Helen Lockman

Cynthia Randall

Dawn and John de Sesa

Joyce Zanchelli

Sam Rizzo

Graziella Girardi

Emmie Shoch

Jeff Lovering

Dr. Ralph & Judy Mastrangelo & Family

John Nistico

Regina Maria

Elizabeth Bienz

Ray Peres

Jay Sikserz

Blake and Megan Stevason

Marco Martufi

Nico Barley

Mike Honovich

Chris Foti

Gerry Catalanello

Jenn Gallagher

Sylvia McAdams

Richie Miranda

Dennis Prager

Nora Shimmel

Wang Jin Pen

All victims, hostages and their families in the Israeli conflict.

We pray for peace in the Middle East.

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁴“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. ¹⁵“In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.”

Second Reading

Luke 21:25-36

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹ He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

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.