

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 29, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 278 (Red Hymnal) *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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.

ANTHEM: *With the Sound of Joyous Singing*

Martin

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 CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, you gave light to the world in Jesus Christ, but 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. Amen.
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Our 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: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:41-52

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

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

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 462 (Blue Hymnal) *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

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**

God of love, we give thanks for the many blessings you have given us throughout our lives. We are grateful to celebrate the birth of your greatest gift, our Savior Jesus, once again. Bless the offerings we make in his name, and use them and us to serve you well in the coming year. Amen.

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

CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN

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| 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.

Refreshments Host today is Maya Leibfreid.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

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| Sat, Jan. 4 | 2 PM | Emily Dyer Memorial |
| Sun, Jan. 26 | 11 AM | Annual Meeting |

Please be advised:

The Annual Meeting of the Roslyn Presbyterian Church and Congregation will take place on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 11:15 AM.

January Birthdays

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| 1/8 | Helen Lockman |
| 1/19 | Alexander Shimmel |

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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| 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 |
| Judy Mastrangelo & Family | John Nistico |
| Regina Maria | Elizabeth Bienz |
| Ray Peres | Jay Sikserz |
| Blake and Megan Stevason | Marco Martufi |
| Nico Barley | Mike Honovich |
| Paula Liscio | Gerry Catalanello |
| Jenn Gallagher | Sylvia McAdams |
| Richie Miranda | Dennis Prager |
| Nora Shimmel | Wang Jin Pen |
| Aldin Monroe | Cathy Shimmel |

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

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁸ But Samuel was ministering before the Lord—a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰ Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the Lord give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the Lord.” Then they would go home. ²⁶ And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the Lord and with people.

Second Reading

Luke 2:41-52 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁴¹ Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.” ⁴⁹ “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

ANTHEM

“With the Sound of Joyous Singing”

- Martin

With the sound of joyous singing, break the silence of the night,
for a new day Christ is bringing. Lo, new hope is shining bright.
Let the voice of music ever sound the peace and joy He brings.
Let our song be silenced never. Rise and greet the newborn King.
With the sound of joyous singing, sound the peace and joy He brings.
Let the sound of joyous singing join with angels shouting praise.
Alleluia, sing this day of days. Arise your light is beaming.
Hope is born, let earth rejoice.
Christ has come, all hearts redeeming. Let all make a joyful noise.
With the sound of joyous singing, lift your praise with heart and voice.

With the sound of joyous singing, come announce the end of strife.
Christ has come to bring us life. Offer songs of glad thanksgiving.
Give to God your adoration, praise the Lord, let voices ring.
With the sound of joyous singing, come and praise the new born King!

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.