

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 5, 2025

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 69 (Blue Hymnal) *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: The Christ child is born

Many: God's presence with us

One: God's presence is here with us

Many: Let us rejoice and praise

One: God is working around us

Many: Let us rejoice and worship

One: We sing a song of God's love

Many: We rejoice and praise God's Holy Name

All: Let us worship

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(prayer by Teresa of Ávila)*

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, you have offered us a relationship. You have come into our world, yet too often we walk by you. Too often we let the concerns of this world cloud our ability to see where you are working around us. Help us when we fall short. Guide us when we miss you. Help us with your wisdom to know you.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *God's Table Divine*

Johnson

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God with us, descend into our hearts and minds this day so that we can come to know and feel you with us. Open our hearts and minds so that we may hear your Word and know your wisdom. Work within our stubborn selves so that your glory may be known. 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

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *Epiphany is God's Gift to the World* Rev. Dr. James Barnum

* HYMN: 66 (Blue Hymnal) *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 68 (Blue Hymnal) *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

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 Light, we lift up to you the gifts given freely for your glory. Please allow the gifts of time, talent and money to work within our community and beyond so your light may shine in the dark. 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

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 today the Rev. Dr. James Barnum.

Refreshments Host today is Soraya Gage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Sun, Jan. 26 11:15 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.

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
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
Aldin Monroe	Paula Liscio

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

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. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift 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 on their nurses' arms. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ '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.'" ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

ANTHEM

"God's Table Divine"

- Johnson

In remembrance of God's love, we share in this feast.
And the sacrifice made for the greatest and least.
All are welcome, no one is turned away.
As we feast from this banquet of God's grace.

Come to His table, come and be fed.
Drink of the wine and eat of the bread
Refresh your soul and renew your mind
At God's table, His table divine.

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.