

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2025

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Let us invite God in

Many: **We open our church, our hearts and our minds to the Holy**

One: Let us focus on God

Many: **We let our minds settle so that we can focus on God**

One: Let us listen for God

Many: **We clear our minds so that we can hear God's message**

One: Let us be with God

Many: **We calm our presence making room for the Holy**

One: Let us worship

All: **We worship and praise!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: By the waters of Jordan, Jesus came for baptism

Many: **By the hand of John the Baptist, Jesus was baptized**

One: By the waters of the Jordan, God proclaimed "This is my child"

Many: **The voice of God spoke and a dove descended on to Jesus**

One: By the waters of baptism, we too become children of God

All: **By the waters of my baptism, I am a child of God.**

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

* HYMN: 40 (Blue Hymnal) *Joy to the World!*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy Redeemer, we come before you, remembering our own baptism, and feeling our short comings. We lift up to you the times that we fail to live into our baptism call. The moments that our support of others' baptism call fell short. Continue to work with us and through us so that the powers of your water may be felt.
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Mary, Did You Know?*

Lowry/Green

(With gratitude to Helen Lockman in celebration of her Birthday.)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Gracious Redeemer, work within the Word read and spoken so that our hearts are moved and your wisdom is understood. Lift in us the Spirit so that we may be moved to work for your glory now and beyond. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 3:15-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Do Not Fear*

Rev. Kate Jones Calone

* HYMN: 492 (Blue Hymnal)

Baptized in Water

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 499 (Blue Hymnal) *Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed*

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 God, we lift up to you the gifts given here today. We thank you for the blessings that continue to abound in our life and this church. We ask that these gifts flow like the waters of baptism through this church and our community. Amen.

* HYMN: 420 (Blue Hymnal) *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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. Kate Jones Calone.

Refreshments Host today is Cathy Shimmel.

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

There will be a brief meeting of the **Nominating Committee** today before coffee hour and a meeting of the **Pastor Search Committee** today after coffee hour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Sun, Jan. 26	11:15 AM	Annual Meeting
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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
Stefania Cecchini	

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

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. ⁴ Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. ⁶ I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth— ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Second Reading

Luke 3:15-22

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them. ¹⁹ But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰ Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison. ²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

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.