

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 26, 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 praise God.

**Many: Let us sing a song for God's name.**

One: Let us celebrate the Holy.

**Many: Let us praise God.**

One: Let us know the sacred.

**Many: Let us proclaim God's glory.**

One: Let us worship.

**All: Let us lift our voices in thanksgiving.**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: Jesus asked to be followed,

**Many: And the disciples followed.**

One: Jesus offered forgiveness,

**Many: And people were forgiven.**

One: Jesus inspired transformation,

**Many: And people changed.**

One: Jesus asks for us to come.

**All: And we, the people, respond yes!**

("\*" 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: Glorious God, we accept that all too often we fail to respond to your voice in the world. Actually, God, it isn't that simple. We don't just fail to respond to your voice; sometimes we just don't know how to respond. We let the world of fears cloud our understanding. We let the woes of this world cloud our hearts. We let the negativity of this world rule how we respond to this world, instead of letting your love rule.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *We Are One*

Pote

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**All: Holy, we thank you for inviting us into the Word today. Allow the Spirit to work within the Word read, and in our hearts and minds. Give us the wisdom to know what the Word is saying to us today and asking of us to do tomorrow. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 1:3-4, 9-12, 14, 17-18,  
20-21,25,31; Genesis 2:1-3

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Why Work?*

David Brackett

\* HYMN: 421 (Blue Hymnal) *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 401 (Red Hymnal) *The Church's One Foundation*

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

**Loving God, we dedicate our lives and our work to you. We lift up to you the gifts joyfully given to this church to do your work in the world. We ask that you work within the gifts of money, time and talent to show our community and the world your glory. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 526 (Red Hymnal) *The Solid Rock*

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 David Brackett.

Refreshments Hosts for today are Mary Ann Soare and 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**

Sun, Jan. 26	11:15 AM	Annual Meeting (light lunch before)
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**Please be advised:**

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

In addition to the regular reports, the Annual Meeting shall consider changing our bylaws from having seven elders on the session to "between five and seven elders on the session."

**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	Jay Sikserz
Ray Peres	Marco Martufi
Blake and Megan Stevason	Mike Honovich
Nico Barley	Gerry Catalanello
Chris Foti	Sylvia McAdams
Jenn Gallagher	Dennis Prager
Richie Miranda	Wang Jin Pen
Nora Shimmel	Paula Liscio
Aldin Monroe	Stefania Cecchini
Cathy Shimmel	

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

**February Birthdays**

2/1	Cathy Shimmel
2/14	James Shimmel
2/22	Katie Zarghami

## First Reading

**Genesis 1:3-4, 9-12, 14, 17-18, 20-21,25,31; Genesis 2:1-3**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>17</sup> God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. <sup>2</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. <sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

## Second Reading

**2 Thessalonians 3:6-12** **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>6</sup> In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. <sup>7</sup> For

you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.” <sup>11</sup> We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat.

## **ANTHEM**

**“We Are One”**

- Pote

This song is sung because we try to live our lives Your way  
But we know that we fall short of what You teach and what You say  
The song we've left unsung will keep ringing in my heart  
'Till the melodies keep echoing and help me do my part

To let the light of Your love shine for all the world to see  
May your joy and mercy become a part of me  
And because I have known You my life will never be quite the same  
May Your spirit live through me.

The times that You are with me through my happiness and tears  
All these many special moments make me grateful through the years  
And when it's time to meet again You'll know me by my name  
Like a friendship that' for ever and forever stays the same.

We are one, we are one in the name of the Lord  
We are one in the spirit, we are one in our love  
And because I have known You my life will never be quite the same  
May your spirit live through me.

## **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.