

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us to seek justice:

**Many: Let Christ's love for the poor and hungry fill the earth.**

One: God calls us to show kindness,

**Many: Let Christ's light shine in places of brokenness and despair.**

One: God calls us to walk humbly in the Spirit,

**Many: Let us join the work of the kingdom in humility and hope.**

**All: Called, blessed and inspired, let us worship God together.**

\* HYMN: 87 (Red Hymnal) *Fairest Lord Jesus*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of wisdom and blessing, on this day we come into the warmth of your presence. Here we find shelter in the strength of your promises; here we find welcome in your tender care. Grateful for the protection you provide, thankful for the comfort of your community, we offer our praise to you. For you give blessing when the world condemns; you bring freedom when the culture confines. Embrace us with your love in this hour of worship as we offer you our love in return. Amen.**

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

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of the ages, we confess the world's wisdom attracts us, in advertisement and argument. We fail to measure messages according to the wisdom in your Word. We find calls to do justice too demanding, for the world has taught us to look to our own interests first. Forgive us, we pray. Renew us with your mercy, so that we may walk more humbly with you and each other day by day. (Please take a moment for silent reflection.)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

\* GLORIA PATRI 579 (Blue Hymnal) *Glory Be to the Father  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end  
Amen, Amen.*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Holy God, your people turn to your Word for truth and guidance in every age. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire our understanding of your Scripture, read and interpreted today. Help us hear the truth for our lives and our times through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NRSV)

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness

is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

\* HYMN: 405 (Blue Hymnal) *What Does the Lord Require*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Glory to You, O God**

MESSAGE *Letting Go* Rev. Mark Applewhite

ANTHEM: *Meditation for Communion* Althouse  
*Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life are spoken and in whose death our sins are  
dead.*

*Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be the feast to us the token, that by thy grace our souls are fed.  
Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed.  
Amen, amen.*

## **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy .... With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we all partake. The bread of Life for God's people.

**Praise be to God!**

We are reminded that this cup is the cup of the new covenant; this new relationship God has invited us to partake in. The cup of the new covenant for God's people.

**Praise be to God!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's**

body and received his cup, to be faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love by your love, reaching out into the life of the world. Amen.

HYMN: 170 (Red Hymnal) *Give Thanks*

### **WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 374 (Blue Hymnal) *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

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 Life, from you all loving kindness, justice and mercy flow. Bless these gifts so that acts of kindness, justice and mercy flow from them, too. And bless our lives so the world may see in us signs of your kingdom at work in the church and community, in Christ's name. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL *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.***

POSTLUDE

### **THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN**

Rev. Dr. James Barnum

Pastor

Dr. Gary de Sesa

Director, Ministry of Music

Dr. Natalie Naylor

Clerk of Session

Dr. Robert Gilmore

Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

We welcome to the pulpit today the Rev. Mark Applewhite.

Assisting in today's service is Mary Matos.

Refreshments Host for today is Natalie Naylor.

Next Sunday's scriptures:

1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Wendy Boer

Helen Lockman

Ira Cooper

Katie Zarghami

Cynthia Randall

Dawn and John de Sesa

Gary B. de Sesa

Sam Rizzo

Graziella Girardi

Emmie Shoch

Judy Mastrangelo & Family

Regina Maria

Ray Peres

Gerry Catalanello

Sylvia McAdams

Richie Miranda

Stefania Cecchini

Alex Palumbo

Rick Collins and Family

Family of Steven Panzella

Family of Janine Francolini

Marianne Wagner Rizzo

Chet Scire

William Cornell

Lawrence Topel

Willy Geddish

We pray for PEACE in the world and especially the Middle East and a just resolution between Ukraine and Russia along with all victims and their families from the Gaza-Israeli conflict and all nations that are at war. We pray for all families who are in need, and those who are grieving their loved ones.