

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Happy are those who delight in the way of Love, who trust that generosity will outlast fear.

Many: We come seeking wisdom deeper than words.

Pastor: You are the salt of the earth, Jesus tells us—called to preserve what is good and heal what is broken.

Many: We come longing to live with purpose and courage.

Pastor: You are the light of the world—not to hide, but to shine with compassion and truth.

Many: Let us worship the God who calls us to shine.

* HYMN: 469 (Blue Hymnal) *Morning Has Broken*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, Light of the world, as morning breaks with light and blessing, awaken us to wonder, gratitude, and joy.

Make us new this day— salt for the earth and lights within Your Light— ready to praise, to serve, and to walk in the way of love. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy One, we confess we have taken your creation for granted. We squander its resources as if they were only for us. We

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

too often consume whatever we want, carelessly and selfishly. Forgive us, we pray. Shine your Light on us and within us so we understand the ways of your wisdom more clearly, and can follow the path Jesus sets before us with humble, grateful hearts.

(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 mysteries surround and astound us each day. Send your Holy Spirit to open the mysteries of Scripture for us so that our understanding is refreshed and courage to follow Christ renewed. Amen.

PSALTER: Psalm 112:1–9 (10) (NRSV)

Leader: Happy are those who delight in the way of the Holy One, who find joy in lives shaped by love and justice.

People: They stand firm, rooted in compassion and trust.

Leader: Their hearts are steady; they are not afraid, for they trust in the faithfulness of God.

People: They live with courage, grounded in hope.

Leader: They share freely with those in need, their generosity flows without fear.

People: Their righteousness endures; their light shines in the world.

Leader: They rise in the darkness as a light for others—gracious, merciful, and just.

People: They reflect the goodness of God through their lives.

Leader: They conduct their affairs with integrity, standing firm in truth and compassion.

People: Their lives speak of justice rooted in love.

Leader: They will not be shaken by troubling news; their hearts are secure, trusting in God.

People: Their confidence rests in hope, not fear.

Leader: They look with clarity upon the world, choosing generosity over scarcity.

People: Their lives bear witness to God's abundance.

Leader: Their strength is lifted in honor, their lives a blessing to many.

People: We seek to walk this way— as salt for the earth and light for the world.

* HYMN: 655 (Red Hymnal) *Sanctuary*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV)

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Glory to You, O God

MESSAGE *Being Salt for Tender Times*

Rt. Rev. Br. Mark D'Alessio

ANTHEM: *The Light, The Love*

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The Light of the Lord surrounds us, ev'ry one;

The Glory of His presence shines brighter than the sun!

*He may shine within us and keep us from sin;
If we but ask His blessing, and let Him dwell within!
His mercy and compassion are with us on our way!
His love is like a flame, eternal and pure;
It may bring us blessed joy, and make salvation sure!
Wherever we may wander, how ever dark the night,
Our precious Lord is near us, to guide our steps aright!
For He is watching o'er us, where'er we may be,
That we may know His Light and Love, unto eternity!*

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: 107 (Red Hymnal) *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

CALL TO OFFERTORY

Pastor: Salt is meant to be shared. Light is meant to shine. So too are the gifts God places in our care. Let us offer ourselves and our resources as signs of God's abundant love.

* 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

People: Lord Jesus Christ, your love makes us salt for the earth and lights within Your Light for the world. Bless our gifts so that they illumine the dark days and can be salt to flavor the earth with your justice and mercy. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now as a renewed people, entrusted with wisdom from God — not a wisdom that dominates, rather a wisdom that loves. Becoming salt for what's wounded. Becoming light for what's hidden. And, as we go, may our God of Wisdom guide your steps; and may Christ's light shine through our lives; and may the Spirit strengthen us for love's tender work. These things we pray in all the Holy Names of God. **Amen.**

Go now in Peace, to love and serve the Light of the World.

Thanks be to God.

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 Rt. Rev. Br. Mark D'Alessio.

Assisting in today's service is Natalie Naylor.

Refreshments Host for today is Soraya Gage.

Next Sunday's scriptures:

2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Feb. 25	10 AM	Session Meeting
Wed, Feb. 25	12 PM	Cemetery Committee Meeting

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.