

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We come not because we have all the answers,

Many: We come because we are drawn by Mystery.

Pastor: We gather carrying questions, weariness as well as hope.

Many: We come seeking light enough for our next step.

Pastor: On the mountaintop, Christ is revealed in glory.

Many: In the valley, Christ walks with us in humanity.

Pastor: Christ the Beloved stands with us everywhere, radiant in the
Mystery of God.

Many: Calling us to listen with wonder, courage, and humility.

Pastor: Come, dwell with Him in the holy tension of our faith.

Many: We come to worship the Mystery who meets us there.

Pastor: Let us worship the Holy One,

**Many: Whose light shines in our struggle and whose love never
lets us go.**

* HYMN: 3 (Red Hymnal) *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy Mystery, our Light that shines beyond understanding and
the Love that draws near in our tender humanity, we gather today
in your presence. As you revealed your glory on the mountain,
may you reveal yourself among us in our own day—not to be**

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

**dazzled with certainty, but to deepen us in wonder. Open our eyes
to see Christ’s humanity alongside his divinity, our ears to listen
for your voice amid the noise of our lives, and our hearts to be
changed—not removed from the world’s pain, but strengthened to
meet our struggles with courage and compassion. We pray all this
in the name of Jesus, the Beloved, in whom all heaven and earth
meet. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of mystery and mercy, we confess we sometimes mistake
our own desires for your will. We are reluctant to hear a word that
challenges our assumptions. We seek assurances that we are right,
and resist insights from the experience of others. Forgive us, O
God. Shape our will to yours, so we can dwell more closely with
you and with one another.**

(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 Mystery, as we turn to your Word, quiet what distracts
us and open what has grown numb or closed. Give us ears to
listen, hearts to receive, and courage to dwell with what we cannot
fully name. May your Spirit speak — in Scripture, in silence, and
within us all. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Inspired by 2 Peter 1:16-21 (NRSV)

Reader: We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made
known the power and presence of Jesus Christ.

Many: We speak of what has been seen and encountered.

Reader: We witnessed glory— honor and grace revealed from God.

Many: Light shining in the midst of human history.

Reader: A voice came from the depths of heaven, saying, “This is my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Many: And we are invited to listen.

Reader: We hold this testimony as a lamp shining in a dark place.

Many: A light that guides us until morning breaks.

Reader: Scripture does not arise from private certainty or human control.

Many: It is breathed by the Spirit, spoken through human lives.

Reader: So we attend to the Word with humility and hope.

Many: Trusting the Mystery that speaks, still, among us.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN: 462 (Blue Hymnal) *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Glory to You, O God

MESSAGE *Dwelling in Mystery* Rt. Rev. Br. Mark D’Alessio

ANTHEM: *The Lord is My Light* Allitsen
The Lord is my light and my salvation,
whom then shall I fear,
whom then shall I fear.

The Lord is the strength of my life,
the Lord is the strength of my life,
of whom then shall I be afraid,
of whom then shall I be afraid.
The Lord is my light!

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: 139 (Red Hymnal) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

CALL TO OFFERTORY

Pastor: On the mountain, the disciples glimpsed God’s glory. In the valley, they learned how to live it. It’s now our time as disciples to offer our gifts. We do not offer our gifts to only remain in the brightness, but to carry its light into the messy world that God loves. So may we offer what we’re able — our resources, our gratitude, our lives — trusting that God will use them for the healing of the world, for justice and hope. Let us offer ourselves to God.

* 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

Pastor: Holy and Radiant God...

People: ...receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our desire to follow Christ beyond the mountaintop. Bless what we offer—that it may serve your work of mercy, strengthen those who struggle, and reflect your transforming light in places of shadow and need. As you have revealed your glory to us, now send us to

live it, through Jesus Christ our guide and companion. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us go now from the mountain, not to leave behind what we have seen, but to remember it and carry it deeply. Let us return to our lives bearing Christ's light — not only as a dazzling vision to behold, but as everyday courage, compassion, and truth in the midst of our very human struggle... And may the glory of God encourage your heart, the love of Christ guide your way, and the Spirit's presence strengthen us for the tender and often difficult work of justice and truth that lies ahead. **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 Mary Matos.

Refreshments Hosts for today are Mary and Michael Matos.

Next Sunday's scriptures:

Psalm 32; Matthew 4:1-11

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.