ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP/ALL SAINTS' DAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 10:00 AM

"You are blessed when you have lost what is most DEAR to you"
One of Jesus' beatitudes in Matthew's gospel
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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS
Let us say the name of any saint who has touched your life

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: On this day each year, we celebrate the saints that desire honor during this day on the Christian calendar.

Many: May God's praise be on our lips as we remember those who nurtured us and inspire us today to follow God and His kingdom

One: Let us Magnify the Lord for them

Many: We will lift up God's name together in worship and in service, as we come this November to the Lord's table to remember Christ and all the Saints

One: God sent light and truth into the world as the saints have taught us truths of the Kingdom.

All: May all of those both near and far back in our history lead us once again into God's Holy presence.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life and blessing, you have created all that exists. In Christ, you offer your redeeming love to every soul in every situation. So it is our greatest joy to be united in the community of your people, stretching across the generations, throughout all time and space.

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

We join our thanks and praise to the voices of all your saints, in heaven and on earth, who worship and adore you, saying: All blessing and honor, glory and power wisdom, riches and strength belong to you, O God, now and forever! Amen.

ANTHEM: *One At The Feast* Courtney

He ate bread at their tables, he joined them in their feasts
And many asked the Savior, "Why do You dine with these;
The outcast and the sinner, the dying and the poor?
There are many greater than these You sit before."

Break the bread and pour the wine, let them drink let them dine
None is greater than the least; all are one, one at the feast.

Gather at the table, come and take your place.
There is room for many at the feast of grace
With the bread remember, with the wine recall
Jesus gave His body and His blood for all, for all

Break the bread and pour the wine, let them drink let them dine
None is greater than the least; all are one, one at the feast.
We are one, one at the feast.

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of courage and commitment, we confess we have not always followed the path you set before us. Fear holds us back from fully embracing your gift of new life. Our anxieties prevent us from bearing witness to your love. Forgive us, O God. Give us courage that we may act as your saints in our own time, faithfully following Jesus, no matter the cost.

(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: God of ages past, present and yet to come, your Word comes to us as the witness of your saints over many generations. Send the Holy Spirit to open our hearts so that we too may hear your wisdom and come to know Christ more deeply as your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 3:1-3 (THE MESSAGE)
What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who he is or what he's up to. [2-3] But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God. And that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see him—and in seeing him, become like him. All of us who look forward to his Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

* HYMN: # 686 (Red Hymnal) *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12 (THE MESSAGE)
[1-2] When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said: [3] "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule. [4] "You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you. [5] "You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought. [6] "You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat. [7] "You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for. [8] "You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world. [9] "You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family. [10] "You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom. [11-12] "Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don't like it, *I* do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Glory to You, O God

MESSAGE The Saints don't wear capes /Who knows **how we will end up?/ But with the less of us, there is more room for God and His kingdom** The Rev. Dr. James Barnum

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH In Judaism, the Ten Commandments are known in Hebrew as *Aseret Ha-Dibrot* (literally, the "Ten Utterances"). They appear in the Torah in Exodus 20:2-14 and Deuteronomy 5:6-18.

1. **I am the Lord your God**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. *(In Jewish tradition, this opening statement establishes the foundation and recognition of God's existence and sovereignty, though some count it as the introduction to the first command.)*

* ANTHEM-HYMN: *Come to the Table of Grace*
Come to the Table of <u>GRACE</u>, Come to the Table of <u>GRACE.</u>
This is God's Table; It's not yours or mine.
Come to the Table of <u>GRACE.</u>
Come to the Table of ... v2 ***<u>PEACE</u>*** *v3* ***<u>LOVE</u>*** *v4* ***<u>HOPE</u>*** *v5* ***<u>JOY</u>***

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.

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.

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
Good and generous God, receive our humble gifts, offered in hope and gratitude. Make something of them – and of us, so that the world will be surprised by your love and what we can offer them in Jesus' name. Amen.

* HYMN: # 767 (Red Hymnal) *For All the Saints*

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.

Assisting in today's service is Cathy Shimmel.

Refreshments Host for today is Maya Leibfreid.

Next Sunday's scriptures:
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Sun, Nov. 8	Service 10, 12 PM	Eileen Parsons Wedding
Sun, Nov. 15	10 AM	Service honoring Veterans
Sun, Nov. 22	Service 10, 11:15 AM	Joint Thanksgiving Luncheon with Kalam

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Helen Lockman	Cynthia Randall
Steve Kirschman	Dawn and John de Sesa
Gary B. de Sesa	Sam Rizzo
Emmie Shoch	Regina Maria
Ray Peres	Gerry Catalanello
Sylvia McAdams	Stefania Cecchini
Family of Steven Panzella	Family of Janine Francolini
Chet Scire	William Cornell
Lawrence Topel	Willy Geddish
Jasmina & Jaiden Allen	Paula Liscio
Dr. Klaus Dittmar	

We pray for PEACE in the world and especially the Middle East and a just resolution between Iran and our country; Ukraine and Russia; along with all victims and their families from the Gaza/Lebanon-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.