

December 20, 2020



THE LIVING NATIVITY



Morning Worship

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Ellen Foster, harp

arr. D. Rees-Rohrbacher

CHORAL INTROIT

Still, Still, Still
Choral Ensemble

arr. Norman Luboff

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the light of the world."

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel!

*HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and truth,
Long ago your prophets told of your promises –
promises of restoration and salvation.
We confess that we have not believed your promise.
We have preferred brokenness to restoration,
darkness to light, conflict to peace.
We have remained silent in the face of the discomfort,
not wanting to face the hard work of repentance and change.
Forgive us, and renew our strength, that we may receive the fullness of your promise,
And live in joyful anticipation of the coming Christ,
in whose name we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Hailey Family

Roswell Presbyterian Church

LEADING WORSHIP

The Reverend Jeff Meyers
Senior Pastor

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The Reverend Carrie Weatherford
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The Reverend Julie Ferguson
Associate Pastor

The Reverend Dr. Randy Jackson
Associate Pastor

Betsy Homer
Director of Worship and Arts

John Perry
Director of Music Ministries

Trenton Durham
RPC@eleven & Adult Discipleship Director

Meghan Greenwalt
Video Production

*RESPONSE *from Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:57-66 NRSV

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Advent: The Living Nativity Rev. Jeff Meyers
 "Living YOUR Life"

PREPARATION FOR RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE *In The Bleak Midwinter* arr. Trenton Durham
 Trenton Durham and Brooke Durham

PRAYER AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Please sign our digital friendship register.
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 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *from Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* Charles Peery
 Randy Romig, organ; Ellen Foster, harp

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Hospital: Marion Walker

Home: Genie McCullough, Diane Gustafson, Judy Hoffman, Chad Godhard, Bob Blair, Amy Crawford

Community Groups: Join the **Thursday Evening Community Group** on January 7 for a new study, *Christianity and World Religions*, by Adam Hamilton. Contact: Anne Moore, annepmoore@gmail.com. To sign up, visit roswellpres.org/adult-discipleship.

Adult Groups: Registration starts in January for new adult groups including a couples group, Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, and yoga. More information coming soon. Contact: Teri Kish, teri@roswellpres.org.

Music and Worship: Register online on Monday, December 21, for our December 27 in-person **Worship Service** in the Sanctuary at 11 a.m. Visit our website for more information. Registration is also open for our **Christmas Eve services** on our Events page.

View Glory of Christmas: A Virtual Music Celebration via roswellpres.org on Sunday, December 20, at 3 p.m. No registration is required for this free event.

Youth: Sunday night small groups resume in January 2021.

Confirmation Registration for 8th grade: The last day to register is January 2, 2020. Visit ryex.org/confirmation for more info. Contact: Hunter Hotchkiss, hunter@roswellpres.org.

The **ryeX & 96:ONE Christmas Party** for middle and high school students is Friday, December 18, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Find more information at ryex.org.

eXtreme Retreat 2021: Castaway is Friday, February 12, and Saturday, February 13, 2021. Find information and registration at ryex.org. Contact: Hunter Hotchkiss, hunter@roswellpres.org.

Mission: The **Advent Giving Tree** program is still accepting wish list donations for a variety of our mission partners until January 4. Please visit the website for contribution information. These donations provide much needed supplies used throughout the year. Thank you for your support!

Membership: Join our next membership class on Monday, January 11, and Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Please contact Stephanie Jacobs if you wish to take this class at stephanie@roswellpres.org.

Stephen Ministry: It takes less time to pray than to worry. Stephen Ministers can pray along with you as you work through life's struggles. If you would like to learn more, please contact Rev. Carrie Weatherford, 770-649-4533, carrie@roswellpres.com, or Mike Bangs, 770-331-5049, michaelbangs@gmail.com.

YOU ARE
INVITED TO
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FAITH
FAMILY

Each month, we
welcome a new group
of members into the
Roswell Presbyterian
Church faith family.

To learn more:
Contact
Stephanie Jacobs,
Director of New
Member Connections
stephanie@roswellpres.org
770-649-4522

Or visit:
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OUR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

To view the sermon series worship calendar,
visit: www.roswellpres.org/worship

December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve at RPC

Visit roswellpres.org for times and registration.

December 27, 2020

"The King is Dead - Long Live the King"

Matthew 2:1-23

Rev. Dr. Randy Jackson, preaching

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Children's
CHRISTMAS FUND

*Roswell Presbyterian Church
is helping children around the world experience
the joy of Christmas throughout the year!*

Thank you for your generosity to the
2020 Children's Christmas Fund

ROSWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND

Since Christmas of 1998, in lieu of purchasing poinsettias for our sanctuary,
the Roswell Presbyterian Church congregation has graciously given
gifts in honor or in memory of a loved one to Mission Partners
who particularly meet the needs of children.

Thank you for your gift of joy to a child.

**Ellie, Ashley, Daniel, Desi, Paul and
Wilhelmina Alderman**

*In honor of Jean Alderman
In memory of Lane Alderman, Edward
Alderman, Daniel & Ellie Aultry and
Paul Aultry*

Clifford and Judith Alexander

*In honor of Sara Vogel and our
grandchildren, Alexander Hermann
Wirth and Isaac Remington Wirth
In memory of Tom Hanlon, William
Remington Alexander and Isabella
Remington Koons*

Ina Allison and Jeff Hite

*In memory of Virginia Allison
and Don Hite*

Jim and Kristy Baker

*In honor of our grandchildren,
Audrey Lucia and Mia Jane*

Mike and Susan Bangs

*In honor of our daughters,
Abby & Mary Bangs*

Leslie, Steve, Steven and William Barr

In honor of Diane & Morris Copeland

Dan and Kathy Bowden

In honor of Chuck & Shana Richardson

**Joel, Paulette, Cailyn,
and Matthew Brown**

*In honor of the tireless efforts,
loving care, endless imagination and
creativity, and amazing faithfulness
of the entire RPC Staff during these
unusual times. We wish all of you
a blessed Advent season and
Merry Christmas!*

John and Leslie Carruth

*In honor of Clark Carruth, Deale, Ellie,
Lila & Josephine Carruth and Chris &
Maggie O'Connor*

Kris and Tricia Cooper

*In honor of our grandchildren, Hadley
Sharp and William Watkins*

Diane and Morris Copeland

*In honor of our grandsons, Steven &
William Barr*

**His grandchildren, Andrew, Peter,
Joshua, Evelyn, and Stephen**

In memory of Neil Craig

Paul and Barbara Egan

*In memory of Joseph & Margherita
Fonzino and Harvey & Francis Egan*

Russ Fawcett

To the Glory of God

Howard and Canita Flint

To the Glory of God

**Michael, Christine,
and William Forrester**

In honor of John & Angela Forrester

Jim and Carol Fowler

*In honor of Carol's Mother,
our children, and our RPC staff
and faith family
In memory of our parents*

The Frommer Family

*In honor of Nancy Puckett
In memory of Larry Puckett,
John Johnson, Linnell Winicki,
and Sara Vogel*

ROSWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND

Julie Hellman

*In honor of all Stephen Ministers
and Lay Parish Visitors*

Sally Heneghan

*In honor of and in memory
of Sara Vogel*

Sally and Rick Heneghan

In honor of our children

Sharon Meier

To the Glory of God

The Merritt Family

*In honor of the RPC staff who
have worked so hard to get us
all through 2020*

The Milley Family

In memory of Carolyn Milley

Daniel and Carol Nicklen

To the Glory of God

Frank and Rose Marie Noble

In honor of our grandchildren

Diane Norris

*In honor of Merry Christmas
to Circle 2 friends*

**Travis, Brandon, Mandy,
and Garrett Owen**

In honor of Linda Owen

**David, Dorinda, Caroline,
and Ben Purvis**

*In memory of Raymond Hahn
and Joseph Purvis*

Ryan, Rachel, Noah, and Matthew Rea

In memory of Ann & Mike Rea

Wayne Roth

*In honor of WWII service, Russ Fawcett,
John Brazee, and Bill Meekins
In memory of Tom Hanlon, Bill
Buttrick, and John Johnson*

Tony Samaltanos

*In memory of Hellen & Spiros
Samaltanos, siblings, Mary
Samaltanos, and Kaliop Samaltanos*

Peter and Marilyn Scott

To the Glory of God

**Scott, Lyndsay, Brandon,
and Drew Slocum**

*In honor of Fred Slocum
In memory of Terry Slocum*

Mary Elizabeth Sloop

*In honor of Sandy Hanlon,
Beth & Harry Varner, and
Julie & Harold Richey
In memory of Tom Hanlon and
Robert Andrew Montgomery*

Judy Smith

*In honor of the RPC worship
production team*

Skip and Dick Souren

*In memory of our parents,
Betsy & Lee Souren and
Madge & Dick Long*

The Spain Family

In honor of Mason Culver

**Kathy, Greg, Katelyn,
and Matthew Stokes**

In memory of June & Floyd Doolittle

Diana and Charles Strain

*In honor of our children,
Bonnie & Will Strain*

Marge and Dave Summers

*In honor of our 10 grandchildren, Katie,
Weston, Scott, Lauren, John, Robbie,
Jacob, Camille, Charlotte, and Colin*

The Thach Family

In honor of Meghan Greenwalt

Glenda Thomson

*In memory of Betty & Glyn Williams
and Alex C. Thomson*

Margaret Tillander

*In memory of Sara Vogel,
Tom Hanlon, and Florence Espy*

Anonymous

*In memory of all of those who died from
COVID-19*

Anonymous

To the Glory of God

Anonymous

*In honor of L.T. & Mary Jordan
In memory of Christy Mire,
Damon Crabtree, and R.A. Criss*



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ROSWELL
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CHRISTMAS EVE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24



WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE
WHAT'S COMING

LUKE 2:1-7

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER, SEATING IS LIMITED

1:00 P.M. OUTSIDE ON THE FRONT LAWN

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE

5:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE

7:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE

9:00 P.M. OUTSIDE ON THE FRONT LAWN

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

5:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.

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