

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS

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SCRIPTURE READINGS for December 11th (3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C)

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 1:47-55

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Bible Study	Sun. 9:15am
Choir Rehearsal	Sun. 9:30AM & after worship
Sunday School	Sun. 9:30am
Youth Explosion Teen Meeting	Sun. after worship
Bible Study	Tue. 10:30am
Senior Computer Classes	Tue. 6:30pm
United Methodist Men	December 6, 2016 @ 7:00pm
Wednesday's Word	Wed. 3:00pm
Evening Bible Study	Wed. 6:30pm & 7:45pm
United Methodist Women	*TBA- December, 2016
Prayer Ministry	Sat. 9:00 am

ONGOING EVENTS

Daughters of Esther
Sparkle Project
Youth Explosion - Friday Fun Night!
(*1st & Last Friday of the Month)

*SOZ- Songs of Zion
*UMH- United Methodist Hymnal
*W&S- Worship & Song
*ZSS- Zion Still Sings
†Please stand if able (latecomers may be seated).

We WELCOME our guests and pray that this service is a blessing to you. If our Pastor can be of service to you, call (914) 632-2166 or e-mail: umcnewrochelle@gmail.com.



Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016 – 10:30AM

Reverend Michelle E. Lewis
Pastor

*New Rochelle United Methodist Church is a Diverse Community
uplifting each other with love, prayer, faith, and service
to transform lives through Jesus Christ.*

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United People Living In Faith to Transform

You are invited to prepare for worship by praying at the altar or in your seat
- Please silence cell phones -

ENTER TO WORSHIP

GATHERING

Drumming

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/GREETINGS

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

(See Page 7)

"Welcome"

W&S 3152

(See Page 8)

"Love"

[Kirk Franklin]

+CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The Lord is Coming to his temple.

ALL: We watch and wait for his coming.

ONE: Prepare the way of the Lord!

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

READER 1: We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring.

READER 2: For he shall purify his people like gold and silver, until they shine forth his righteousness.

ALL: Come Lord Jesus, come!

PRAYER (Centering Silence)

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church,

help us to meet our monthly apportionment and insurance obligations while meeting all other expenses of the church. Thank you.

-Finance Team

BIBLE STUDY: Streaming Every Wednesday Evening!

There are two options for Bible Study. Both take place on Wednesday night. One is at 6:30 and the other begins at 7:45. **The 7:45 study will also be live streamed.** Live streaming is via the app/web platform *Periscope*. We are NRUMC Bible Study.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT: First & Last Friday! 7pm - 9pm

Join the Youth Explosion Youth Group for a night of Christian Fun, including: food, games, bible study and more! For info call **(917) 202-2763**

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: Paying it Forward

The Youth Explosion group will now collect items to assemble **2** care packages for our college students; one for each to enjoy and another to bless someone else with the love that Christ has for us all.

DISASTER RELIEF: NRUMC IS A Drop-Off Location

We are a drop off location for cleaning supplies for those affected by natural disasters. Please see posted donation lists to see how you can help.

HOSPITALITY:

Volunteers are needed to make the food and fellowship after worship a successful event. To help with after church refreshments please see Eunice Gooding or Janine Dodd; we are asking for your support. Sign-up sheets are posted in the parlor and near the entrance to the church office. Please sign up to bring healthy food in support of this time of sharing.

SUBMISSIONS:

Please remember to submit all announcements to the church office in writing by Tuesday at **11am** to be approved for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

YOUTH OUTREACH:



Every second Sunday, the Youth Explosion youth group will be making soup and sandwiches to be served to the less fortunate. See Carla Moseley Director for donation suggestions or ways to participate.

2016-2017 CHURCH/CHARGE CONFERENCE: NEXT SATURDAY

The NRUMC Conference has been scheduled for **Saturday, December 10, 2016** at **12:00pm** in the **Social Hall**. Committee Leaders please note: reporting documents are available upon request in the church office or online at www.nyac.com.

ATTENTION LAY SERVANTS:


The 2016 Initial or Renewal registration form is *now available*. Completion of this form is mandatory preparation for the upcoming Church Conference on December 10, 2016. If you have not already obtained this form, please see Brother Alvin Long.

BIBLE STUDY GIFT DRIVE: Now through December 10, 2016

The Adult bible study class is collecting gifts for children for Christmas. Please submit all gifts in by the 10th, and NO gift should cost more than \$10.00.



NEXT SATURDAY!



16th Annual

"JOYOUS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION":

Concert & Recording Artist Kay V. Boyd with Acts of Faith Productions will present the 16th Annual "Joyous Christmas Celebration" right here at NRUMC on **Saturday, December 10, 2016 @ 6:30pm** in the Sanctuary. Featuring guest artists Tshombe Selby {Tenor} and Alexander Long {Saxophonist}. Tickets will be available at the door (\$45.00 - Adults | \$25.00 - Students | Free Admission for Children 12yrs & under).

"FRIENDS OF KAREN" Holiday Wish List: *Supporting critically ill children and their families.* Brand new toys will be collected for children with compromised immune systems. Please see Adrian Harewood for the complete list and more details. The deadline for gift donations is **Sunday, December 11, 2016.**

CAROLING AT ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL: December 17, 2016 - 3pm to 5pm

Let's spread the love of Christ this holiday season!



APPORTIONMENTS:

Please be prayerful about giving at least \$50 each month above your tithes. This will

and our society. We pray you forgive us, and continue to instruct us by the light of your prophets. Illumine our hearts that we may hear your call to become your path into the world. We pray all these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

(In response to the words "Lord in your mercy..." all should respond, "Hear our prayer.")

PRAYER REPONSE "The Lord is Blessing Me Right Now" ZSS 125
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FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART

†PASSING THE PEACE

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PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 15:4-13 [NRSV p.163]

CHOIR SELECTION "I Love the Lord"

†GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:1-12 [NRSV p.2]

SERMON "What's Love Got to Do With It?" Rev. Michelle E. Lewis

SONG "Love Lifted Me" SOZ 71

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Praise God the source of all our gifts

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts

Praise the spirit, holy spirit, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Hallelujah

OFFERATORY PRAYER

God of all righteousness, receive these gifts of gratitude, the offerings of our lives.

Purify them with your refining fire so that they may serve your purposes and shine

with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A CAROL SETTING FOR COMMUNION

Preface and Praise... "Angels We have Heard on High"

Leader:

May the good Lord be with you,

lift your hearts to God in praise.

All:

May the Lord be with you too.

To the Lord our hearts we raise!

Gloria in Excelsis Deo...

From the wa - ters lift - ed me - Now safe am I.
Faith - ful, lov - ing ser - vice too To Him be - longs.
He your Sav - ior wants to be - Be saved to - day.

Refrain
Love lift - ed me, Love lift - ed me, When noth - ing
e - ven me, e - ven me,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRAINING SESSIONS BEGIN IN DECEMBER: Attention Liturgists & Lay Speakers

Pastor's Training for liturgists and lay speakers will be held on the following dates:

12/8; 12/13; 1/31, and 2/21/17. Sessions will begin promptly at 7:00pm.

*Beginning January 2017, only those who have participated will be liturgists in worship.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:



If you would like to have poinsettias placed at the altar for the Christmas Service, please place the request slip (rear bulletin or located at the entrance to the Sanctuary) in the offering baskets. You may see Alma Jordan with any additional questions.

HOLIDAY BLESSINGS:

The United Methodist Women are still accepting donations of canned/non-perishable goods on behalf of our local families this season of giving. Please search your hearts and cabinets as you are able, and help the UMW bless the sick and shut-in, as well as others in need this holiday season. See Alma Jordan or Andrea Harewood for information: donations will be received in the Narthex just outside the doors to the Sanctuary.

James Rowe, 1865-1933

Howard E. Smith, 1863-1918

1. I was sink - ing deep in sin. Far from the peace - ful shore,
 2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev - er to Him I'll cling,
 3. Souls in dan - ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com - plete - ly saves;

Ver - y deep - ly stained with - in, Sink - ing to rise no more;
 In His bless - ed pres - ence live, Ev - er His prais - es sing,
 He will lift you by His love Out of the an - gry waves.

But the Mas - ter of the sea Heard my de - spair - ing cry,
 Love so might - y and so true Mer - its my soul's best songs;
 He's the Mas - ter of the sea, Bil - lows His will o - bey;

From the wa - ters lift - ed me - Now safe am I,
 Faith - ful, lov - ing ser - vice too To Him be - longs.
 He your Sav - ior wants to be - Be saved to - day.

In the Word of God made flesh, great and wondrous mystery.

Now we see with vision fresh, God's abundant majesty.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo...

Leader (Spoken)

Thanks be to you our mighty Creator, merciful Lord and God of promise and fulfillment. In ancient days your people waited for the day of your visitation, manifest at last when the time had fully come and you sent forth Jesus Christ, your Son, having seen his glory we now wait for the day of consummation, when he will come again as judge and King. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

The Sanctus... *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

Holy, holy, holy Lord!

God of hosts by all adored!

Heav'n and earth cannot contain

all the glory of your name!

Hail, Hosanna, God most high!

Blest is he who now draws nigh,

Hail, Hosanna! Praises due,

be forever, Lord, to you!

Leader: Words of consecration.

The Lord's Prayer... *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

**Our Father, Lord, on heaven's high throne,
 most holy be your name.**

**Your Kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth, in heaven the same.**

**Give us this day the food we need;
 forgiven may we be;**

**into temptation do not lead;
 from evil set us free.**

**Yours is the Kingdom, unto you
in grateful love we bow.**

**And yours the power, let us view,
your Holy presence now.**

**The glory yours; your praise be sung
by angel hosts again.**

**By those of every land and tongue,
forevermore! Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

A Prayer of Thanksgiving... "God Rest Ye Merry"

**O Thank the Lord and sing his praise,
what God has done proclaim!**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice,
and proudly bear God's name.**

**Who leads the thankful people forth,
his promises to claim.**

O tidings of comfort and joy...

**Lord, let your servant go in peace,
your word has been fulfilled.**

**My eyes have seen the saving work
which for the world you willed.**

**The glory of your chosen ones
as light for all revealed,**

O tidings of comfort and joy...

**O praise to God creator,
and praise to God the Son.**

**And praise to God the Spirit,
most blessed three in one.**

**As 'twas, is now, and e'er shall be
while endless ages run!**

O tidings of comfort and joy...

woke me up this morning, and

start-ed me on my way; the

Lord is blessing me right

now! The now!

125 The Lord Is Blessing Me Right Now

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. (Ephesians 1:3)*

The Lord is bless - ing me right

now, Oh, right now! The
now,

Lord is bless - ing me right

now, Oh, right now! He
now,

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Benediction... "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Leader: May the good Lord bless and keep,
cause his face on you to shine,
Look on you with favor deep, Granting you God's peace divine.

All Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Threefold Amen"

POSTLUDE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" [Mark Miller]
(See Insert)

DEPART TO SERVE



1. Let's walk to- geth - er for a while and
2. Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when
3. Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when



ask where we be - gin — to build a world where
we will share a feast, — where pride and pow - er
earth and heaven are one, — a ci - ty built of



love can grow and hope can en - ter in, — — to
kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, — — and
love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, — where our



be the hands of heal - ing and to
joy will set the ta - ble as we
mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev - ery



plant the seed of peace, — sing - ing wel - come,
join our hands to pray, — sing - ing wel - come,
crea - ture lifts its voice, — cry - ing wel - come,



wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to

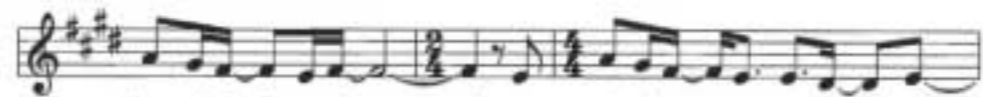


come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the

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WELCOME
1st. with Refrain



love of God to share _____ 'cause all of us are wel - come here; —



— all are wel - come in this place. —

"Love" by Kirk Franklin

Love a word that comes and goes
But few people really know what it means to really love somebody
Love though the tears may fade away
I'm so glad your love will stay
'Cause I love you and you show me
Jesus what it really means to love
(repeat)

The nights that I cried you loved me
When I should have died you loved me
I'll never know why you love me
Its a mystery to me now I'm glad to see Jesus

When all hope was gone you loved me
You gave me a song that you loved me
Now I can go on 'cause you love me
Its a mystery to me now I'm glad to see Jesus

The nights that I cried you loved me
When I should have died you loved me
I'll never know why you love me
Its a mystery to me now I'm glad to see Jesus

When all hope was gone you loved me
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Now I can go on 'cause you love me
Its a mystery to me now I'm glad to see Jesus

What it really means
What it really means
What it really means
To love...

Patient (patient) kind (kind)
That's love
To love...
Patient (patient) kind (kind)
That's love

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Flowing (♩ = 124)



1. Love di - vine, — all loves ex - cell -
 2. Breathe, O breathe - thy lov - ing Spir -
 3. Fin - ish, then, — thy new cre - a -



ing, joy of heaven - to
 it in - to ev - ery
 tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down; — fix in us — thy
 trou - bled breath - Let us all — in
 let us be — Let us see — thy



hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy faith
 thee in - her - it; let us find
 great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly —



— ful mer - cies crown! —
 — that sec - ond rest. —
 — re - stored in thee; —

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 MUSIC: Mark A. Miller

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Je - sus, thou — art all com - pas -
 Thee we would — be al - ways bless -
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo -



sion, pure un - bound - ed
 ing, serve thee as thy
 ry, till in heaven we



love thou — art; vis - it us —
 hosts a - bove, pray and praise —
 take our place, till we cast —



— with thy sal - va - tion;
 — thee with - out ceas - ing;
 — our crowns be - fore — thee,



en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart. —
 glo - ry in — thy per - fect love. —
 lost in won - der, love, and praise. —