

New Rochelle United Methodist Church
Christmas Day

Sunday December 25th, 2016

Gathering- Drumming

Processional- Go Tell It On The Mountain

Welcome/ Greetings

Welcome Song

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Call to Worship –

Christ is born!

Alleluia!

Jesus is among us!

Alleluia!

The word has become flesh!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lighting the Advent Candles

We light these candles once again in celebration of the light of life, now with us forevermore. For the Word has become flesh and is dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Glory to God. Amen.

The First Noel

Prayer (centering silence)

We celebrate the birth of your Son Jesus on this day. Even in our celebration we confess that we have not always been open to all that you reveal to us through the birth of your Son. You

sent Christ to be born as a helpless Child, and yet we do not always attend to the suffering of Children. You chose humble Mary as mother of Jesus, and so often we do not attend to the struggles of women. The holy family could find no room in Bethlehem, and still we turn away from the cries of the homeless and the needy. Your birth was announced to shepherds, and so often we ignore the needs of those who tend our farms and fields. We ask your forgiveness for the hearing the cries of the world around us. Free us for joyful compassion that we may begin to experience your love through the serving of others. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we might spread the good news of the Birth of your Son, Jesus Christ to all the world. Amen.

Prayers for the People

Young and Young at Heart

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Scripture

Hebrews 1:1-12

CHOIR – Mary Did You Know

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

Offering

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

Offertory Prayer

Great God our Redeemer, we sing your praises. Your glorious love shines in the face of Jesus, born a babe in this dark world. We marvel that he generously humbled himself to bring salvation. How precious is your gift of love! Let the light in our sanctuary and our songs of praise spill through the windows to neighbors dwelling in darkness. May our gifts and offerings reflect the light of Christ and, as beacons in the night, draw people far and near closer to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Titus 2)

Joy to the World

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude- Charlie Brown Christmas