

Welcome to Roseville

We Are Honored by Your Presence

Sunday, December 21, 2025 - 10:30 A.M.

Theme: “Handling Hard Holidays”

OPENING SONG:

Worship Leader: Deacon Valerie Robinson

Roseville family, we gather today carrying many things—some joyful, some heavy, some unfinished. Yet we come trusting that God meets us not after the hard is over, but right in the middle of it.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

(Ask Congregants to Stand if Able)

Leader: Come, all who are weary and carrying more than you expected.

People: We come seeking the God who draws near.

Leader: Come, all who are holding joy and grief at the same time.

People: We come trusting God can handle our whole truth.

Leader: Come, all who are navigating hard places this holiday season.

People: We come believing Emmanuel—God is with us.

Leader: Let us worship God.

TRANSITION INTO LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

As we continue in Advent, we come to the candle of Love. Advent reveals a God who steps into messy lineages and flawed families with redeeming love. Today we light the candle of Love—celebrating the God who transforms surprising people into vessels of grace.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING — LOVE

THE RAMSAY FAMILY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

As this candle glows, may it remind us that God’s love reaches into every corner of our story. Love transforms, renews, and calls us into God’s purpose.

Let us worship the God whose love surprises and sustains us.

***SONG OF WORSHIP**

Let us pray.

MORNING PRAYER | INVOCATION:

(Lay Leader – Not In Unison)

Deacon Robinson

God who meets us under pressure, we come remembering that the first Christmas was shaped by fear, disruption, and hard decisions. As you guided Joseph to pause, to listen, and to protect what mattered most, guide us in this season of strain. Help us guard our relationship with you, care for the people entrusted to us, and preserve the future you are bringing to birth—even when the way forward is hard. Be present with us now. Amen.

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Good morning and welcome! We're delighted to have you join us for worship today, whether in person or online. To our first-time guests, a special welcome—we're honored you've chosen to spend time with us.

For our online community, we invite you to fully engage in this worship experience. Subscribe to our YouTube channel or like our Facebook page to stay connected, receive updates on events, and access weekly messages and devotionals. Your engagement helps us extend our reach and share God's love with more people.

For everyone here today, we have a guest connection card show card for prayer requests or ministry interest. In-person worshippers can place it in the offering plate later or in the designated basket as you exit worship at the conclusion of our service. Online viewers can type "I want to connect" in the comments.

Let's welcome one another. Please wave and smile at those around you, and online viewers, drop a greeting in the comments. As our choir leads us, feel free to greet one another and complete your connection cards.

We're grateful for each of you and pray God's blessings upon you as we worship together. Now, let's continue in worship as our choir leads us in song!

SELECTION AFTER WELCOME |

Congregation Friendly | ("Glad to Be in the Service")

***** ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

***PASTORAL CONCERNS**

(Mission statement)

We believe God is calling the Roseville Presbyterian Church to be:

"A welcoming congregation committed to respond to Christ's call to nurture and develop leaders, engage and embrace our community through worship, service, and love while passionately spreading the gospel to impact lives."

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER*

God of Love, we lift every family, every history, every story represented in this sanctuary. Where there is pain—bring healing. Where there is distance—bring reconciliation. Where there is confusion—bring clarity. Where there is fear—bring courage. Renew us as Your people, vessels of Your surprising love in this community. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE (SONG/MEDLEY)

OFFERING

Call for Offering

Deacon Robinson

God invites us to give not out of pressure, but out of trust—trust that even in hard seasons, God is still providing.

OFFERTORY SELECTION

***Doxology:** “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow....”

Prayer of Dedication

God, receive these gifts as signs of our hope that you are still at work— in us, among us, and through us. Amen.

Let us prepare our hearts for the reading of God's Word.

SCRIPTURE READING:

NRSV Matthew 2:1-4; 13-16

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi^[a] from the east came to Jerusalem,² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east^[b] and have come to pay him homage.”³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him,

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph^[h] got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi,^[i] he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi.

After this next selection we will be blessed with a message from our own Rev. Touré Marshall

SERMONIC SELECTION

Choir

SERMON:

Rev. Touré Marshall

“Handling Hard for the Holidays”

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you are carrying something heavy this season, you are not alone. God meets us not after the struggle, but within it.

CLOSING HYMN

(Selection)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

May the God who stepped into human struggle walk with you through what is unresolved.
May love guard your heart, peace steady your steps, and hope hold you until joy comes again. Amen.

*POSTLUDE.

***Signifies all who are able; please stand.**

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