

# First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, NJ



*Our Mission Statement - "We, the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, are called by God to be a spiritual and visible presence by living out our faith and sharing our gifts among God's people."*

# First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021 \* 9:45AM

““For outlandish creatures like us, on our way to a heart, a brain, and courage, Bethlehem is not the end of the journey but only the beginning—not home but the place through which we must pass if ever we are to reach home at last.””

— *Frederick Buechner*

PRELUDE "*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*" .....Prichard, harm. Vaughan Williams

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader:* We enter into the season of Advent, a time of wonder and a time of expectation.

**People:** We ask for courage to believe and for courage to love with tender hearts.

*Leader:* Our hearts are overfed with material things.

**People:** Feed us in this season with the food of the Spirit, the food of Christ for which our hearts long.

**HYMN #347 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"** ..... Picardy

~ Sung by *Suzanne Parmly* ~

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**One:** We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means coming.

We are preparing ourselves for the days

when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

**All:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Isaiah 2:4

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

Loving God, you call us to walk not by sight but by faith. We have difficulty trusting what we cannot see and cannot understand. Yet our hearts are drawn to you, and they are empty without you. Take away our cynicism and give us again the gift of faith. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION  
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**GLORIA PATRI (#581)**

**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. A - men, A - men.**

**THE PEACE**

**Listen for God's Word**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING ..... 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (pg. 249 NT)  
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING ..... Luke 21:25-36 (pg. 104 NT)  
SERMON "*Beginning at the End*" ..... Rev. John W. Monroe, III  
HYMN "*Imagine*" (see insert) ..... John Lennon

**Respond to God**

**WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*Carol for Advent*" ..... Gilbert Martin  
~ *Sung by Suzanne Parmly* ~

**Go in God's Name**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**SHARING OUR LIVES IN PRAYER**

"The Lord's Prayer" ..... Spoken

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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**9:45am**

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