

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.”*

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021 * 9:45AM

“Your heart has to be prepared ahead of time through faith and prayer and grace and mercy and love and forgiveness, so you can keep your heart open in hell when hell happens.”

— *Richard Rohr*

Assemble in God's Name

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of the universe, you are present. May our hearts perceive you.

People: When our hearts are blocked, may our longings lead us to you.

Leader: Prepare us, God, for your coming to renew us and all the earth.

People: Give us courage to open ourselves to you, so that we too can become instruments of your healing grace in our world.

HYMN #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Veni Emmanuel

~ Offered by John Garth ~

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

One: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

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

Isaiah 11:6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, we are separated from you, not because you are separate from us, but that we have become separated through our fears and judgments. Even the good news of your in-dwelling of humanity through Jesus has been cast by us as bad news of judgment and unworthiness. Give to us humility to accept your unconditional love, and courage to share your love with all. 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 Malachi 3:1-4 (pg. 1088 OT)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:1-6 (pg. 72 NT)

SERMON “*Christmas Preparations*” Rev. John W. Monroe, III

HYMN “*So This Is Christmas*” (see insert)..... John Lennon

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees*” James Weldon
Johnson and Rosamond Johnson

~ Offered by Doug MacLean ~

The Sacrament of Communion

INVITATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: ...we praise you and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

“The Lord’s Prayer”.....Spoken
BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE GIVING OF THE CUP

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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