

# 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.”*

# Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021 \* 9:45AM

*“God became a human being in order that human beings might become God.”*

— Irenaeus

## Assemble in God’s Name

PRELUDE “*Butterfly Waltz*” ..... Brian Crain

~ *Laura Petillo, violin* ~

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: God, you plant your dreams in us.*

**People: Your dreams make us restless until our lives reflect Christ’s light.**

*Leader: Clear away our darkness until Christ’s light radiates in our lives.*

**People: May your light fill us and send us out into the world to bring healing and hope.**

#### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

One: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
The desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
And rejoice with joy and singing.

**All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** ..... Isaiah 35:1

#### **CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS & CAROLS (See insert)**

## Respond to God

### WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*O Holy Night*" ..... Adolphe Adam and Placide Cappeau  
~ Offered by *Sabrina Marciszewski* ~

## Go in God's Name

### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### SHARING OUR LIVES IN PRAYER

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

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

### ***We invite you to join our Christmas Prayer Tree!***

*This year's Christmas Tree in our sanctuary will be decorated with our individual advent prayers. Please add your prayers today to our tree by writing them on papers provided in baskets. Our prayers will remain private, sealed with a ribbon, and will be hung on the tree in time for the Christmas Cantata and Blue Christmas service next weekend. Prayer Trees are an ancient community tradition passed down in many cultures. Let us create a community of prayer as we transition from Advent waiting into Christmas joy. Lord, Hear Our Prayers.*

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**Sunday Service**  
**9:45am**

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Andrea Fegan, Director of Music;  
Sandi Van Cleve, Director of Church School;  
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