

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.”*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021 * 9:45AM

“Whoever sings prays twice.”

— Unknown

Assemble in God’s Name

PRELUDE: *“The First Noel”*Traditional English Carol, arr. Lloyd Larson
~ Offered by Sara Marino, Vince Mottern, Keith Presty, Andreea Fegan ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, the anticipated day of celebration of Christ’s birth draws near.

People: We find ourselves suspended between faith and doubt, hope and cynicism.

Leader: Draw us to that place within, in which the truth of the Christmas story still lives.

People: May our hearts be filled with joy and our lives become the good news the world needs.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

One: The Lord will give you a sign.

Look, the young woman is with child

And shall bear a son,

And shall name him Immanuel (God is with us).

—Isaiah 7:14

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

CHRISTMAS CANTATA (See insert)

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*Advent Cry*” Joseph M. Martin

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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