

# 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."*

# Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021 \* 4:30 PM

*“We are celebrating the feast of the Eternal Birth which God the Father has born and never ceases to bear in all eternity... But if it takes not place in me, what avails it? Everything lies in this, that it should take place in me.”*

— Meister Eckhart

*Special thanks to our vocalists:*

*Annabelle Babbitt, Mara Campolattaro, Madison Decker, Alexa Kirkpatrick,  
Brooke Yockel, Sophie Yockel*

## Assemble In God's Name

### PRELUDE

INTROIT *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”* ....R. S. Willis & David Willcocks, arr. C. Marohnic

~ Offered by *Mara Campolattaro* ~

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: The amazing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Now God is about to do a wondrous thing.*

**People: A young woman shall give birth to a child.**

*Leader: And his name shall be Jesus, meaning Liberator.*

**People: For he shall save people from their sins.**

*Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the God of countless galaxies and also of tiny babies!*

**People: The whole world is filled with God’s glory!**

\*HYMN #113 *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* ..... Gloria

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;..... Isaiah 9:2  
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,  
On them Light has shined.*

**All: We light this candle as a symbol of the light of the Christ Child.  
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

## First Lesson

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

\*HYMN #115 “*Away in a Manger*” ..... Mueller

## Second Lesson

**Luke 2:1-7**

\*HYMN #145 “*What Child Is This*” ..... Greensleeves  
~ Offered by *Brooke and Sophie Yockel* ~

## Third Lesson

**Luke 2:8-14**

ANTHEM “*In the Bleak Midwinter*” ..... Gustav Holst, arr. Craig Courtney  
~ Offered by *Mara Campolattaro* ~

### **WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*O Holy Night*” ..... Adolphe Adam  
~ Offered by *Annabelle Babbitt* ~

## Fourth Lesson

**John 1:1-5, 14-18**

TRIO “*Better Days*” ..... Goo Goo Dolls  
~ Offered by *Alexa Kirkpatrick* ~

### **CANDLELIGHTING**

HYMN #122 “*Silent Night*” ..... Stille Nacht  
(During the last lines of each verse please raise your candle)

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

**# Indicates song in Presbyterian Hymnal.**

# *Merry Christmas to One & All!*

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## **Sunday Service**

**9:45am**

## **Ministers of the Church:**

All members

## **Staff:**

Rev. John W. Monroe, III, Pastor;

Rev. Sue Smith, Parish Associate;

Andreea Fegan, Director of Music;

Sandi Van Cleve, Director of Church School;

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