

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 * 8:00 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:

*Amelia Buchanan, Caroline Garth, Emily Garth, John Garth,
Doug MacLean, Anita Waters*

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE

INTROIT *“O Come All Ye Faithful”* John Francis Wade
~ Offered by *Caroline Garth, Emily Garth, and John Garth* ~

*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 #88 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* Veni Emmanuel (stanzas 1, 2, 6 & 7)

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy One, who surrounds our lives with grace, we confess that our eyes are dull. Your presence in our lives takes us by surprise. We see only the outer signs: the

baby, the feeding-place for cattle, the tired mother and father. Help us to know you, not only in the angels' song, but in ordinary happenings of our lives, that we may be channels of your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

ANTHEM "*Song of Emmanuel*" arr. Lloyd Larson

Second Lesson

Psalm 96

ANTHEM "*O Come, Little Children*" L. Larson, P. Martin and V. V. Schmid

Third Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

*HYMN #134 "*Joy to the World*" Antioch

Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:1-14

ANTHEM "*Angels We Have Heard On High*" Gloria
~ Offered by *Caroline Garth, Emily Garth, and John Garth* ~

HOMILY "*Reading the Signs*" Rev. John W. Monroe, III

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*O Holy Night*" Adolphe Adam
~ Offered by *John Garth and Anita Waters* ~

CANDLELIGHTING

HYMN #122 "*Silent Night, Holy Night!*" Stille Nacht
(During the last lines of both verses please raise your candle.)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Indicates song in Presbyterian Hymnal.

Merry Christmas to One & All!

Rumson Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Service

9:45am

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