

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."

First Sunday of Christmas

December 26, 2021 * 9:45AM

“Every creature is a word of God.”

— *Meister Eckhart*

Special thanks to our vocalists:

Annabelle Babbitt, Mara Campolattaro, John Garth, Doug MacLean, Anita Waters

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE *“What Child Is This”* Greensleeves
~ Offered by *Mara Campolattaro* ~

INTROIT *“O Come All Ye Faithful”* John Francis Wade
~ Offered by *Annabelle Babbitt* ~

**RINGING OF THE BELL
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ has come and we welcome God’s blessing!

People: The new birth is exhausting. We are spent, yet filled with joy.

Leader: We know now that life has been changed forever.

People: We are unsure of what the future brings, but we travel in the knowledge that we are loved.

HYMN #134 “Joy to the World” Antioch

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, we are beginning to recognize that our lives are more holy than we have known and that you are truly as close to us as our next breath. Yet we are busy creatures and a distracted and spiritually blind world quickly pull us out of awareness and gratitude. Give us courage and discipline to prioritize what we know in our hearts to be true, and to live by your deep blessing and guidance. 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

SCRIPTURE READINGJohn 1:1-14 (pg. 111 NT)
SERMON “*The Seeing that Transforms*” Rev. John W. Monroe, III
HYMN #144 “*In the Bleak Midwinter*”Cranham

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*Manger Songs*” arr. Lloyd Larson

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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Sunday Service
9:45am

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