

# 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."*

# Second Sunday of Christmas

## January 2, 2022 \* 9:45AM

*“Creation is all space, all time—all things past, present, and future.”*  
— *Matthew Fox*

### *Assemble In God's Name*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: The whole universe flows from you, O God.*

**People: Give us eyes that we might see your glorious presence wherever we look.**

*Leader: Everywhere we stand is holy ground, for all of it comes from you.*

**People: May our lives become expressions of your loving presence in us and this world that you love.**

HYMN #151 *“We Three Kings of Orient Are”* ..... Kings of Orient

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**God of all creation, in our self-preoccupation, we fail to be aware of your presence in and among us. We live lives of triviality and despair, because we have lost our sense of your holiness in all that you have made. Wake us up to see who we are and where it is that we live. May our lives reflect you in all that we think and do. 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 READING ..... Ephesians 1:3-14 (pg. 234 NT)  
SERMON "*Before Time Began*" ..... Rev. John W. Monroe, III  
HYMN "*Longer*" (see insert) ..... Dan Fogelberg

## Respond to God

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*Let Us Break Bread Together*" ..... Spiritual, arr. Melva W.  
Costen

~ Offered by Anita Waters ~

## The Sacrament of Communion

INVITATION

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Leader: ...we praise you and join their unending hymn:*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE GIVING OF THE CUP

## Go in God's Name

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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**9:45am**

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