

# 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 in Lent

## March 27, 2022 \* 9:45AM

*“My Lord told me a joke. And seeing Him laugh has done more for me than any scripture I will ever read.”*  
— Meister Eckhart

### Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: We worship you, O God, who love all, even those we see as enemies.*

**People: Open our hearts that your love for all will flow through us.**

*Leader: Christ took on our sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God.*

**People: In this new reality, may we take on the reconciling work of Christ and heal the wounds of our divisions.**

**\*HYMN #442 “Just as I Am, without One Plea”** ..... Woodworth  
~ Led by Anita Waters ~

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**God, you have called us to be your ambassadors of the new creation, furthering Christ’s ministry of reconciliation. But we have served the other side, the kingdoms of this world which stoke divisions and mistrust. Our home is in the old, while you call us to the new, revealed to us in the life and teachings of Jesus. Forgive us for taking Christ’s name, while serving other lords. Enable us to lay aside our attachments which lock us into conflict with others and fill us with your Spirit which makes all things new and all things one. 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**

- FIRST SCRIPTURE READING ..... 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (pg. 221 NT)
- SECOND SCRIPTURE READING ..... Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (pg. 95 NT)
- SERMON *“Our Part in God’s Work”* ..... Rev. John W. Monroe, III
- \*HYMN *“The Heart of the Matter”* ..... Campbell, Henley & Southern  
~ Led by Anita Waters ~

**Respond to God**

- WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**
- OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Forgiveness”* ..... Matthew West

**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.*

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**Sunday Service**  
**9:45am**

**Ministers of the Church:**  
All members

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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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