

# 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."*

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## October 16, 2022 \* 9:45AM

*"How you get there determines where you will finally arrive."*  
— Richard Rohr

### Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE "*Give Thanks*" ..... Henry Smith

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: God, the path of faith is more difficult than we imagined. We are looking for strength for the journey.*

**People: We ask for your help to face all from which we wish to hide.**

*Leader: You assure us that we can find within springs of living water.*

**People: We come to worship in our emptiness, wishing to be filled.**

**\*HYMN #450 "*Be Thou My Vision*"** .....Slane

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**God, we have been seduced by earthly promises of ease and comfort. Even our faith has been taught in a transactional way—worship God and all troubles will disappear. We forget the example and teachings of Jesus who leads us to new life through suffering, death, and resurrection. Encourage us to stay with our work of faith, seeking, asking, and holding onto you as we seek your blessing. 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (See insert) ..... Van Philip Shaheen  
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING ..... Genesis 32:22-31 (pg. 37 OT)  
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING ..... Luke 18:1-8 (pg. 99 NT)  
SERMON "*Fierce Faith*" ..... Rev. John W. Monroe III  
\*HYMN "*Easy to Be Hard*" (see insert) ..... MacDermot, Ragni & Rado

## Respond to God

**WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*Oceans*" ..... Hillsong United

## Go in God's Name

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**SHARING OUR LIVES IN PRAYER**

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

**BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION "*As We Leave This Place*" ..... Bill Brennan

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

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