

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 Advent

November 27, 2022 : 9:45AM

“Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, the command to love one’s enemy is an absolute necessity for our survival. Love, even for enemies, is the key to the solution of the problems of our world.”

~ Frederick Buechner ~

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE “*Russians*” (see insert).....Sting

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “*Carol for Advent*” Gilbert M. Martin

~ Offered by Suzanne Parmly ~

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Everyone who serves God come and offer thanks.

People: Thank you God for your love to me.

Leader: Everyone who has gathered in this place, lift your hands and praise God.

People: Thank you God for your love in this place.

Leader: Shout praises to God for you are God’s servants, so shout praises.

People: Thank you God for your love to others.

Leader: All who serve in this place, who serve our God, come and shout praises.

People: Thank you God for your love that we can share.

Leader: Praise the name of our God who is kind and good.

People: Thank you God for your love endures forever.

***HYMN #276 “Sing a New Song unto the Lord”** Sing a New Song

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

One: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
Advent means coming.

We are preparing ourselves for the days
when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks,
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Isaiah 2:4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we

have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. 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 Ephesians 4:1-6 (pg. 236 NT)
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:25-32 (pg. 237 NT)
SERMON "*Jesus, the Practical Realist*" Andy Kirkpatrick

***HYMN** "*(What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love & Understanding*" (*see insert*) Nick Lowe

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*Do This in Remembrance of Me*" Judy Hunnicutt

***THE DOXOLOGY (#607)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;	Praise Holy Spirit ever more;
Praise Christ, all people here below;	Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
	Amen.

Go in God's Name

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OUR LIVES IN PRAYER

"*The Lord's Prayer*" Spoken

***HYMN #757** "*Today We All Are Called to be Disciples*" Kingsfold

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION "*Benediction*" Jay Althouse

**Please stand if you are able.*

Rumson Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 399 * Rumson, New Jersey 07760
Phone (732) 842-0429 * Fax (732) 933-4918
Website: www.rumsonpresbyterian.org

Sunday Service
9:45am

Ministers of the Church:
All members

Staff:
Andy Kirkpatrick, Guest Preacher
Andreea Fegan, Director of Music
Sandi Van Cleve, Director of Church School
Steve Buchanan, Office Administrator
Rebecca Dorn, Treasurer
Betty Ann Berube, Assistant Treasurer
Angel Caraballo, Sexton

~ ~ ~

Session

Andy Bowe 732-758-6423
Lee Clay 732-224-0344
Carrie Eustace 732-212-8919
Andy Kirkpatrick 732-842-5412
Suzanne Parmly 732-936-9891
Roger Yockel 908-377-5796

Commission Chairs

Administrations – Allison Garth 732-741-6972
Congregational Life – Mary Kiningham 732-747-2353
Membership – Sue Juncosa 732-546-4289
Mission – Anita Waters 732-284-9665
Nurture – Open
Property – Diane Burke 732-742-4993
Worship – Open

Personnel Chair

Roger Yockel 908-377-5796

Clerk of Session

Andy Kirkpatrick 732-842-5412