

# *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."*

# Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022 \* 5:00 PM

*“We are celebrating the feast of the Eternal Birth which God the Father has born and never ceases to bear in all eternity... But if it takes not place in me, what avails it? Everything lies in this, that it should take place in me.”*  
— Meister Eckhart

## Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE *“How Shall We Know Him?”* .....Gilbert M. Martin  
~ Offered by *Suzanne Parmly* ~

INTROIT *“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”* .....Gustav Holst  
~ Offered by *Brooke Yockel and Sophie Yockel* ~

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Glory to you, Almighty God,*

**People: for you sent your only begotten Son,  
that we might have new life.**

*Leader: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ,*

**People: for you became flesh and lived among us  
that we might become your people.**

*Leader: Glory to you, Holy Spirit,*

**People: for you direct and rule our lives.**

*Leader: Rejoice, all the earth, for there is good news of great joy for all!*

**People: Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.**

*Leader: Come, let us rejoice and worship together!*

\*HYMN #123 *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”* .....Carol

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;*

*Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,*

*On them light has shined. .... Isaiah 9:2*

**All: We light this candle as a symbol of the light of the Christ Child.**

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping**

for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**First Lesson**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

ANTHEM “*Christmastime*” ..... Michael W. Smith, Joanna Carlson, arr. Lloyd Larson

**Second Lesson**

**Psalm 96**

ANTHEM “*O Holy Night*” ..... Placide Cappeau & Adolphe Adam  
~ Offered by *Mara Campolattaro* ~

**Third Lesson**

**Titus 2:11-14**

\*HYMN #121 “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” ..... St. Louis

**Fourth Lesson**

**Luke 2:1-20**

ANTHEM “*Breath of Heaven*” ..... Chris Eaton  
~ Offered by *Alexa Kirkpatrick* ~

HOMILY “*Grace in the Ordinary*” ..... Rev. Linda Goeddel

**WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*Song of the Manger*” ..... Lloyd Larson

**CANDLELIGHTING**

HYMN #122 “*Silent Night, Holy Night!*” ..... Stille Nacht  
(During the last lines of both verses please raise your candle.)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand if you are able.

# Indicates song in Presbyterian Hymnal.

***Merry Christmas to One & All!***

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

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