

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."

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 8, 2023 : 9:45AM

"If you are renewed by grace, and were to meet your old self, I am sure you would be very anxious to get out of his company."

— *Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892)*

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "*Baptized in Water*" Michael. J. Saward

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Jennifer Kirbas

Leader: On that first day, when time began:

People: You gave birth to creation; light danced through the darkness; the waters of hope flowed free and clear.

Leader: On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

People: You spoke of life for all your children, as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness, dancing in hope with his cousin, John.

Leader: On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

People: You call us to faithfulness, sealed in the waters of baptism, as we open our hearts to you.

***HYMN #475 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"** Nettleton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Timeless God, you cast light into sin's dark places and call us your Beloved. Forgive us: when we still linger in the shadows; when we treat others in hurtful ways; when we speak ill of your friends. As he knelt in the waters of Jordan, you proclaimed Jesus as your Child, pointing to him as the way to you. Forgive us: when we put ourselves ahead of him; when we think he is no longer needed; when we fail to see him in the broken of our world. Cleanse us anew with the waters of your grace, and set us on the path of following Jesus. In his name we pray, 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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Isaiah 42:1-9 (pg. 820 OT)

MEDITATION "*Down to the River to Pray*" George H. Allan/Spiritual

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON..... Matthew 3:13-17 (pg. 3 NT)

SERMON “*Washed in the Waters*”Rev. Dr. Paul J Kirbas

*HYMN #163 “*Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice*”Aberystwyth

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*As We Gather At Your Table*” Carl P. Daw Jr and Skinner Chavez-Melo

*THE DOXOLOGY (#607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit ever more;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to touch the water in the baptismal fount to remind yourself that you have been washed in the waters of grace. If you wish, you are also invited to make the sign of the cross on your forehead with your wet finger as a connection between baptism and communion, the two sacraments of the Protestant faith.

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 Spoken

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*HYMN #694 “*Great God of Every Blessing*” Aurelia

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION “*A Choral Benediction*” Don Besig

**Please stand if you are able.
Indicates song in Presbyterian Hymnal.*

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Sunday Service
9:45am

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