

# *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 after Epiphany*

*January 29, 2023 : 9:45AM*

*“God’s mercy is so great that you may sooner drain the sea of its water, or deprive the sun of its light, or make space too narrow, than diminish the great mercy of God.”*

— *Charles Spurgeon*

## *Assemble In God's Name*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *“My Lord What A Morning”* ..... arr. Jay Althouse

~ Offered by *Suzanne Parmly* ~

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Come, let us gather to worship our Timeless God.*

**People: We gather together to share with your children  
the past blessings we have received from our God.**

*Leader: Come, let us gather to worship our Awesome God.*

**People: We gather together to listen for God’s word for us today.**

*Leader: Come, let us gather to worship our Glorious God,  
who delights in our worship, witness and service.*

**People: We gather together to share our hope and trust in our  
merciful God, who has never failed or forgotten us.**

**Let us come and Worship God!**

**\*HYMN #619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”** .....Lauda Anima

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. 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 .....Jonah 3:10-4:11 (pg. 1054 OT)

MEDITATIVE OFFERING "*Amazing Grace*" ..... Guy Forsyth, Jeska Bailey

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Ephesians 2:1-10 (pg. 235 NT)

SERMON "*In the Belly of the Whale*" .....Rev. Jennifer Kirbas

\*HYMN #435 "*There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*" .....In Babilone

**Respond to God**

**WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*Be Not Afraid*" .....Craig Courtney

**\*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 #649 "*Amazing Grace*" ..... Amazing Grace

**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**

**Ministers of the Church:**  
All members

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Sandi Van Cleve, Director of Church School  
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