

# *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 Lent*

*Living the Blessed Life: A Walk Through the Beatitudes*

*February 26, 2023 : 9:45AM*

*“Humility is the solid foundation of all virtues”*

*— Confucius*

## *Assemble In God's Name*

PRELUDE

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

INTROIT *“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”* .....Sebastian Temple

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Blessed are we when our treasures cannot be quantified.*

**People: Blessed are we when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.**

*Leader: Blessed are we when our pain is held in the balm of love.*

**People: Blessed are we when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.**

*Leader: Blessed are we when we gather as one to worship God.*

**People: Let us worship God, the author and inspiration of the blessed life.**

**\*HYMN #172 “Blest Are They”** ..... Blest Are They

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**Lord Jesus, you bless the poor in spirit and give them the Kingdom. But we fatten ourselves, as James says, “in the day of slaughter”; we turn away from those whose physical poverty. We take pride in our own accomplishments, rather than finding your grace in the waters of humility. Forgive us for failing to be poor in spirit, and lead us to the path of the blessed life. In the name of the one who taught us the way, Jesus our Lord, 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 ..... II Kings 5:1-14 (pg. 416 OT)

MEDITATIVE SONG *“Bridge Over Troubled Water”* (see insert)..... Paul Simon

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON..... Matthew 5:1-2 (pg. 4 NT)

SERMON *“Poor in Spirit, Rich in Joy”* .....Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

**\*HYMN #183 *“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”*** ..... Austin

***Respond to God***

**WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Psalm 23”* .....Liberated Wailing Wall

*~ Offered by Doug MacLean ~*

**\*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 #282 *“Come Down, O Love Divine”*** ..... Down Ampney

**BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION *“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”* ..... Vaughan

Williams/Rankin

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*# Indicates song in Presbyterian Hymnal.*

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

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