

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."

Second Sunday of Lent

Living the Blessed Life: A Walk Through the Beatitudes

March 5, 2023 : 9:45AM

“Of all acts of man repentance is the most divine. The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.”

— *Thomas Carlyle*

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *“We’re a Fellowship of Believers”*Jay Althouse and Peter Lutkin

***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 #165 “The Glory of These Forty Days”**Erhalt Uns, Herr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord Jesus, You bless those who mourn and you comfort them. But we flee grief that leads to repentance, and we seek comfort in possessions and prestige and power. Forgive us for failing to be repentant, beyond this prayer we offer on Sunday mornings. Teach us the true meaning of repentance, 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..... Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (pg. 756 OT)

CHORAL MEDITATION *“Turn! Turn! Turn!”* (see insert) Pete Seeger

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Matthew 5:1-2, 4 (pg. 4 NT)
SERMON “*Turn, Turn, Turn*” Rev. Dr. Paul J Kirbas
*HYMN #172 “*Blest Are They*”Blest Are They

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*Blest Are They Whose Spirits Long*”Handel/arr. Hopson

*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.

The Sacrament of Communion

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

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 #415 “*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*”Restoration

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION “*Blessing*”Natalie Sleeth

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

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Sunday Service
9:45am

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