

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."

Third Sunday of Lent

Living the Blessed Life: A Walk Through the Beatitudes

March 12, 2023 : 9:45AM

“One act of obedience is better than a hundred sermons”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *“I Love You Lord”* Laurie Klein/Jack Schrader

***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 #32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”** Ellacombe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord Jesus, You bless the meek, and promise them the earth, But we are far from meek —we try to make the world our own through pride and self-promotion; we forget the forgiveness that was won at such cost, and we hold grudges at the slightest offense. Teach us the true meaning of spiritual meekness 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

EPISTLE LESSON.....Acts 9:1-9 (pg. 154 NT)

MEDITATIVE SONG *“Trust and Obey”* (see insert)..... Don Moen

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

SERMON *“Taming the Shrew”*Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

*HYMN #720 *“Jesus Calls Us”* Galilee

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“He Shall Feed His Flock”* John Ness Beck

***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 #172 *“Blest Are They”* Blest Are They

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *“Blessing”* Natalie Sleeth

**Please stand if you are able.*

Indicates song in Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal).

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Sunday Service
9:45am

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