

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."

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023 @ 9:15AM

“The number of people who believe in religious teachings far outweighs that of those who practice them.”

— Mokokoma Mokhonoana

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 100

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

People: Give thanks to God and bless his name; for the Lord is good.

Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: God's faithfulness extends to all generations.

***HYMN #37 “Let All Things Now Living”** ASH GROVE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. 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 LESSONIsaiah 44:1-8 (pg. 823 OT)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Matthew 23:1-12 (pg. 31 NT)

SERMON “*A Stethoscope Does Not Make One a Doctor*” Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

*HYMN #729 “*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*” I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*Give a Little Bit*”Rick Davies & Roger Hodgson
(Supertramp)

***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 #835 “*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*” CLOSER WALK

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

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Sunday Service
9:15am

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All members

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Rev. Jennifer Kirbas, Parish Associate;
Rev. Sue Smith, Parish Associate;
Andreea Fegan, Director of Music
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