

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."

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023 @ 9:15AM

“If history teaches anything, it is that evil is recalcitrant and determined, and never voluntarily relinquishes its hold short of an almost fanatical resistance. Evil must be attacked by a counteracting persistence, by the day-to-day assault of the battering rams of justice.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

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 #610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, you are always ready to forgive our sins. We are much less eager to forgive those with whom we disagree. So often when we have something against our friends, family, or strangers, we escalate the conflict rather than working for unity. We resist your call to be ambassadors of reconciliation. We wish we could turn the other cheek, but it feels so much more satisfying to demonize the other side. Forgive us for these and all of our sins, and hear us now as we continue to confess our sins in silence...

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 Psalm 138 (pg. 709 OT)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON..... Matthew 5:38-42 (pg. 6 NT)

SERMON "*Going the Extra Mile*" Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

***HYMN #720 "*Jesus Calls Us*"** GALILEE

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*Let Go, Let God*" Jack Cassidy

***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 #546 "*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*"** SICILIAN MARINERS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

Music offered by Vince Mottern

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Sunday Service

9:15am

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All members

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Andreea Fegan: Director of Music

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