

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."

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023 @ 9:45AM

“There’s no greater role model, in my view, than Jesus Christ. It’s just a shame that most of the people who follow him and call themselves Christians act nothing like him.”

— *Bill Mayher*

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE “*Dona Nobis Pacem*” Francois Couperin

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*” Anon.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 9:1-2

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

People: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;

People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

***HYMN #624 “*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*”** TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Heavenly Father, Your love for us is so very evident. Everywhere we look, we see tangible proof of Your great care for us. Yet, when it comes to following You, we confess that we often don’t surrender our entire selves. We hold back portions of our lives that we would rather control instead of releasing them to Your loving care. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Forgive us for frequently saying one thing and doing another. May our words and our actions line up. Make us willing to suffer for the cause of Christ, knowing full well that You will never leave us or forsake us. We pray this humbly, in Christ’s Name. 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 Ezekiel 2:1-10 (pg. 943 OT)

MEDITATION HYMN ##2164 "Sanctuary" SANCTUARY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON..... John 3:11-16 (pg. 114 NT)

SERMON "The Son of Man" Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

*HYMN #192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining"..... SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "God So Loved the World" Ken Medema

***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 #722 "Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak" CANONBURY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Offertory song* "Munich" George Brandon

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

Indicates song in Sing the Faith (Pew Edition)

Rumson Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Service

9:45am

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All members

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& Rev. Sue Smith: Parish Associates;

Andreea Fegan: Director of Music

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