

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."

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 5, 2023 : 9:45AM

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE "*Minuet in G Minor*" J. S. Bach

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*" Ken Medema

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: *We gather as God's beloved children –*

People: **However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.**

Leader: *We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –*

People: **So this becomes a place where all are welcome.**

Leader: *We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with other –*

People: **Let us worship God.¹**

*HYMN #32 "*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*" ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, but we are uncertain. We say we are cautious, but actually, we are afraid – afraid of what stepping out might require of us, afraid of what it might cost us. Forgive our reluctance to extend ourselves to our neighbors; forgive us for hoarding our time and possessions rather than sharing them. Give us a vision of how we might be a means of spreading your love and justice, and give us the courage to truly step out into the unknown with faith. In the name of Jesus, who in his life and teaching, shows us the way. 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

1 Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

Listen for God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joshua 3:7-17 (pg. 242 OT)
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 23:1-12 (pg. 31 NT)
SERMON “*Wading into Rising Water*” Rev. Linda Goeddel
*HYMN “*Bridge Over Troubled Water*” (see back page of Announcements insert) .. Paul Simon

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*Blessed Are You, Lord God of All Creation*” Joe Cox

*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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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 Spoken

Leader: ... Therefore with all creation we sing your praise.

**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

*HYMN #8 “*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*” MELITA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “*Minuet in G Major*” J.S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able*

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

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9:45am
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All members

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Andreea Fegan: Director of Music
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