

# *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."*

# *First Sunday of Advent*

*December 3, 2023 : 9:45AM*

## *Assemble In God's Name*

PRELUDE *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* ..... Picardy

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

INTROIT *"A Carol for Advent"*..... Gilbert M. Martin

~ Offered by *Suzanne Parmly* ~

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Today we begin the journey of Advent. Let us be ready to welcome the Christ child into our lives again.*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus!**

*Leader: Advent renews our HOPE. It was hope that gave people the courage to direct their prayers toward a Messiah.*

**People: Because of our trust in what God has already done for us, we are bold to hope for what God will yet do with us.**

*Leader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."*

**People: May our lights so shine before others that they will give glory to our Father in heaven! Amen.**

**\*HYMN #82 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"** ..... Hyfrydol

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**One:** We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means coming.

We are preparing ourselves for the days

when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks,

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore. .... Isaiah 2:4

**All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**O Lord our righteousness, we confess that our hearts have grown heavy. We have allowed our hope to wither, our faith to wander, and our love to grow cold. Forgive us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, and restore us to your paths of steadfast love and faithfulness, O God of our salvation.**

**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*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING ..... Mark 13:24-37 (pg. # NT)  
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING ..... Isaiah 64:1-9 (pg. # OT)  
SERMON “*Wait for the Lord*”..... Rev. Theresa Swenson  
\*HYMN #88 “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” vs 1-4 ..... VENI EMMANUEL

## *Respond to God*

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*O Lord, Bread of Life*” ..... Faure/Patrick Liebergen

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit ever more;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.  
Amen.

## *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: ...we praise you and join their unending hymn:*

**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*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

\*HYMN #384 “*Soon and Very Soon*” ..... SOON AND VERY SOON

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “*Comfort, Comfort You My People*” ..... Genevan Psalter/Johannes Olearius

*\*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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