

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-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023 @ 9:45AM

Assemble In God's Name

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

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "*Great Is the Lord*" Debbie & Michael W. Smith

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come along with me as a sojourner in faith. Bring along a sense of expectancy, a vision of high hopes, a glimpse of future possibility, a vivid imagination. For God's creation is not done.

People: We are called to pioneer a new future with God. As we venture forward, we leave behind our desires for a no-risk life, worldly accumulations, certainty.

Leader: Let us travel light in the spirit of faith and expectation toward the God of our hopes and dreams.

People: Come along together as sojourners in faith, knowing that God goes with us and God is here now!

***HYMN #450 "*Be Thou My Vision*"** SLANE

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9). In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.PC(USA) Book of Common Worship

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Holy One will not always accuse, nor will God keep anger forever. God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens

are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear the Lord; as far as the east is from the west, so far are our transgressions removed from us.

***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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Open to us the words of life. Open to us words that bring understanding. Open to us hearts to receive, mark, and act upon what we hear.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 15 (pg. 609 OT)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 25:1-13 (pg. 34 NT)

SERMON "*The Kingdom of Is Like This*" Rev. Dr. SanDawna Gaulman Ashley

*HYMN ##2196 "*We Walk by Faith*" MARTYRDOM

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*Sometimes a Light Surprises*" Craig Courtney

***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 #707 "*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*" HALL

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "*Musette in G Major*" J. S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

Indicates song in Sing the Faith (Pew Edition)

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Sunday Service
9:45am
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