

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 Christmas

December 31, 2023 @ 9:45AM

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE “*What Child Is This*” Greensleeves

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “*The Jesus Gift*” Gilbert M. Martin

~ Offered by Doug MacLean ~

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us praise God, to whom our praise is due.

People: Praised are you, O God, to whom our praise is due forever and ever.

***HYMN #133 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”** ADESTE FIDELES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus’ 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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:1-5 (pg. 62 OT)

SERMON "*The Burning Bush*" Rabbi Leslie Bergson

*HYMN ##2272 "*Holy Ground*" HOLY GROUND

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*The Rose Tree Carol*" Joseph M. Martin

*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 #134 "*Joy to the World*" ANTIOCH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*" Tempus Adest Floridum

**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
Rabbi Leslie Bergson : Preacher

Ministers of the Church:
All members

Staff:
Andreea Fegan: Director of Music
Sandi Van Cleve: Director of Church School
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Open