

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 29, 2024 @ 9:45 AM

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE “*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*” W ZLOBIE LEZY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT “*Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night*” John Ness Beck
~ Offered by **Suzanne Parmly** ~

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

Leader: Rejoice, for God is with us – Emmanuel.

People: Into any darkness of our world God shines a holy light.

Leader: For this there is reason to hope, to rejoice, to love, to live.

People: The Christmas word is real. God is truly with us.

Leader: And so we come to worship God!

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

CONTEMPORARY PROFESSION OF FAITH FOR CHRISTMAS-

TIDE (Unison)

We believe in God, who had the wild idea of becoming one of us.

We believe in Jesus, who restricted himself to Mary’s womb for a while – and is God incarnate.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who overshadowed Mary, and has blessed this world.

We believe that God lives within us, works through us, and that God is with us now and always.

So we say:

Shine, O Light, in any darkness of our world.

Sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts,

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those God favors.”

In the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen

***REFRAIN FROM “*Angels We Have Heard on High*”**

***THE PEACE**

Listen for God's Word

SEASONAL OLD TESTAMENT READING (Responsive) Isaiah 9

Leader: As this Advent Season draws to a close, let us prayerfully recall with Isaiah the hope and promise of faith, for the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

Leader: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given.

People: And the government will be upon His shoulders.

Leader: Let us call upon his holy Name.

Wonderful Counselor,

People: We rejoice, our God, that you were born among us in our need. By the miracle of your strong love, forgive our sin and aid us in our lives from day to day.

Leader: Mighty God,

People: Your strength was shown not only at the cross and open tomb, but recognized in the face of a manged babe. Come to our feeble hearts with power to redeem and redirect.

Leader: Everlasting Father,

People: You are our only source of life unto life everlasting. Come, claim us as your children now, that we may live forever in your care.

Leader: Prince of Peace,

People: The zeal of the Lord of hosts has done this. Thanks be to God!

SEASONAL NEW TESTAMENT READING ... Galatians 4:4-5 (pg. ? NT)

Christmas Carols Sing

The hymns of the season are #'s 82 – 147. We invite you to search those hymns and call out a favored one. We'll sing selected verses together.

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*Carol of Remembrance*” Early American Song,
arr. Joseph M. Martin

***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.**

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

***CHARGE AND BLESSING (Responsive)**

Leader: May the Gladness of Christmas, which is Hope,

People: The Spirit of Christmas, which is Peace,

Leader: The Heart of Christmas, which is Love.

People: The Gift of Christmas, which is Joy

Leader: Be born anew in each of us this year.

POSTLUDE “*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*” GO TELL IT

**Please stand as you are able.*

Indicates song in Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)

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