

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."

The Gospel in Popular Culture
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2025 @ 9:45 AM

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE “*Come and Find the Quiet Center*” Shirley Erena Murray / B. F. White

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT “*O Lord*” Lauren Daigle
~ Offered by **Doug MacLean** ~

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth,

Leader: before you formed the earth and the world,

People: from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: Amen. Let us worship God.

***HYMN #14 “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” (Vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5) DIX**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Lord and Judge of all, you show us the path of life, but we have strayed from your good course both in what we have done, and what we have left undone. We too often cast aside your counsel and depart from your way. Show us your tender mercy, we pray, forgive us and restore us. Empower us by your spirit that our words, thoughts and intentions will truly glorify you and build up your kingdom, In Jesus’ name.

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. Amen, Amen.**

***THE PEACE**

Listen for God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 12 (Sel., pg. 763 OT)

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:13-16 (pg. 56 NT)

***SONG “*Forever Young*”** (See insert) Bob Dylan

SERMON “*The Gospel Speaks in Popular Culture: May You Stay Forever Young*” Rev. E. Nicholas Van Gombos

Respond to God

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OUR LIVES IN PRAYER

“*The Lord’s Prayer*” Spoken

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*Open the Eyes of My Heart*” Paul Baloche

***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

***HYMN #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE**

BENEDICTION

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

**Please stand as you are able.*

Indicates song in Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)

Rev. E. Nicholas Van Gombos: Interim Pastor

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