

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
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2025 @ 9:45 AM

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE “*The Quiet Heart*” John Ness Beck
~ Offered by **Suzanne Parmly** ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT “*Love One Another*” Sabin Pautza/Diane Giersch

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Leader: As a deer longs for a flowing stream, so our soul longs for you, O God.

People: Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

Leader: When shall we come and behold the face of the Holy One?

People: We hope in God. Even now we turn to you, O Lord, our help and our God.

Leader: Amen. Let us worship God.

***HYMN #366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”** (vs. 1 - 3) .. HYFRYDOL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

External Creator of every being; by your grace you made us, sustained us, redeemed us, and would make us perfect in your love. Forgive us that we do not always reflect your compassion, show your mercy, or speak your good news; that we do not fully trust you, we resist your Spirit, we forget your life within us. Forgive what we have been, O God, and direct what we shall become, so that the full glory of your creation may find some expression in us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

GOSPEL READING John 15:9-17 (pg. 134 NT)

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 13 (Sel.)(pg. 212 NT)

***SONG “All You Need Is Love”** (*See insert*) Lennon, McCartney

SERMON “The Gospel Speaks in Popular Culture: All You Need Is Love”

..... 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 “*Shower the People*” James Taylor

~ Offered by **Mara Campolattaro** ~

***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 #693 "*Though I May Speak*" GIFT OF LOVE

BENEDICTION

PRELUDE "*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*" Fr. Peter
Scholtes

**Please stand as you are able.*

Indicates song in Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)

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