

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

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025 @ 9:45 AM

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE “*Come Live in the Light*” WE ARE CALLED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT “*With One Heart*” Mark Patterson

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: For it is fitting and right to do so.

Leader: Let us be strong in times of trial.

People: For if God is for us, no one can be against us.

Leader: Let us honor the Lord our Maker.

People: For we are God’s people forever.

Leader: Amen. Let us worship God!

***HYMN #610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** (vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

AMZON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, our Creator, we your children would bless you for your care, and give thanks for every way you sustain us. But sometimes we don’t – when our faith is weak, our confidence shifting, our values selfishly shortsighted. Strengthen us we pray, and fill us with your peace, because against all distractions, we do want to follow wherever you lead; after the example of 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (pg. 479 OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 21:1-5 (pg. 315 NT)

SERMON *“The Gospel Speaks in Popular Culture: The Never Ending Story”* Rev. E. Nicholas Van Gombos

***SONG “Here Comes the Sun”** (See insert) George Harrison

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 *“Hymn of Promise”* Natalie Sleeth

***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 #821 "My Life Flows On"** HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Etude" Cornelius Gurlitt

**Please stand as you are able.*

Indicates song in Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)

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