

# *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."*

# *Third Sunday in Lent*

*March 23, 2025 @ 9:45 AM*

## *Assemble In God's Name*

PRELUDE “*Pastorale*” ..... Le Couppey

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

INTROIT “*God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*” ..... Roeder/Carl Schalk

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

*Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; whose constant love endures forever!*

**People: God’s constant love upholds our life and so we praise the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us proclaim the Lord’s greatness; let us praise God’s name together!*

**People: The Lord’s unfailing grace and mercy continue fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise. In God we place our hope.**

*Leader: Amen. Let us worship God.*

**\*HYMN #619 “*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*” ..... LAUDA ANIMA**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**When we heard the piping but did not dance; when we heard the crying but did not mourn. When we wrapped up tightly in our own world. When we have heard with our ears - but not with our hearts. Forgive us, O Lord. In your whole symphony of life, we want to go with the high notes and the low, responding to each sound in the total song, letting the sound of your grace be the refrain that repeats itself in our lives. Help us Lord, to love and care for each other, 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 ..... Psalm 25:1-10 (Sel., pg. 618 OT)

GOSPEL READING ..... Matthew 5:1-10 (pg. 4 NT)

SERMON *“The Beatitudes for Lent: The Indubitably Debonaire”* Rev. E.  
Nicholas Van Gombos

**\*SONG “Lean On Me”** (See insert) ..... Bill Withers

***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 *“He Shall Feed his Flock”* ..... John Ness Beck

**\*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 #475 "*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*" ..... NETTLETON

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "*Gavotte in G*" ..... Henry Purcell

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*# Indicates song in Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)*

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