

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."

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025 @ 9:45 AM

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE “*Melody*” Robert Schumann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT “*O Lord Most Holy*” Jay Althouse

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Leader: O Lord, you are our God, we seek you, our souls thirst for you.

People: Our flesh faints for you as in a dry and weary land.

Leader: So we come unto this sanctuary to behold your presence and power.

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, we lift up our hands and call upon your name.

Leader: Amen. Let us worship God.

***HYMN #435 “*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*” IN BABILONE**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy 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 57:1-3,9-11 (pg. 644 OT)

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

SERMON *“The Beatitudes for Lent: Manifest Mercy”* Rev. E. Nicholas
Van Gombos

*** HYMN #436 “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”** ... O QUANTA
QUALIA

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 *“Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord”* ... Craig Courtney

***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 #31 *“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”* MONKLAND

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Air” from F Major Suite from Water Music* G. F. Handel

**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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