

# *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."*

# *First Sunday of Advent*

*November 30, 2025 @ 9:45AM*

## *Assemble In God's Name*

PRELUDE “*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*” ..... LAUDA ANIMA

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

INTROIT “*A Carol for Advent*” ..... Gilbert M. Martin  
~ Offered by **Suzanne Parmly** ~

**\*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE FOR HOPE**

**\*HYMN #100 “*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*”** (v. 1-3) . STAR OF  
THE COUNTY DOWN

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation.**

**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**

*You are invited to exchange the peace of Christ, greeting each other  
with the words below.*

*One: The peace of Christ be with you.*

**Many: And also with you.**

## *Listen for God's Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING ..... Isaiah 2:1-5 (pg. 773 OT)

GOSPEL READING ..... Mark 13:24-37 (pg. 61 NT)

*One: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “*Keep Watch*” ..... Dr. Whitney S. Bayer

\*HYMN #82 “*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*” ..... HYFRYDOL

## *Respond to God*

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” ..... VENI

EMMANUEL, Thomas Helmore, arr. Lloyd Larson

~ Offered by **Suzanne Parmly** and **Anita Waters** ~

\*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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## *Go in God's Name*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*You are invited to raise your hand if you have a joy or concern to share aloud.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

... (Unison) **Our Father** who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

**\*HYMN #93 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”** ..... TRURO  
CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*” ..... CHEREPONI

*\*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit.  
# Indicates song in **Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)***

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