

# *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 Christmas*

*December 28, 2025 @ 9:45AM*

## *Assemble In God's Name*

PRELUDE “*Keep Me in Your Heart*” ..... Warren Zevon

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

INTROIT “*Christmas Angels*” ... Tradition French Carol, Mendelssohn, arr.  
Lloyd Larson

~ Offered by **John Garth** and **Suzanne Parmly** ~

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** ..... from Psalm 100

*One: Praise God for the good news of Jesus, the pioneer of our salvation.*

**Many: Praise God for making us brothers and sisters in Christ.**

*One: Praise God who is present with us still, lifting us up and carrying us.*

**Many: God’s glory shines in heaven and on earth. Praise the Lord!**

**\*HYMN #140 “Once in Royal David’s City”** vs, 1-3 ..... IRBY

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us as your children. We confess that we have not loved you as we should. We have not participated fully in your purposes and plans; we grow weary and give up when the way is hard. Forgive us. Help us to praise you by living in harmony and peace. Set us free from fear that we may wholly trust in you.**

**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** ..... Psalm 148 (pg. 716 OT)

**EPISTLE READING** ..... Colossians 1:12-13 (pg. 244 NT)

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

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** “*Everlasting Love*” ..... Andy Bowe / Andy Kirkpatrick

**\*CONTEMPORARY HYMN “*In Your Eyes*”** (See insert) ... Peter Gabriel

***Respond to God***

**WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “*Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*” . Lloyd Larson

**\*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 #134 "Joy to the World" .....** ANTIOCH

## **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" .....** IN DULCI JUBILO

*\*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

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

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