

# 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."

# *Second Sunday in Lent*

*March 1, 2026 @ 9:45AM*

## *Assemble In God's Name*

PRELUDE “*Prelude BWV 999*” ..... by J. S. Bach

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

INTROIT “*Come and Find the Quiet Center*” by Shirley E. Murray / B. F. White

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*One: Our God is good.*

**Many: God loves us more than we could imagine.**

*One: Our God is good.*

**Many: God loves all of creation more than we could imagine.**

*One: Our God is good.*

**Many: God’s love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.**

*One: This is good news indeed!*

**Many: Let us worship our compassionate God.**

**\*HYMN #22 “*God of the Sparrow*” ..... ROEDER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book? God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go. Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray.**

**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**

**FIRST GOSPEL READING** ..... Luke 7:36-50 (pg. 619 OT)

**SECOND GOSPEL READING** ..... Matthew 25:35-40 (pg. 4 NT)

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

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** “*The Good News is...Great Love for God and Neighbor*” . Dr. Whitney  
S. Bayer

**\*HYMN #693 “*Though I May Seek*”** ..... GIFT OF LOVE

***Respond to God***

**WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*O Lord, Bread of Life*”** . by Gabriel Faure / Patrick M.  
Leibergen

**\*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**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

## *The Sacrament of Communion*

*Leader: The Lord be with you,*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

... (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**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE GIVING OF THE CUP**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## *Go in God's Name*

**\*HYMN #627 "I Love You, Lord" ..... I LOVE YOU, LORD**

#### **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE "Menuet en Rondeau" ..... by Jean-Philippe Rameau**

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

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