

First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, NJ



the good news is..

together, the impossible
is possible

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 8, 2026 @ 9:45AM

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE “*Allegro*” 2nd movement from Suite in G, HWV 441 by J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT “*Let There Be Peace on Earth*” by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
~ Offered by *Mara Campolattaro* ~

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: *If you need good news,*

Many: **settle into this space.**

We have good news to share.

One: *If you need a word of hope,*

Many: **then trust us when we say,**

there is hope enough to go around.

One: *If you need a glimmer of joy,*

Many: **then you're in luck!**

We have resilient joy abounding.

One: *If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,*

Many: **then know that this is God's house.**

One: *This is the good news of the gospel.*

God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move.

Many: **Let us worship our with-us God!**

***HYMN #336 “*We Gather Together*” KREMSER**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, with you the impossible is possible. 5,000 can be fed. The blind can see. The hopeless can find hope. With you the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget that. We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd. We forget that you are always with us. Forgive our small-minded ways. Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come. But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

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

GOSPEL READING Mark 6:32-44 (pg. 50 NT)

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 3:20-21 (pg. 236 NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “*The Good News is...Together, the Impossible is Possible*” ... Dr.
Whitney S. Bayer

*HYMN #754 “*Help Us Accept Each Other*” (vs.1-3) BARONITA

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*With One Heart*” by Mark Patterson

*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 #298 “*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*” (vs. 1-2) ABBOT'S
LEIGH**

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “*Melody*” Op. 68, No. 1 Robert Schumann

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

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

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