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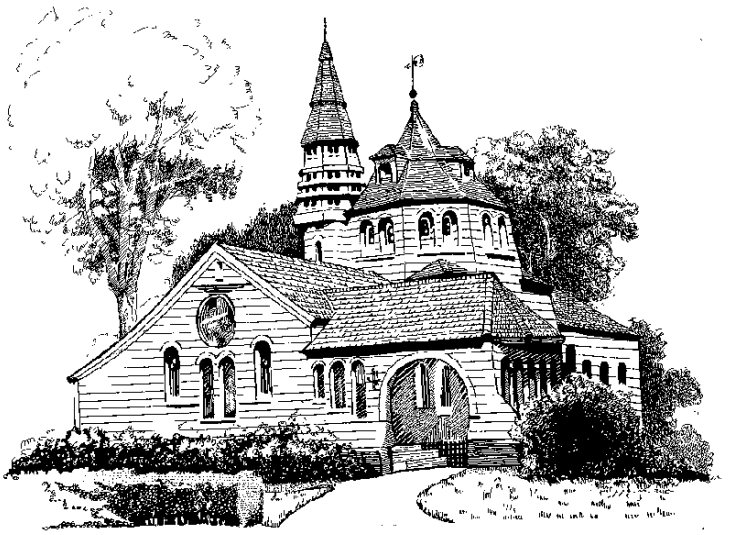

Our Mission Statement *- "We, the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, are called by God to be a spiritual and visible presence by living out our faith and sharing our gifts among God's people."*

Labor Day Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026 @ 9:15AM

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE *"Spirit of the Living God"* ..... Traditional

ANNOUNCEMENTS
RINGING OF THE BELL

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: *We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,*
Many: **for we are the church of Jesus Christ!**
One: *We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,*
Many: **opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!**

HYMN #610** ***"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *(v. 1-3)* ..... AMZON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone.

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 139:1-18 (pg. 710 OT)
GOSPEL READING ..... John 15:1-8 (pg. 133 NT)
One: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *"Abiding in God"* ..... Dr. Whitney S. Bayer

HYMN #157 *"Lord of the Dance" ..... LORD OF THE DANCE

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING
OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"The Vine of Life / Abide in Jesus"* ..... by Reavo

***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 #836 *"Abide with Me" *(v. 1-3)* ..... EVENTIDE

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"* ..... African American spiritual

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

*Music offered by **Vincent Mottern***