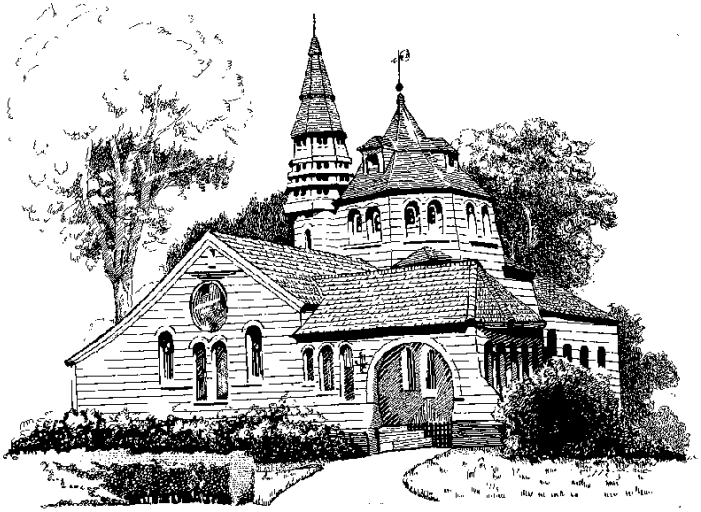
First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, NJ



Our Mission Statement *- "We, the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, are a community that welcomes all, nurtures faith, values relationships, and serves our neighbors with the compassion of Christ."*

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026 @ 9:45AM

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE *Sarabande "Jeunes Zéphyrs"* ..... by Jacques Champion De Chambonnieres

ANNOUNCEMENTS
RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"* ..... by Ken Medema

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: *Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,*
Many: **for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.**
One: *Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.*
Many: **Praise the Lord!**

HYMN #475 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ..... NETTLETON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (See insert) ..... Summit Williams Paskin
HYMN #486** ***"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" *(v. 1-3)* .... KINGDOM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING ..... Psalm 106:1-6,19-23 (pg. 685 OT)
GOSPEL READING ..... Matthew 22:1-14 (pg. 29 NT)
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Responding to God"* ..... Dr. Whitney S. Bayer

HYMN #721** ***"Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore" ..... PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING
OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Sometimes a Light Surprises"* ..... by Craig Courtney

***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 #726** ***"Will You Come and Follow Me" *(v. 1-2,5)* KELVINGROVE

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Minuet II from Partita in B flat* ..... by J. S. Bach

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