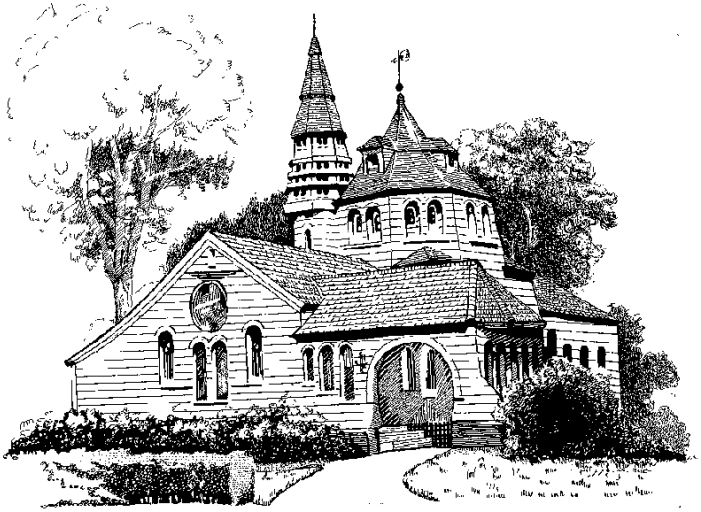
First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, NJ



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."*

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026 @ 9:45AM

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE *"Melody"* ..... by Robert Schumann

ANNOUNCEMENTS
RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT *"Running Back to You"* ..... by Seth Schlueter
~ Offered by ***Oliver Bayer*** *~*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: *Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!*

Many: **Let us shout out in praise!**

One: *God does great things for us. See God's amazing works all around us.*

Many: **Great is the Lord!**

One: *Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.*

Many: **Let us worship the Lord!**

HYMN #267** ***"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" ..... MADRID

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We get easily distracted. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unfair burdens. Forgive us Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of the kin-dom of God. Give us courage to be kin-dom builders here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

EPISTLE READING ..... 1 Thessalonians 1:2-9 (pg. 247 NT)
OLD TESTAMENT READING ..... Psalm 96:1-13 (pg. 277 OT)
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Sing to the Lord"* ..... Dr. Whitney S. Bayer

HYMN #22 *"God of the Sparrow" ..... ROEDER

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *""Keep Me Right Here"* ..... by SEU Worship
*~ Offered by **Adeline Bayer** ~*

***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 #37** ***"Let All Things Now Living" ..... ASH GROVE

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Bouree"* ..... by George Frederick Handel

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

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