



**The Last Judgment** is a fresco by the Italian Renaissance painter Michelangelo. It can be seen on the altar wall of the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City. It is a depiction of the Second Coming of Christ and the final and eternal judgment by God of all humanity. The souls of humans rise and descend to their fates, as judged by Christ who is surrounded by prominent saints including Peter, Paul, and John the Baptist.

## **Announcements and Church Information**

### **For the week of Sunday, September 8, 2024**

**Welcome to this gathering of believers.** We are pleased that you are visiting us today and pray that you may find renewed grace and peace through our time together. If there is anything we can do to enhance your time, we are here to help. Just ask one of our ushers or anyone in the congregation. We invite you to fill out a Visitor Card (yellow card in the pew racks) and put it in our collection plate, that we may follow up if you so indicate. Go to our website ([www.rumsonpresbyterian.org](http://www.rumsonpresbyterian.org)) to find out more about us. We are happy you joined us and look forward to seeing you again.



### **Important Worship Notice:**

“Welcome Back” – Next Sunday. September 15

Regular Worship Hour - 9:45 am

With expanded coffee hour to commence a new year

**Plan to be here!**



### ***“The Stories of Jesus: Then and Now!”***

*Summer Sundays - 2024*

“The Stories of Jesus: Then and Now” has been a focus for summer and concludes this week with reflections on one of Jesus’ most poignant parables. In Matthew 25 he points to a ‘last judgement’ and offers the criteria for who will be a welcome sheep and those a rejected goat. In very concrete, human terms, it all comes down to how we have treated the least of his children – for as we treated them, we honored him. So significant is this message that our national leaders have suggested we might want to sign on as a “Matthew 25” congregation making the service, mission and change agent posture a hallmark for congregational life. With a sermon entitled – “For the Least of These,” comes an invitation to consider how we can individually and especially together be known as servant-oriented people.



## ***“Come, Grow with Us!”***

### ***An overall theme for Fall 2024***

The “Come, Grow with Us!” theme is affirmed by Session and offered as a means to focus the congregation’s energies as well as an invitation to the community into this start for a new year of faithful living. The mood is anchored in a theme text from Luke 2:52 – “And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature - and in favor with God and his fellows.”

If it was good enough for Jesus, so may we commit to growing:

In Faith toward God – deepening our walk;

In Fellowship with each other – through support, companionship & care;

In Intentional Hospitality (friendship Evangelism) –openly greeting visitors; following up as appropriate; welcoming others into this Faith Home.


In Service & In Mission – expanding our reach to bring Help and inspire Hope.

Anticipate Worship and Sermon themes to highlight and reinforce this initiative. Look for a new sign posted on River Rd. to tell the community - - RPC is active and well and ready to help interested others to – “Come, Grow with Us!”



## ***RPC Gets 2024 Borough of Rumson Historic Preservation Award for Stewardship***

Special thanks to **Jody Sackett** and **Suzanne Parmly** for attending to details. These two and **Interim Pastor Nicholas Van Gombos** will receive the award for the church on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** at a **1:00 PM** ceremony in **Victory Park**. An “open house” of the sanctuary will follow. Tour guides are wanted. Sign up is the narthex.



## ***Looking Ahead: 2024 CROP Hunger Walk***

We're participating in the 2024 CROP Hunger Walk to support Church World Service and help families struggling with hunger. We ask you to join us - with your steps and your donations - to provide for persons in our community, and greater food security around the world. For more information, visit the events page of our website ([www.rumsonpresbyterian.org](http://www.rumsonpresbyterian.org)).

Join our team to walk on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Support us by donating today! Thank you!