

Announcements and Church Information
For the week of Sunday, December 7, 2025

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 onto our collection plate, that we may follow up if you so indicate. Go to our website (rumsonpresbyterian.org) to find out more about us. We are happy you joined us and look forward to seeing you again.



Second Sunday of Advent

Sermon: "On the Threshold" by Dr. Whitney S. Bayer

As we anticipate the birth of Christ this week we hear Mary's song and we light the advent candle of peace. May we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.



Open House: A Warm Welcome for Pastor Whitney

Today! Sunday, December 7th | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate a new beginning and welcome Pastor Whitney to our community! Enjoy a fun afternoon featuring delicious food, holiday crafts for the kids, music, a slideshow, and much more. Bring your friends and family—everyone is invited! We'll also be hosting a Bread Festival as part of the event. Let's come together to make this a warm and joyful welcome for Pastor Whitney!



Seeking Lay Readers

We are seeking volunteer lay readers to assist in worship by reading scripture or another portion of the liturgy. This is open to all ages. If you are interested, please contact Whitney via email: whitney@rumsonpresbyterian.org



Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC) Advent Daily Devotional is Here!

In this Advent season, PEC has prepared daily devotions based on the Revised Common Lectionary texts from creation care perspectives. The hope is this devotional will help with new insights on these beloved texts during this special season and that the devotions will inspire more people to help care for God's creation in these challenging times. The Devotional is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/3kwwpubu> (or find it here: <https://presbyearthcare.org/devotional-and-worship-aids/>) If you would like to receive each day's devotion via email, Sign up by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/443szdaa> .



Advent & Holiday Season Calendar

Cantata Sunday

December 14 @ 9:45 am

Special highlights from Handel's Messiah featuring the Chancel Choir, String Quartet and Guest Musicians

Christmas Lessons & Carols Service

December 21 @ 9:45 am

Christmas Eve Services

December 24 @ 4:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Special music and candle lighting



We Are a People in Mission!

Lunch Break



Sponsor a Family for a Holiday Meal Update: Hi Angels, Just wanted to let you know Ray & I delivered the Thanksgiving Fixin's bags to Lunch Break today. RPC donated **24 big bags** (some generous congregants had purchased their donation bags directly through the Food Town option). It was weighed in at **269 lbs**, but that doesn't include the several Foodtown bags, so I'd guess the total is actually much closer to **280 lbs**. Lunch Break was very happy to have the donations. They said the need for food is overwhelming. How wonderful that our little church can consistently reach out to help those who are hungry and in need – just like Pastor Whitney asked us to after reading last Sunday's gospel. See, Whitney – we're listening to you! Jody Sackett

Holiday Toy Giveaway: Lunch Break is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help make our Annual Holiday Toy Giveaway on Saturday December 13th a memorable and joyful event. This magical occasion offers a wonderful opportunity to bring smiles to families in our community and make the holidays brighter for all. Your support can make a meaningful difference – please consider volunteering to create a festive and heartwarming experience for everyone involved. Volunteer sign-up is available through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/mrdfd3c> .

More information can be found at <https://lunchbreak.org/cornerstone-events/holiday-toy-giveaway/> .

Ongoing Lunch Break Donations: Mission Commission continues to accept non-perishable food donations and toiletries and supplies for **Lunch Break**. Their needs have dramatically increased now because of sudden substantially reduced funding. Here's what they urgently need:

Non-Perishable Food: Canned beans, dried beans, low-sodium canned soup (chicken, vegetable, and tomato), oatmeal, canned meals (spaghetti, ravioli, chili), canned chicken, canned tuna, canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots),

low-sugar applesauce, and almond or oat milk.

Toiletries and Supplies: Toothbrushes & toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, dish soap (smaller sizes), laundry detergent, baby diapers (sizes 2-6), baby wipes, and adult diapers (women sizes L, XL, XXL).

Milk Jug Greenhouses

The Rumson Environmental Commission is trying to create a Butterfly Corridor in Rumson, and to do this we need lots of growing native plants from as many residents as possible. They came up with the idea of creating “milk jug greenhouses” for germinating native plant seeds, to make it as easy as possible for anyone interested to start growing native plants. These “greenhouses” are super-simple and even reuse plastics. Sometime this fall or early winter, our Mission Commission will host a get together to build these greenhouses. In anticipation of this event, we are collecting clean used 1-gallon translucent plastic “milk jug” containers. Stay tuned for more information.



Giving

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