Announcements and Church Information
For the week of Sunday, November 15, 2026

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time, returning after some time away, or a long-time member of our church family—we are so glad you're here. We would love to stay connected with you. If you are visiting, please consider filling out a yellow card, located at the back of the pew, and place it in the offering plate. You can keep in touch through our weekly emails—simply reach out to our Office Administrator at admin@rumsonpresbyterian.org. You can also follow us on Facebook at @firstpresbyterianchurchofrumson. If you are considering making Rumson Presbyterian Church your church home, we would be delighted to walk alongside you. Our Session gathers regularly to welcome new members. To learn more about joining, please contact Rev. Whitney Bayer at whitney@rumsonpresbyterian.org or 732-842-0429.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: "Time & Talent"

by Dr. Whitney Bayer

Coffee Hour

Join us following the service in Wilson Hall for coffee or tea and some delicious treats. Congregational Life is always looking for volunteers to keep this program running. Sign up for our Sign Up Genesis using this QR code.

Introducing Simple Sundays

On the last Sunday of each month, we will have a "Simple Sundays" with bagels-only for Coffee Hour. If you've thought about signing up for Coffee Hour but felt it was a bit overwhelming to provide our typical spread, this new opportunity is for you. Simple Sundays only require you to bring bagels and help to make the coffee.

Cookies & Cocoa

On Friday, December 11th from 4-5 pm, we will gather as a community to decorate Christmas cookies for senior living community, Asbury Tower, sip hot cocoa, and make some festive holiday crafts. More details to come in the following weeks, but for now, please save the date for some festive Christmas fun!

Until the Dawn
ACTIONS FOR THE WORK OF ADVENT

2026 Advent Theme

Our Advent Theme for this year comes to us from *A Sanctified Art.* The theme is **Until the Dawn: Actions for the Work of Advent**. *"Every Advent, we light candles and speak of hope. We wait for the good news that God is born. Yet, in the midst of our busy waiting, we know all too well that the world is not as it should be. This series focuses on the actions we can take as we move through the night with hope for tomorrow. Just as surely as the sun rises, God's steadfast love and mercy are made new every morning. As we move toward the horizon, we will cry out, start somewhere, speak up, take courage, build up, and choose joy. These actions will help us resist despair and put our prayers in motion. Until the day when God's love reigns and all the earth echoes shalom, let us keep moving, singing, and rejoicing—trusting that God joins us in the work of Advent."*

Cookies for Care Packages

The Children and Youth Committee is looking for bakers to donate two dozen cookies for our college care packages. Please bring homemade, nut-free cookies to church on Sunday, November 29th. We will be packing and shipping on Tuesday, December 1st. Please contact Sue Brennan with any questions. sewbrennan@gmail.com/ 732-895-5942.

Meet our New Operations Coordinator, Erin Brinley

We are delighted to have Erin and her family joining us in worship today. Erin will also be at Coffee Hour this morning and looks forward to meeting all of you!

Children's Worship Bags

First Presbyterian Church of Rumson warmly welcomes children in worship, including their wiggles, whispers, cries, yawns, and questions. Worship Bags for children are available as you walk in. Pick one up as you arrive and return it after worship so we can have it ready for you the following week. Bags contain various items to help children engage in worship. We encourage them during the service to worship by exploring some of the activities in their bags. For those times when a child might need a break, please know that we have a seating area in the narthex where parents can sit comfortably with restless little ones and still hear the service.

Share Your Gifts this Advent: Worship Sign-ups

The Worship Committee is excited to announce that we are bringing back sign-ups for Greeters/Ushers and Acolytes for the Advent/Christmas season. Please sign up to serve as a Greeter/Usher, Acolyte (6th-12th grade), or Lay Reader, using the QR code provided.

Pop In for Pie & Cider @ the Manse

Sunday, November 22nd. 4-5:30 PM. We are happy to invite the community to drop-by the manse for a slice of pie, a cup of cider, and a time fellowship before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Advent Devotionals & Calendars

Printed Advent Devotionals and calendars will be available starting Sunday, November 22nd. Each family, or individual, is encouraged to take one. The devotional will follow the Advent theme and contains art, poems, hymns, commentary, and reflection prompts. It is meant to be read at your own pace throughout the season of Advent and Christmas; it concludes with Epiphany.

Thanksgiving Meal Kit Assembly- This Evening!

November 15th, 5-6pm. We are collecting items to provide holiday meals for those in need: stuffing, mashed potatoes, bags of masa harina, corn muffin mix, packets of turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, cans of yams, corn, and pumpkin. This evening we will be packing the items together into meal kits and including cards with well wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving. We will also be making ornaments for our Mission Christmas Tree. All ages are encouraged to come and participate in this night of service- we hope to see you at 5 pm!

Advent Bible Study

Mondays during Advent: November 23 & 30, December 7 & 14 on Zoom.
We are trying something new this Advent… a lunchtime Bible Study on Zoom. In the midst of this busy season, take a moment to pause and reflect on God's call to us during this season. Join Pastor Whitney Bayer as we look at the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. Email Whitney to join @ whitney@rumsonpresbyterian.org

Job Opportunities

The search for a part-time **Children and Family Ministries Coordinator** continues.

> The **Children and Family Ministries Coordinator** is to be present on Sunday mornings to lead a children's worship during the service and to offer mid-week programming. This job description is available on our website.

Giving

Rumson Presbyterian Church is excited to partner with the Presbyterian Foundation and Vanco Payment Solutions to bring you our GivePlus Online Giving page, which you can access using the QR code provided.