Announcements and Church Information
For the week of Sunday, November 22, 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. First Presbyterian Church of Rumson warmly welcomes children in worship, including their wiggles. Worship Bags for children are available as you walk in. 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 Dr. Whitney Bayer at whitney@rumsonpresbyterian.org or 732-842-0429.

Christ the King/ Reign of Christ
Sermon: "Thanksgiving & Praise"
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 on our Sign-Up Genesis using this QR code.

Cookies & Cocoa

On Friday, December 11th from 4-5pm, we will gather to decorate Christmas cookies, sip hot cocoa, and make luminaries for Christmas Eve. We will also be packaging cookies and making wall hangings for Asbury Tower residents, an affordable senior living community. This event is for all ages. Come enjoy a night of fellowship and service, and invite a friend to come too!

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.

Receiving New Members

On Sunday, December 6th, following worship, the Session will be receiving new members in the Monroe Lounge. Please let Dr. Whitney Bayer know if you are interested in joining the church or if you have any questions, whitney@rumsonpresbyterian.org.

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. Drop-by the manse later today 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 are now available for each family, or individual, to take one. The devotional follows 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 Kits

Last Sunday we gathered to pack food items into Thanksgiving meal kits for Lunch Break in Redbank. We made cards with well wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, as well as ornaments for our Mission Christmas Tree. It was a wonderful community event and in result, we dropped off 53 meal kit bags at Lunch Break this week! We are so grateful to everyone who donated food items and/ or came to help pack kits. Thank you all for making this contribution to our neighbors in need.

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 Dr. Whitney Bayer as we look at the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. Email Whitney to join @ whitney@rumsonpresbyterian.org

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.