

**CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE**

**TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS**

**POINSETTIAS!** If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, in honor or memory of a loved one, the forms are located in the office reception area and in the fellowship pads. They can be given to Jessica in the church office or left in her mailbox in the workroom. Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary December 22-January 5.

**WOMEN TOGETHER,** a new group for women, 50 and under, will meet again on Monday, December 16 from 6-7:30 for dinner, fellowship, study, and prayer, in the Rumble House. Childcare will be provided in the church nursery. Please RSVP to pastor Kathy Beach or Parish Associate Pastor Stephanie Hankins if you plan to attend.

**WINTER SALT SHAKERS** each month January thru May you can enjoy good food, meeting new friends and seeing old friends for dinner and wonderful fellowship. If you would like to sign up, the forms are located in the office reception area and in the fellowship pads. They can be given to Jessica in the church office. If you have questions contact Jean Baskin at [genieb37@yahoo.com](mailto:genieb37@yahoo.com)

**HOSPITALITY HOUSE DINNER** Rumble is serving dinner at Hospitality House on Monday, December 30, 2019. If you are able to provide food and/or volunteer to serve that evening, please contact Misty Mayfield, 828-234-1389.

**HONOR CARDS** Artist Bill Mangum has painted beautiful winter landscapes for the past 30 years to raise awareness and funds for the needy and homeless. In Watauga County one hundred percent of the money donated from the sell of seasonal cards goes to Hospitality House. The card and donation envelopes are in the office hallway next to the Elderberry Tree.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDARS** are available at the entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. All food donations go to Blowing Rock Cares.

**DIAPER DRIVE** Rumble will collect diapers during the month of December to donate to the Children's Council of Watauga County. We will collect diapers of all sizes throughout the month of December and at both Christmas Eve services. Sizes most needed 3,4,5, & 6.

**YOUTH VOLUNTEER SIGNUPS** There is a clickable link on the e-news for members of the congregation to sign up to provide Youth Group Sunday Dinners, Hosts for Moveable Feasts, and Weekly Adult Fellowship Volunteers. Anybody who is interested simply needs to go to the link or contact Jessica in the church office.

**YEAR END GIVING** Rumble will gladly receive your year end gifts through Tuesday, December 31. All gifts for 2019 must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31. Rumble can receive gifts by check, stock transfer, and IRA rollover.

**Rumble Staff**

Kathy Beach .....Pastor  
 Jessica Minerva.....Office Manager  
 Dave McCollum .....Director of Music  
 Stephanie Hankins.....Parish Associate Minister  
 Eric Luke .....Accompanist  
 Cassidy Nooner .....Youth Intern  
 Julie Anderson.....Nursery Supervisor  
 Heather Sigmon.....Custodian  
 Becca Vickrey.....Interim Children's Ministry  
 Debbie Swartzel.....Interim Children's Ministry

**Rumble's Ruling Elders:**

(2019) Davis Hankins, Misty Mayfield, Kim Rogers, Cullie Tarleton (2020) Jim Crowell, Jerry Hutchens, Jane Rogers, Lynne Waugh (2021) Kathy Earley, Emily Leonard, Curt Salthouse (Clerk), Mike Steele

**Please keep in your prayers**  
 Earl Trexler, broken shoulder, Wes Thompson, back at Foley Center, Cassidy Nooner's grandfather, Wyatt Clark, recovering from heart surgery, death of Debra Norville's mother on 12/7; Susan Kirkland (Danny's mom) at Foley Center; Barbara Julien; Taylor Aldridge Higdon ( Lucy and John's daughter); Linda Jerger; Oliver Julien; Betty Kern (Debra Brenner's Mom); Barbara Leon's aunt; Adele Dunbar's sister-in-law, Wilkie Pitman; Don Saunders; Jim Ruff; AdaLis Andujar, Sammy Andujar; Leslie Novilla's daughter and friends, Sara, Meg and Barbara; Bob Young; Gus Newton; Vicki Cawthorne; Margaret Townsend; David Bartlett; Ruth George; Byron and Charleen Logan; Jim Burgess; Jim and Barbara Scott; Recie Craig; Bill and Pat Magruder; Erin Tobin, serving in US Army; Drew Taylor, active duty with the Coast Guard; Bettye Johnson,; Gus and Miriam Newton's son in law, David; Carol Capristo's mother, Ruby Vincent; Jan McClure, Holly Bannan's mother; Grover Gore, Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey; Ellen and Al Smith, missionaries in Russia, Germany.

**Sunday, December 15**

5:00 Youth Fellowship at the Manse

**Monday, December 16**

BR Cares packing event(FH)  
 10:00 Circle 3(RH)  
 4:00 Finance Cmte. (L)  
 5:00 Missions Cmte. (L)  
 6:00 Women Together (RH)

**Wednesday, December 18**

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)  
 2:30 Youth & Children  
 6:00 Service of Hope and Remembrance  
 6:30 Choir Christmas Party

**Thursday, December 19**

BR Cares packing event (FH)  
 1:00 Threads (RH)

**Sunday, December 22**

9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship

Youth Cottage FH-Fellowship Hall  
 RH-Rumble House KMC Keys Music Center PS-  
 Pastor's Study ACU-Adult Classroom Upstairs

We have many modes of communication here at Rumble. To stay up-to-date on upcoming events, please check our website, Facebook page, and eNews. To be added to the weekly email list, email Jessica, at [office@rumplechurch.org](mailto:office@rumplechurch.org), [www.rumplechurch.org](http://www.rumplechurch.org), [www.facebook.com/rumplememorialpresbyterianchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/rumplememorialpresbyterianchurch/)

**Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church**

is a missional church; called to worship, empowered to serve, inspiring disciples, creating community.

The Order of Service for the Worship of God

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019



**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ADVENT GREETING

Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World is coming.

**Jesus is coming to light our world! Come Lord Jesus.**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Text: Ref. Taize Community Music: Jacques Berthier

“Wait for the Lord”

No. 90

TUNE: WAIT FOR THE LORD

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The desert will sing and rejoice  
 The wilderness will blossom with flowers

**All will see the glory of the Lord**

This is the promise of our God who is coming.

**This advent we wait for God's promise to be fulfilled.**

**Let us worship God who is coming, full of grace and truth.**

from Isaiah 35

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Light a Candle of Hope”

Children's Choir

+HYMN OF PRAISE

Text: Paul Gerhardt Music: Melchior Teschner

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

No. 104

TUNE: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide from your presence. We do not listen to your word. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our worried minds. Help us as we seek to follow in the way of Jesus, the one we are waiting for this Advent.**

+SILENT PRAYER

+RESPONSE

“O Little Town of Bethlehem ”

No. 121

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe the good news!

**Comfort, comfort my people, says our God.**

Our sins are pardoned.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

No. 119

**Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!**

**Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.**

**Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,**

**born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing , “ Glory to the new-born king!”**

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Lou Moore and Will Kirkland

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

ANTHEM

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella  
Traditional French Carol, alt., arr. Pepper Choplin

Bring a torch, Jeanette Isabella! Bring a torch, come swiftly and run.  
Christ is born, tell the folk of the village, Jesus is born and Mary's calling:  
Ah! Ah! Beautiful is the mother! Ah! Ah! Beautiful is her Child!

Hasten now good folk of the village, hasten now the Child to see.  
You will find Him asleep in the manger, quietly come and whisper softly.  
Hush, hush, peacefully now He slumbers. Hush, hush, peacefully now He sleeps.

Softly now come unto the stable. Softly for a moment come.  
Look and see the beauty of heaven shining in the face of Jesus.  
Come, come, worship the holy Savior. Come, come, worship the newborn King.  
O come, O come, worship the newborn King.

Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella. Bring a torch come swiftly and run.  
From the throne of heaven's glory, Christ came down that we may rise.  
So come, come, join the holy chorus. Come, come, join the heaven song. Hallelujah!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 5:7-10  
P. 217

ADVENT PROPHECY

Isaiah 35:1-10  
P. 623

SERMON

“Waiting for the Lord with Joy”

Kathy Beach

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Text: Charles Wesley Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser

No. 610  
TUNE: AZMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hall owed by 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.**

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABORS

OFFERTORY

“O, Holy Night”

Solo, Evan Adair  
Arr. By Joseph M. Martin

+DOXOLOGY

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (Vs. 3 choir, refrain congregation)  
**(Refrain) Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

No. 113

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, your faithfulness never fails. We praise you and we place these offerings before you. May they further your purpose in the world and be used for the strengthening of your kingdom through the ministry of this church. We give because you first gave to us in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

+RECESSIONAL HYMN

“People Look East”  
Choir V.1, Congregation V. 5

No. 105

Text: Eleanor Farjeon Music: French folk melody

TUNE: BESANCON

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Of the Father's Love Begotten” (V. 2)

No. 108

POSTLUDE

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

By Jay Rouse

Bold font indicates all say or sing in unison. +Indicates those who are able may stand. \*Used by Permission CCLI #3145863

## WORSHIP NOTES

**LEADING WORSHIP:** Kathy Beach, Pastor; Billy Worsham, Will Kirkland, Liturgists; Dave McCollum, Music Director; Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Jackie, Danny, Molly & Will Kirkland Ushers and Greeters.

**THE WREATH ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brenda Lentz, Lewis and Emmy Lentz, and Harold Stanberry by Johnny Lentz, Cindy Lentz, and Joshua Lentz Grimes. **THE LARGE POINSETTIAS** are given in honor and in memory of our loved ones by Terry and Teresa Lentz. **THE WREATHS** on the front doors are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Clarence and Opal Greene by David and Rachel Greene and their family. Chrismon tree, is given in honor of Marion Jean Wrenn, and in memory of Morris Lee Wrenn and Mr. and Mrs. John W Wilson, Jr. by Bill and Sherry Wilson.

**WELCOME TO ALL** who have come to worship God at the Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church this morning. If you are a guest or a visitor, this church family welcomes you. We invite you to fill out a visitor card or leave your contact information on the fellowship pad. The Rumble family would love to get to know you and share information about the ministries and missions of Rumble. If you would like to receive weekly news from Rumble, please leave us your email address with that noted. If you have questions, please speak to Kathy Beach, one of the ushers, elders or staff.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** for worship are available in the narthex. If you would like to use a “Sound Mate” while in worship, please see Kent Leonard (at the sound-board) or an usher for assistance. **RESTROOMS AND A WATER FOUNTAIN** can be found off of the office reception area. Once worship has begun, you can enter the office area by the door to the left of the chancel steps or the outside door closest to the front of the sanctuary. All other doors are locked while we are worshipping.

**THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRISMON TREE** are the focal points of our Advent worship. The wreath's evergreens and circular shape remind us of the unending love of God which we know in Jesus Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks we spend in anticipation of and preparation for Christmas. The white center candle is the Christ candle which is not lit until Christmas Eve. The candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world and that his light shines in the darkness. The Chrismon tree gets its name from a combination of Christ and monogram. The tree is to focus our attention on Jesus. The decorations on the tree are only white and gold which are the liturgical colors for Jesus. Each of the ornaments is a symbol or monogram for Jesus.

**A NURSERY IS PROVIDED** each Sunday morning (9:30-12:15) for infants through five years old in the Keys Church Nursery area on the downstairs level of the education building. Please ask an usher to direct you to the nursery.

**ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP** New colorful worship bags and books are available as you enter the sanctuary. After the Time With Children, children in grades K-1 may stay in worship or go to the nursery for Children's Church. They may be picked up there after the service.

**THE BANNERS HANGING IN THE CORNERS OF THE SANCTUARY** represent Rumble's four cornerstones in the new mission and vision of the congregation. They hang in the sanctuary to remind us of how Rumble feels called to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this time and place.

**PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR BULLETINS!** There is a designated basket by the front doors for them or you can put them in the recycle bin in the workroom or any of the designated recycle bins throughout the church.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING TODAY. In addition to the regular offering, the Missions Committee encourages gifts to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Christmas Joy offering to-day.** One half of the Christmas Joy Offering goes to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions (church benefits program) to help current and past church workers and their families who are in financial need. The other half supports future leaders who attend Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Special offering envelopes are available in the pews.

**GRATEFUL RUMBLE IS MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST** Thanks to the generosity of Rumble members, affiliate members, and friends, the estimates of giving for 2020 are up 15% over 2019, totaling \$360,000. The Rumble Session was able to pass a budget that includes 18% increase in giving to mission, a significant financial commitment to deferred maintenance issues on our incredible buildings, and support for the wonderful Rumble staff.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT RUMBLE**

4:00 p.m. Family Friendly Worship with Candlelight  
(Nursery for infants and toddlers.)

6:00 p.m. Worship with Communion and Candlelight

\*Offerings received at both services will go to support the Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. food pantry and the Children's Council of Watauga County.



CHRISTMAS  
EVE CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICES