

CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

WINTER SALT SHAKERS sign ups continue. Each month, January through 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. Sign ups open through December 31.

DIAPER DRIVE continues through today. All donations will go to the Children's Council of Watauga County. Sizes most needed 3,4,5, & 6. Please return diapers to collection box in the office area.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE DINNER Rumple 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.

YEAR END GIVING Rumple 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. Rumple can receive gifts by check, stock transfer, and IRA rollover.

CREATION CARE Do you like to garden? Do you recycle? Do you avoid using plastic bags at the grocery store? Join our new Creation Care Group as we explore ways Rumple can faithfully care for God's Earth. The first meeting will be January 12 at 9:30 in the adult classroom upstairs.

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 Volunteers. Anybody who is interested simply needs to go to the link or contact Jessica in the church office.

EPIPHANY SPECIAL WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY! Rumple will celebrate Epiphany (the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus) on Sunday, January 5. This will mark the end of the Christmas season. Would you like to be in the Epiphany pageant that morning? Please email Kathy. There is a part for everyone!

THE JANUARY SLATE AND STONE will be mailed January 6 or 7 so that the staff can enjoy some time off for Christmas and New Year's. This will be the last "regular" printed Slate and Stone for at least a few months as we move to an electronic Slate and Stone format. If you would like to continue to receive a printed monthly newsletter, please call or email Jessica by January 31. Printed copies will be mailed if requested.

Rumple Staff
 Kathy BeachPastor
 Jessica Minerva.....Office Manager
 Dave McCollumDirector of Music
 Stephanie Hankins.....Parish Associate Minister
 Eric LukeAccompanist
 Julie Anderson.....Nursery Supervisor
 Heather Sigmon.....Custodian
 Becca Vickrey.....Interim Children's Ministry
 Debbie Swartzel.....Interim Children's Ministry
 Evan Adair & Lottie GodseyYouth Interns

Rumple'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, Wes Thompson, Cliff Layman (husband of Holly D'Addurno), Cassidy Noonan's grandfather, Wyatt Clark, Susan Kirkland (Danny's mom) at Foley Center; 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; Lucy Aldridge; AdaLis Andujar, Sammy Andujar; Leslie Novilla's daughter and friend, 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.

Wednesday, January 1

Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

1:00 Threads (RH)

Sunday, January 5

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

5:00 Youth Fellowship

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

We have many modes of communication here at Rumple. 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. www.rumplechurch.org 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

December 29, 2019

First Sunday After Christmas



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Jane Rogers

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Jay Rouse

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Hope has come –
awakening us to new possibilities.

Peace has come –
inviting us to be agents of reconciliation.

Joy has come –
turning our hearts from fear to wonder.

Love has come –
transforming our lives, transforming our world.

We have come –
**amazed and humbled by God's grace,
 to worship the newborn king!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE

“Joy to the World”

Text: Isaac Watts Music: Attr. George Frederick Handel

No. 134
 TUNE: ANTIOCH

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are the Light of the World. Yet, too often, we shroud your light with our indifference. There is much we must confess: When we turn a blind eye to suffering, forgive us. When we are silent in the face of injustice, forgive us. When we choose comfort over compassion, forgive us. When we neglect to offer grace and love, forgive us. Gracious God, you entered into our broken world and made a home among the desperate and despairing. Give us eyes to see you in the faces of those whose vulnerability frightens us. Give us the will to care for our neighbors in need. Illumine the shadows of our lives with your light – which the most persistent darkness cannot overcome – and open our hearts to receive your grace.

+SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

+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 Debbie Swartzel
*The children are invited to bring their own offerings forward with them and place them in the offering basket.
The Pennies for Hunger offering will be collected by the children this morning.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION
Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word in song and story. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ANTHEM "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" No. 128
Polish carol; trans. Edith M. G. Reed 1920, Polish folk melody; harm. Arthur E. Rusbridge, 1962

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 32
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** P.479

SERMON "The Christmas Pageant" Dave McCollum

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" No. 123
Text: Edmund Hamilton Sears Music: Richard Stoors Willis TUNE: CAROL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

OFFERINGS OF OUR LIFE AND LABORS

OFFERTORY "Wise Ones Led By A Star" Paul Taylor

+DOXOLOGY No. 606
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

+SENDING HYMN "Love Has Come" No. 110
Text: Ken Bible Music: Hal H. Hopson TUNE: MERLE'S

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "We Will Glorify" Carol Tornquist

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: Dave McCollum, Preacher; Breanna Meadows, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Music Director; Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Mike and Becky Steele, Ashlyn Yates, and Lynn Henderson; Ushers and Greeters.

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 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 and Christmas worship. The wreath's evergreens and circular shape remind us of the unending love of God which we know in Jesus Christ. 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.

PENNIES FOR HUNGER offering is received today in addition to our morning offering. This monthly offering supports the hunger ministries of Salem Presbytery, including our own Blowing Rock CARES and the Hospitality House in Boone. Total raised at Rumble through November 30th is \$4287.35.

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.

PASTOR KATHY IS AWAY ON VACATION through January 1. She will return to the office on January 2. The elders on call are Jane Rogers and Curt Salthouse. In case of a pastoral emergency please contact one of these elders. They will know how to reach Kathy, if necessary.

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 over \$375,000. An increased budget for 2020 will enable Rumble to expand mission and ministry in 2020. Estimate of giving and Time and Talent cards for 2020 are available in the church office.