

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
November 1, 2015
All Saint's Day

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn. Before your throne we are one with a great multitude which no one could number, and in praising you we join with those from every nation. Grant to your church on earth that as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory we may profit by their example and enter with them into the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus the Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Joel Raney
with Leslie Novilla, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 34
Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
People: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: O Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
People: **I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader: Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
People: **The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

All: **Come, let us Worship God!**

+HYMN "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" No. 477
Tune: HANOVER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but

we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN Cameron Womack

ANTHEM "I Will Give You Rest" Larry Schackley
Come unto Me, all who are heavy laden, come unto Me, all who are weary in heart.
Come unto Me each one with a broken spirit, and I will give you rest.
Come unto Me, see that My yoke is easy. Come unto Me, feel that My burden is light.
Come unto Me, My mercy endures forever, and I will give you rest.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Revelation 7:9-17; p. 235

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 12:1-3; p. 212

SERMON "The Balcony People" Charlie Landreth

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed*
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+HYMN "I Sing A Song of the Saints of God" No.364
Tune: GRAND ISLE

OFFERTORY "Simple Gifts" Mark Hayes

+DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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.**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (see insert)

Communion of the People

(As you take the bread and pass it, you are invited to say to your neighbor, "The bread of life." As you pass the cup, you are invited to say, "The cup of salvation.")

Prayer After Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things; may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus the Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

+HYMN "For All the Saints" No. 526
Stanzas 1, 2, 4 Congregation, Stanza 3, Choir Tune: SINE NOMINE

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" John Carter
with Leslie Novilla, piano

+Indicates those who are able may stand.

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Welcome to Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church. We hope that you will feel welcomed in this time of worship. Our church, organized in 1887, is a member of Salem Presbytery, the Synod of Mid-Atlantic, and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Leading worship: Charlie Landreth, Interim Pastor; Cameron Womack, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Laurel Kiker, Acolyte; Curt and Alice Salthouse, Emily and Morgan Smith; Ushers and Greeters; John Calvin, Audrey Gurkin, Buz Helms, Misty Mayfield, Joanie Shirley, Elders serving Communion

Child care is provided for children ages infant through 5 years old during worship in the Keys Church Nursery area downstairs, staffed by Michelle Knoud and Hannah Peterson.
Volunteer NEXT Sunday: Anita Henderson

Children's Church: After "Time with the Children", all children ages K-2nd grade are invited to follow our adult leaders to the Butterfly Classroom upstairs for their own worship time. Children may be picked up by their families in the classroom after worship (from the lobby, take the stairs or the elevator to the top floor). **Volunteers NEXT Sunday: Wes and Lynne Waugh**

The flowers today are given to honor Jean Baskin who has graciously taken responsibility of the flower committee and designed beautiful flowers for our sanctuary, by Max and Ellen Gregory.

You are invited to stay next Sunday for Second Sunday Lunch as we enjoy our chili cook-off. Join us to sample different chili recipes and vote on your favorite.

Don Saunders is leading a Sunday School class on the "**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**" at 9:45 a.m. today and November 8. They will meet in the upstairs classroom.

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal

We are almost at our goal! Help us make it to 200 by ordering your hymnal today. So far we have raised \$3,575.00 or 143 Hymnals. Don't delay and get your order in today. You can find order envelopes in the pew rack.

Clearing out your pantry before leaving town? Please remember **Blowing Rock Food Pantry**. Canned meats, peanut butter, toothpaste and toiletry items are always needed. Look for the grocery cart located inside the back door on Sundays and place your donations there.

Rumble Membership – If you are interested in Rumble membership as an active or affiliate member, we invite you to speak with the pastor or contact him at cl291@aol.com or 295-7675. Members are received by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or by transfer of church letter.

The Congregational Survey data is in and the Transition Team has composed a synopsis. You can pick one up in the narthex or in the display case.

Salt Shakers Lunch Bunch Sign-up – The Lunch Bunch meets at noon at various restaurants each month and the Dinner Group meets for dinner or Sunday brunch in member homes each month. It is a great way to enjoy good food, meeting new friends and wonderful fellowship. You will find sign-up forms in the pew pads and display case.

It's time to order Christmas gifts of Poinsettias and/or donate to the Music fund for Guest Instrumentalists. Information and order forms are available in the pew rack. Look for the green card.

Be An Elder Elf! The Elderberry Tree is a Rumble mission designed to supply elders in our community with food, clothing, and other essentials during the Christmas season. We must have boxes, tissue and wrapping paper for our "Wrapping Party" on December 3. We currently have over 30 elders so we need many of these supplies! You can bring anything to the church and leave it in Cameron Womack's office.

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

During the month of September most of the congregation have completed their stewardship forms and sent them in. If you have not returned your form, please return it to the church by mail or drop it in the offering plate as soon as possible. The Session and Committees use these forms to plan Rumble's mission and programs for 2016. If you need another form, there are blank forms with return envelopes on the display table in the hallway between the sanctuary and offices or call Hazel Smithey at 828-295-7675 and she will mail one to you.

In case of inclement weather, you can find out about any cancellations of our worship or other Sunday activities on our church website (rumplechurch.org) or by going to ncweatherclosings.com on Raysweather.com. Always use your judgement in deciding whether you wish to venture out on days with snow and ice.

It's nearly November and the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) has been working diligently with the Mission Study Team (MST) to complete the Mission Study. This will be available for prospective pastors to review and learn more about our church. The 25 plus page document has been submitted to Session for their initial review and for review by our church committees for completeness. This thorough study, and church snapshot, has allowed us to begin completing the Ministry Information Form (MIF) which we hope to post on the PCUSA website in January. At this point we will be matched with pastors desiring a call and we will also receive Pastor's Information Forms (PIF) from others who find us to be a good fit for them. Then, the work really begins. We will review an anticipated 100 PIFs and begin to narrow our search to a smaller group. We will visit churches, conduct phone interviews, Skype others, hear sermons in a neutral church, and interview face-to-face. Please pray for our Committee that we will discern the person whom God has selected just for us. It is our desire to call a Pastor who will embrace us all, nurture our faith, and lead us well into the future.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving for All Saints Sunday

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth,

we praise you, O God.

For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely, and died in faith, who still are shining lights in the world,

we praise you, O God.

For those no longer remembered, who earnestly sought you in darkness, who held fast their faith in trial, and served others,

we praise you, O God.

For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and especially for those members of Rumples Presbyterian Church who have, in the year just past, finished their race and are now at rest with you.

We give you thanks, O God, and for these your servants,

we praise you, O God.

Keep us grateful for their witness and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

The Choir Will Sing

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We remember and hold fast to Christ's examples of faith and life as the saints before us have done. We remember his living among outcasts and sinners, his concern for the poor, his life of prayer and worship, and his teachings about your love.

But chiefly we remember his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again to raise us and all the faithful departed to live together eternally in fellowship with him in his heavenly kingdom.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the body and blood of him who is the hope and salvation of the living and the dead. Send your Holy Spirit upon us also that we might know his presence in these gifts, and through them, be united in prayer and praise with all those who have gone before us.

We are bold to pray now as our Lord has taught us, saying,

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 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