

The Order of Service for the Worship of God  
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church  
November 15, 2015  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O patient and ever-present God, shake us from the slumber of apathy and routine, and awaken us to the promise of this day, fresh and full of possibility. Ground us in your presence and steadfast love; center us in the knowledge of your grace. Kindle in us a new excitement for this awesome journey to which you call us. In the name of Jesus Christ, who is himself the journey, and the guide. 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 "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus/On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

Adult Handbell Choir Arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 70

Leader: Lord, throughout our days we have sought you.

**People: And you have enabled us to find you.**

Leader: We have called upon you in troubled times.

**People: And you have always been our refuge and hope.**

Leader: We have come to rejoice and be glad in your presence,

**People: To celebrate the good news of your salvation!**

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

+HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 464

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, your judgments are true, your wisdom unsearchable, your compassion unailing. You are worthy of our complete trust and confidence, but, the truth is, we prefer to put faith in ourselves and in our own plans and agenda. We are blind to our foolishness. We are deluded in our desire to be in control. We are impatient, unprepared for what truly matters, and focused instead on petty concerns. Forgive us, Lord, for our schemes and manipulations. Grant us grace to look for you with**

**anticipation and joy. Renew us to walk as your saints. Restore us to yourself and to one another, for the sake of Christ we pray. Hear now our silent prayers 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

"Day of Arising"

Susan Palo Cherwien, Carl Schalk

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.

When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,  
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken, This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:  
when the church gathers, when bread is broken, There Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.

Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 130; p. 542

SECOND LESSON

1 Kings 19:9-18; p. 311

SERMON

"What Are You Doing Here?"

Charlie Landreth

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' 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 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" No.379  
Tune: SOLID ROCK

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.**

OFFERTORY "After the Harvest" Lani Smith

+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.**

**WE GO TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD**

+HYMN "Go with Us, Lord" No. 535  
Tune: TALLIS' CANON

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Jesus Love Me" Jolene Boyd

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+Indicates those who are able may stand.

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Welcome to Ruple 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; Cullie Tarleton, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Glen and Linda Liesegang, Chad, Sutton and Lillon Henline; Ushers and Greeters

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: Laura Carter**

Children's Church: After "Time with the Children", all children ages K-2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Jerry and Mary Hutchens**

The flowers today are given in celebration of the marriage of Eliza Peebles and Evan Hill whose wedding was held here yesterday.

The rose on the Communion table celebrates the birth on November 10 of Daniel Nolan Scherger, son of Sarah and Luke Scherger and grandson of Jane Rogers.

**The Pictorial Directories** are in! If you had your photo taken for the directory this summer, you can pick up your copy from the pew beside the workroom.

The Missions Committee would like to thank the Ruple family for their support of the 2015 **Alternative Gift Fair**. A total of \$3325 was raised at the event. Our community partners are most appreciative to have the opportunity to share about their programs and be the recipient of a gift that is given to those we love. Norma Suddreth's beautiful cards are still available for purchase. The price is \$4.00 each or \$15.00 for four. Betty Womack and Rita White will be in the lobby today should you like to purchase.

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

**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 in the pew racks or display case in the lobby.

### **Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal**

Thank you for helping us meet our goal of 200 hymnals! If you still wish to purchase a hymnal, please use the envelopes in the pew rack. The deadline to order is Nov. 22.

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.

**Congregational Care** – If you or someone you know in the congregation would like a visit from the pastor or someone else from the church, please share this information with the Pastor, Jim Ruff, Elder chair of Congregational Care, or contact the Church 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 Ruple'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.

#### Sunday 11/15

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
2:00 Funeral – J. Watson  
5:00-6:30 Youth Group (YC)

#### Monday 11/16

4:00 Finance Committee (L)

#### Tuesday 11/17

2:00 Circle 2 – Mary Lentz

#### Wednesday 11/18

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)  
2:30-4:30 KICKS/Fusion  
6:00 Handbell choir  
7:00 Sanctuary choir

#### Sunday 11/22

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
4:40-5:30 Youth Group

#### Monday 11/23

6:00 Session (RH)

#### Wednesday 11/25

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)  
6:00 Handbell choir  
7:00 Sanctuary choir

#### Happy Thanksgiving

## Elderberry Tree 2015

The Elderberry Tree was started in 2011 to address the needs of the elderly in our community during the holiday season. It started with just a few elderly but has grown and the Elderberry Tree hopes to help 30 individuals during this Christmas Season.

### Ways you can be an Elder Elf...

Donate through Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church\*

Donate Food Cards\*\*

gift boxes, wrapping paper, gift tags\*\*

presents on Saturday, December 5 at Rumble

Help pass out presents and meet elders Saturday Dec 12

Pray for our elders

Donate  
Help wrap

\*Donations should be made to Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church with "Elderberry Tree" in the Memo

\*\*Any donations can be taken to Rumble and given to Cameron Womack



## The Angel Tree

The members of Rumble have been especially generous for many years in helping provide Christmas cheer to those children and families who are in special need of our love and care.

**The Angel Tree** with the names, ages, and clothing sizes of children needing our help will be displayed in the church lobby beginning on Sunday, November 22. We hope you will choose an angel, purchase and wrap gifts, and return the gifts to the upstairs classroom #4, (Grades 3 and 4) by Wednesday, December 9 so that they can be distributed to families. You will also have the opportunity to buy a food/grocery gift card for a family. Please be sure to sign your name and phone number on the clipboards beside the name and number of the child and/or family you choose.

Any questions may be directed to Susan Suddreth at 263-0821 or Teresa Lentz at 295-3276. Thank you for your support of this special tradition of giving by our church family!

