

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
November 29, 2015
First Sunday in Advent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Most gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your deep peace. Take from us all weariness of spirit. Hush the anxieties that shout in our minds. Release us from bondage to irritations that deplete our energy. Prepare us now to receive your living Word with joy through 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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" Chris Rice

CALL TO WORSHIP Lighting of the Advent Candle Youth Group

Leader: Faithful God, out of death you bring life. Renew us in hope, that we may be alert to the growing of Christ's advent among us.

All: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come. Amen.

+HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 2
Tune: HYFRYDOL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, let us make our silent prayer of confession.....

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

+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 Darby Teander

ANTHEM "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Joseph M. Martin
Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand. Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand Christ our God to earth descending, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood. Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood. He will give to all the faithful bread of life for heav'nly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light descendeth from realms of endless day that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away, as the shadows clear away. At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with watchful eye, veil their faces to the Presence, as with endless voice they cry.

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High! Alleluia, Lord Most High!

Alleluia, Lord Most High! Alleluia!"

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16; p. 693

SECOND LESSON Luke 21: 25-26; p. 80

SERMON "Waiting With Hope" 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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No.9
Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

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 "Beautiful Savior/I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Anne Marie David

+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

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No.210

Tune: ST. ANNE

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

Lani Smith

+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; Don Saunders, Liturgist; Evan Adair, Guest Choir Director, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Austin Dyer, Acolyte; The Liesegang Family, 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: Shirley Harris

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: Lou Moore, Susan Kiker / Youth Helpers**

It's Pennies for Hunger offering Sunday. This offering, collected on the last Sunday of the month, supports the ministries and programs of Salem Presbytery which help those who are hungry. Our presbytery has collected over three million dollars since 1989.

Advent Devotionals are available in the display case. Pick up one today to use at home. Today is the first Sunday in Advent.

Tonight we will have an **Advent Workshop and Stone Soup Supper** at 5:30 in the fellowship hall. All are welcome! Come make a wreath for your home or to give to someone, and bring a canned food item for the Stone Soup. Please register by emailing Cameron Womack or sign up on her office door. Bring your base from last year, (new ones will be provided) and candles can be purchased for \$8/set.

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 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.

Rumble has named 2016 **The Year of the Bible**. The congregation is challenged to read the entire Bible in one year. There is more information on the bulletin board by the display case. Fill out a commitment card and pick up a booklet for \$6.00. Throughout 2016, special events and notices will encourage you to stay on track. If you need additional information, please see Cameron Womack. Will you take the challenge?

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 for donations.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER 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. If you need another form, there are blank forms with return envelopes on the display table in the hallway or call Hazel Smithey at 828-295-7675 and she will mail one to you.

Rumble's website has had a facelift. Check out the new look at www.rumplechurgh.org.

Sunday 11/29

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship – Pennies for Hunger
5:30 Advent Workshop/Stone Soup Supper

Tuesday 12/1

6:00 Circle 1 (RH)

Wednesday 12/02

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)
12:00 Circle 5 – Lunch
2:30-4:30 KICKS/Fusion
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Saturday 12/5

10:00-2:00 Elderberry Tree Wrapping Party

Sunday 12/6 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship

Tuesday 12/8

7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast (YC)

Wednesday 12/9

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

Thursday 12/10

5:30 Christian Education Committee (RH)