

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
December 6, 2015
Second Sunday in Advent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us. God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us. God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us. God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the centre, the focus of our lives always, and particularly this Advent time. 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 "A Christmas Offering" Bethany K. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP Lighting of the Advent Candle
Beau Stanley and Sarah Renshaw

Leader: God of hope, Prince of Peace, you speak peace into the world in the way of the Christ child. Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we may be called children of God.

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

+HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 8
Tune: TRURO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You witness the sorts of lives we lead, all-knowing God. Asked to share the gospel of hope, we place it on our to-do list instead. Given the chance to cry out for justice for others, we fall strangely silent. Invited to pray with joy in every moment, we prefer to grumble about every insignificant thing in our lives. Have mercy on us, God of grace, and prepare our hearts for Your forgiveness to have its way in them. Fill us with Your hope so we might lighten the shadows of others. Help us to join the choirs of children in singing of Your joy. Transform us with that tender mercy who is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is our witness. We have spoken of our lives and been forgiven of every mistake we have made, every hurt we have caused.

People: We are held in God's heart, not only on this day, but all the days of our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

+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 "Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" 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! Beautiful is her Child! Has ten now good folk of the village, has ten 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! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah, Hallelujah, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Malachi 3:1-4; p. 838

SECOND LESSON Luke 3:1-6; p. 56

SERMON "A Turn in the Road....." 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 "Prepare the Way" No.13
Tune: BEREDEN VAG FÖR HERRAN

OFFERTORY "Bethlehem Night" James Southbridge

+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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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....

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.

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

Eternal God, we thank you for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us into the world in peace for we have seen, have heart, and been fed by your grace. Keep us faithful and alert for signs of Christ's coming and lead us to live lives marked by truth and light, so that we may eat and drink together in your eternal dominion of hope, peace, joy and love. Amen.

WE GO TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

+HYMN "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" No.15
Tune: LLANGLOFFAN

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "As We Depart" Robert W. Thygerson

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; Evan Adair, Interim Choir Director, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Lillon Henline, Belicia Schoonover, Acolytes; Wayne and Kathryn Holliday, Mike and Becky Steele, Ushers and Greeters; Wayne Holliday, Bill Magee, Jewel Magee, Carolyn Nelson, Donna Whitt, 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: Stephanie Hankins

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: No Children's Church**

Please remember that all Angel Tree gifts and the family food cards should be returned to the church by Wednesday December 9. The gifts may be put upstairs in classroom #4.

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

Everyone is invited to a special event on Sunday December 13 at 5:30. We will begin with a **Spontaneous Christmas Pageant** in the Sanctuary and conclude with a covered dish meal in the fellowship hall. The Fellowship Committee will provide the meat for our meal.

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.

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.

The Gathering will meet Friday December 11, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Town Tavern in Blowing Rock.

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.

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

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.

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

5:00 pm Service of Lessons and Carols

7:00 pm Worship with Communion

11:30 pm Candlelight Worship

All services will conclude with candle lighting. Nursery is not provided.

Sunday 12/6 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
12:00-5:00 Youth Group Service Project

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

Friday 12/11
7:00 pm The Gathering – Town Tavern BR

Sunday 12/13 – Christmas Cantata
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
5:30 White Christmas Pageant
and Covered Dish Supper

Monday 12/14
1:00 Circle 4 – Sandra Mallonee
2:00 Circle 2 – Mary Lentz

Wednesday 12/9
11:00 Staff Meeting (L)

Thursday 12/10
10:30 Prayer Shawl Group (RH)