

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
December 13, 2015
Third Sunday in Advent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal God: through long generations you prepared a way in our world for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you are still bringing the light of the gospel to darkened lives. Renew us, so that we may welcome Jesus Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of Lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. 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 Unto Us a Child Is Born" Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE
Vernon and Drew Dunn

Leader: The desert and the parched land will be glad
People: **the wilderness will rejoice and blossom**
Leader: Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
People: **It will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.** (Isaiah 35:1-2)
Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God
People: **May all the peoples praise you.**
Leader: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
People: **for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.** Psalm 67:3-4

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

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who sent a star to guide men to the holy child Jesus: we confess that we have not followed the light of your word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world, or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son's birth, and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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

Treasury Of Carols
by Joseph M. Martin, Mark Hayes and Pepper Choplin
Narration written by Carolyn Nelson

"Joy to the World"
Scripture: John 1:1-5, 14

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"
Scripture: Micah 5:2, 4-5

"How Far Is It to Bethlehem"
Scripture: Luke 2:8-15

"O Holy Night"
Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-2a, Luke 2:16

"Gesù Bambino"
Scripture: Luke 2:17-18

"Ding Dong! Merrily on High"
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-5; 9-11

OFFERTORY "As With Gladness Men of Old" Adult Choir

+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.

"Silent Night" Adult Choir

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Masters In This Hall”

Mark Hayes

+Indicates those who are able may stand.

Staff

Charlie Landreth, Interim Pastor, cl291@aol.com

Cameron Womack, Director of Christian Education, cameronwomack@outlook.com

David McCollum, Director of Music, mccollumd63@gmail.com

Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist, asbelljc@appstate.edu

Natasha Schoonover, Ministerial Intern, natasha.schoonover@duke.edu, 295-8559

Hannah Peterson, Nursery Attendant, h.petersonnn@gmail.com

Michelle Knoud, Nursery Attendant

Hazel Smithey, Secretary rmpc123@bellsouth.net

Darby Teander, Youth Intern

Heather Sigmon, Sexton

Billie Hicklin, Clerk of Session

www.rumplechurch.org

Welcome to Rumple 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; Evan Adair, Interim Choir Director, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Maggie Cheves, Acolyte; David, Vivian and Brianna Meadows, Ushers and Greeters; Susan Kiker, Alice Salthouse, Jimmy Smith, Jeff Stewart, Don Saunders; Narrators

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: Teresa Lentz

Children's Church: No Children's Church today. **Volunteers NEXT Sunday: Jim and Carolyn Nelson**

Everyone is invited to a special event today 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.

The annual PC(USA) Joy Gift offering will be received next Sunday. The money raised supports those who have dedicated their lives in service to the church. A description of the offering and envelopes will be provided next Sunday.

Advent Devotionals are available in the display case. Pick up one to use at home.

Rumple Membership – If you are interested in Rumple 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.

Rumple has named 2016 **The Year of the Bible**. The congregation is challenged to read the entire Bible in one year. Already 32 of you have taken the challenge. Stop by the table in the church lobby after worship for more information, to sign up and order a participant's book for \$6.00. 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.

The deadline for submitting for the **January 2016 Slate and Stone** is December 21.

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.

Congratulations to Sarah Renshaw who graduated with a Master of Music Therapy yesterday from Appalachian State University. Be sure to congratulate Sarah when you see her!

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.

Rumple'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.

The Church Offices will be closed Monday, December 28.

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 12/16

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)

2:30-3:30 KICKS and Fusion
Music Rehearsals

Sunday 12/20

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

12:15 Worship Committee (L)

Monday 12/21

4:00 Finance Committee (L)

Wednesday 12/23

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)

Thursday 12/24 Christmas Eve

5:00 Service of Lessons and Carols

7:00 Worship with Communion

11:30 Candlelight Worship