

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
December 20, 2015
Fourth Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord our God, in your dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, you have given us none other than yourself, that we may wholly belong to you. This affects all of us, and none of us has deserved this. What remains for us to do but wonder, to rejoice, to be thankful, and to hold fast to what you have done for us. We ask you to let this be the case for this hour, among us and in all of us! Let us become a proper Christmas community in honest, open, and willing praying and singing, speaking and hearing. 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.**

INTROIT "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Jill Jackson Miller
KICKS Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP and LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Kirkland Family

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

People: We are inheritors of the promises made long ago to our ancestors.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

People: From across the street, from halfway around the world, God brings us home to the heart of grace.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

People: Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers, we are those redeemed by God.

All: Come, let us Worship God!

+HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 31
Tune: MENDELSSOHN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us and redeems us!

God prepares the way for us – the way to grace, to hope.

+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 Mike Steele

ANTHEM "Gesu Bambino" Mark Hayes

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced. And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced: "O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.". Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light, ev'ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell, the grateful chorus swell. From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell, that we with Him might dwell. O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. O come, let us adore Him, Ah! Come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him. Christ the Lord.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Micah 5:1-5; p. 815

SECOND LESSON Luke 1:46-55; p. 53

SERMON "Called by a New Name" Natasha Schoonover

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

BAPTISMAL ANTHEM SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Water of Baptism

Introduction of Noah and Daniel

Hymn "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

No. 498

Tune: KINGDOM

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

+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

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

No.23

Tune: GLORIA

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

+Indicates those who are able may stand.

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: Natasha Schoonover, Ministerial Intern; Charlie Landreth, Liturgist; Evan Adair, Interim Choir Director, Sanctuary Choir; Elizabeth Hill, Guest Accompanist; Belicia Schoonover, Acolyte; Mike and Becky Steele, Janice Burns, Kim Rogers, 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: Sylvia Tarleton

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**

Today we baptize Noah Samuel and Daniel Nolan Scherger, children of Sarah and Luke Scherger and grandsons of Jane Rogers.

The annual PC(USA) Joy Gift offering will be received today. When you give to the Christmas Joy Offering, you are faithfully keeping those promises by supporting church workers through assistance in their time of need and cultivating racial ethnic education and leadership development.

The 2015 **Angel Tree** was a great success thanks to the overwhelming love and generosity of Rumble members and friends. We were able to have gifts for 41 children from 18 families and provided food gift cards to those families. Our community continues to be blessed by the support and efforts of our church.

The **Elderberry Tree** distributed gifts to 31 elders on Saturday, December 12. We would like to thank all the Elder Elves who helped stuff stockings, wrap presents, and gave food cards. This is a wonderful mission that is extremely important to the elderly in our community who struggle with those things we take for granted. Please pray for their health and well-being throughout the year.

Rumble has named 2016 **The Year of the Bible**. The congregation is challenged to read the entire Bible in one year. Already 40 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?

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.

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

Rumble's website has had a facelift. Check out the new look at www.rumplechurgh.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 12/20

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

Sunday 12/27

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

Monday 12/28 – Church Offices closed

Wednesday 12/30

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)