

The Order of Service for the Worship of God  
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church  
January 3, 2016  
Second Sunday after Christmas Day

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, on this Sunday nearest the day your church celebrates Epiphany, help us to be as persistent in our dedication as the wise men of old who sought out the Christ child. As we bow in reverence before you, please receive our expressions of gratitude for Christ, for life, for family, for friends and for the privilege of worshipping you. Through Christ the Savior. 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather wondering "Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?"

**People: We will find the Babe in the laughter of children,  
in the wisdom of grandparents.**

Leader: We gather asking, "where will we find the Child of Christmas?"

**People: We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope,  
where the oppressed are set free.**

Leader: We gather wanting to know,  
"where will we find the Christ who has come for us"?

**People: We will find our hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace,  
where hatred is overwhelmed by love,  
where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

+HYMN "The First Nowell" No. 56  
Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of eternal hope, you place a light into every darkness and a star in every sky, and yet we prefer to walk in the darkness of despair and worry. We cover over the light of possibility with a flurry of worry. We walk bent over with care and concern and miss the reach of the stars. We fear the worst and distrust the best. We forge ahead on our own, not noticing**

**your outstretched hand. We forget that there is never a moment that you are not with us, that your Son was called Immanuel, which means "God with us" You bring a candle of hope, the light of peace, the radiance of joy. Shine your light on our path and lead us into your future.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: O God, you cleanse us from our hidden faults, and through the love of Christ and light of the Holy Spirit you offer us salvation each new day.

**All: 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

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

No. 63

Tune: DIX

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-9; p. 649

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12; p. 1

SERMON

"Home By Another Way"

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

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

No.68

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great 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 Lord our God.

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

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

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united  
us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your  
eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to  
your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

+HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

No.322

Tune: LIVING GOD

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

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+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: Charlie Landreth, Interim Pastor; Cameron Womack, Liturgist, Evan Adair, Guest Choir Director, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Maggie Cheves, Acolyte; Curt and Alice Salthouse, Morgan and Emily Smith Ushers and Greeters; Jill Hauser, Doug and Mary Holstein, Curt and Alice Salthouse, 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: Janice Burns**

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: Darby Teander and Youth**

The flowers today are given by Deatra Younce and Charlie Sellers in celebration of their marriage.

**Second Sunday Luncheon** The Second Sunday Luncheon immediately following worship on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> will be serving a baked potato and baked sweet potato bar and salad. Plan to attend and enjoy great food and fellowship.

**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](mailto: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. Already 50 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?

**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.

Rumble's website has had a facelift. Check out the new look at [www.rumplechurch.org](http://www.rumplechurch.org).

**Our 2016 Flower Chart Is Up!** Be the first to choose a special Sunday in which to give flowers for worship in honor or in memory of a loved one or special event. Look for the chart on the bulletin board beside Hazel's desk in the lobby.

A **Rumble Grief Support Group** meeting will be held today immediately following worship in the Rumble House. Join us for food and fellowship. We will provide lasagna and ask that you bring salad, bread, drinks or desserts.

**The 2016 pledge envelopes** are available to pick up. They are in the display case in the lobby in numerical order.

Thank you to everyone who gave the pretty poinsettias and please take one home with you today.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Sunday 01/03/2016

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
12:00 Grief Support Group Luncheon - RH  
4:00 Wedding – D. Younce

### Wednesday 1/6/2016

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

### Sunday 01/10/2016

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
12:00 Second Sunday Lunch - FH

### Monday 1/11/2016

12:00 Circle 4 – Bistro Roca

### Wednesday 1/6/2016

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

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