

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
March 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, we embark on this Lenten journey grateful for your presence along the way. Walk alongside us to call us to repentance, to woo us from our idols, to open our eyes to our neighbor in need, to guide us in the way of sacrifice. Meet us in our fears and joys alike and sustain us in our weakness. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that these 40 days might become for us a journey that renews our hope, strengthens our faith and prepares us for the agony of the cross as well as the new life of resurrection. 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.**

MINUTE FOR CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Jim Ruff

INTROIT

“Lamb of God”
Daisy Coffey, Riley Kiker, Molly Kirkland

Twila Paris

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let your lives witness to Christ's love.
People: And may our words bring reconciliation.
Leader: Let your thoughts be of peace.
People: And our touch bring healing.
Leader: Let your actions count for justice,
People: And may our faith be a sign of hope.
Leader: Let our time of worship here and now be a true blessing
for us all and restore joy and praise to our lives.
All: Let us worship God.

+HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

No. 475
Tune: NETTLETON

PRAYER OF LENTON CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We can be timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. We have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward our enemies and friends and have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our timidity and our selfishness. Help us to be shaped and reshaped by your willing-to-risk-all Love. In Jesus' name we offer our silent prayers of confession.....

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURURANCE 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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Lou Moore

ANTHEM

“Poor Wayfaring Stranger”
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Victor Johnson

*I'm just a poor wayfarin' stranger a trav'lin' through this world of woe,
but there's no sickness, toil, or danger in that bright world to which I go.
I'm goin' there to see my mother; I'm goin' there no more to roam.
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan; I'm just a-goin' over home.*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 32; p. 479

SECOND LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; p. 73

COMMUNION MEDITATION

“Purpose”

Charlie Landreth

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Together, as the body of Christ, we affirm and declare Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, the Word of God in flesh, the love of God personified, the mercy of God in action, the power of God at work. In his extraordinary incarnation, life, death and resurrection, Jesus lived in perfect

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; Natasha Schoonover, Liturgist, Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Lillon Henline, Acolyte; Mike and Becky Steele, Molly Kirkland, Noah Schoonover, Ushers and Greeters; Charlie Landreth, Lou Moore, Jackie Kirkland, Danny Kirkland, 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: Jackie Kirkland

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: Jerry and Mary Hutchens**

The flowers today are given in honor of the *Pastor Nominating Committee* with appreciation for their hard work and commitment, by Tim and Shirley Harris.

There are forms in the pew pads and display case that you may use to choose a special Sunday to give the flowers for the sanctuary.

The Year of the Bible: Question (1) When a plague of serpents strikes the people as retribution for their sin, what does Moses do to bring them relief? (2) In Israel, could a father's inheritance ever pass to his daughters? Answers will be in next Sunday's bulletin. The answers to last week's questions are (1) The tribe of Levi is given responsibility for the Tabernacle. (Num. 1:47-54) (2) Miriam is struck with leprosy because she, in jealousy, speaks against Moses. (Num. 12).

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.

Congregational Care - Medical Supplies are available in the "Loaner Closet": walkers, crutches, bedside commodes, raised toilet seats, cervical collars and reachers.

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will hold its Annual Spring Tour on Friday and Saturday, April 1-2, in the village of Flat Rock and in the historic towns of Mills River and Hendersonville. We will meet Friday noon at the Carl Sandburg Home in Flat Rock and will visit a number of historic churches in the area. Please join us for a memorable tour. Registration is \$20. The schedule, registration form, and address are on our website at www.ncphsociety.org, or contact Program Chair Sam Martin at (910) 428-4165.

Sunday 3/6/2016

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
12:15 Confirmation (ACU)
2:00 Youth Group to Center 45

Monday 3/7/2016

6:00 Circle 1 (RH)

Tuesday 3/8/2016

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

Wednesday 3/09/2016

11:00 Staff Meeting
2:30-4:30 KICKS/Fusion
6:00 Handbell Choir
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday 3/10/2016

10:30 Prayer Shawl Group (RH)

Sunday 3/13/2016

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
12:00 Second Sunday Lunch
 APPFaith Health Program
12:15 Confirmation (ACU)
4:00 Middle School Youth Group (YC)
5:30 High School Youth Group (YC)

Monday 3/14/2016

12:00 Circle 4 – Town Tavern

Wednesday 3/16/2016

11:00 Staff Meeting
2:30-4:30 KICKS/Fusion
6:00 Handbell Choir
7:00 Sanctuary Choir