

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
September 25, 2016
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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 STEWARDSHIP Danny Kirkland

MINUTE FOR NOMINATIONS Donna Whitt

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prelude I from The Well-Tempered Clavier Book I
J.S. Bach

+CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 27 Breanna Meadows, Liturgist
Liturgist: The Lord is my light and my salvation - so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble.

People: The one thing I ask of the Lord – the thing I seek most – is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord and meditating in his Temple.

Liturgist: For the Lord will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock.

People: At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy, singing and praising the Lord with music.

+HYMN OF PRAISE **“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”** No. 385
(Psalm 100) Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION Liturgist

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of amazing grace, you have asked us to give of ourselves, wholly and completely. We have heard your call and have responded with great affirmation and joy. Yet there are times when we fall short. Times when we forget. Times when we focus on the wrong things. Times when we put our money and our resources into our earthly possessions and not into a church that you have created and blessed. Help us to have faith, O God.

Help us to give through that faith. Help us to be blessed by that faith. In Christ we pray, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

+KYRIE **“Lord Have Mercy”** (sung responsively) Cantor, Evan Adair
Lord Have Mercy.... Christ Have Mercy..... Lord Have Mercy

WORDS OF ASSURANCE from Romans 5:1

Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

+ASSURANCE HYMN **“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”** No. 582
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. Tune: GLORY TO GOD

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN Maggie Lauterer

ANTHEM “I Often Dance” Keith Hibbs, Gary Hallquist
I often dance in celebration, my heart leaps, my spirit sings.
He is my source of jubilation, I will soar on eagle's wings.
I often dance with wide-eyed wonder through troubled times on wounded feet.
No stormy wave can pull me under, hope sustains the steady beat.
He turns my sorrow into dancing, I will sing and not be silent,
I will praise Him with the dance.
I often dance with love and laughter, splashing in His showers of grace.
Weep for a night, but joy comes after, gently lifting me in His embrace.
I often dance with all creation, the steps of Life I love to learn,
I dance with great anticipation for the bridegroom will return. *

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 17: 22-24; p.737

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:31-32; p.14

SERMON “Big cedar...or a bonsai?” Rev. Maggie Lauterer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE **“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”** No 700
Tune: I'M GONNA LIVE

+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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

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 "Adore and Be Still" Charles Gounod, arr. Lani Smith

+DOXOLOGY "*Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*" (Verse 3 No. 712)

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love all along life's way. O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day, and in the peace you give which passes our understanding. Having received so much, we offer all we have, our time, talents and money for your kingdom. Bless these gifts for the work of your church. In Christ we pray, Amen.

+HYMN "*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*" No 716

Verse 1 and 3 Tune: BEACH SPRING

BLESSING FOR HARVEST CELEBRATION DINNER (choir)

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY Hymn Improvisation

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+Indicates those who are able may stand.

Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church Blowing Rock, NC



This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will take a branch from the top of a tall cedar, and I will plant it on the top of Israel's highest mountain. It will become a majestic cedar, sending forth its branches and producing seed. - Ezekiel 17:22-23

RUMPLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church! Visitors, we hope that you will feel welcomed in your time with us today. We hope you will fill in the card in the pew so we can be in touch with you. Our church was organized in 1887 and is a member of Salem Presbytery, Synod of Mid-Atlantic in the Presbyterian Church USA. If you have any questions, our pastor and elders will be glad to help you.

Leading worship: Rev. Maggie Lauterer, Interim Pastor; Breanna Meadows, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Maggie Cheves, Acolyte; Gaines, Susan, Riley and Laurel Kiker, 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 Kelly Ginsberg and Claire Denness.
Volunteer NEXT Sunday: Ann Rhyme

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: Jimmy and Debora Smith**

The flowers today are given by her family in love and memory of Anne McBryde who died September 18.

The roses on the Communion table celebrate the birth on September 1 of Beau and Annsleigh Greene. The parents are Ashley and Chad Greene, grandparents are R.L. and Susan Suddreth.

The Pennies for Hunger offering is being received today. This monthly offering supports the hunger ministries of Salem Presbytery.

Keep in your prayers...Charles Cawthorne, Nancy Trexler, Susan Wilson in the death of her father, Brian Womack's brother, Jay Womack; Bill Thorn's brother, Walter; Debra Norville's mother, Delores; Jim Burgess home from rehabilitation, Molly Bowden. Please contact Hazel that we may list other prayer concerns.

This week Don Saunders continues the 6-week course "The Church and Politics" for the Lunch and Learn series, 11:30-1:00 on Tuesdays.

Covenant Bible Study continues today at 3:00 in the church library. The first 6-week segment is called *Creating* and explores the creation of God's covenant. All are welcome to join in at any time.

The Nominating Committee would like to solicit your suggestions for members of the Session Class of 2019. We recognize the contributions that so many people make to the ministry of this church both as officers, committee members, and outside the formal structure. Please be involved and concerned about our church's ministry by sharing your thoughts and prayers with us. Please see the insert in today's bulletin. The Nominating Committee will meet immediately after worship today.

A NEW Mission Opportunity! Rumble church will **partner with the Women's Fund of the Blue Ridge to provide coats for the Hospitality House** in October. Please bring any coats to share to the collection box in the Rumble lobby, now until October 9th. They are especially in need of larger men's and women's sizes, so if you've recently experienced weight loss, this is your opportunity to clean your closet! Help keep your brothers and sisters in Christ warm this winter!

Your Pastor Nominating Committee has closed the window for accepting new Pastor Information Forms. We have identified several pastors with whom we are interested and have begun interviewing by Skype and we will decide upon two or three candidates to interview in person. We listen for the Spirit to call one of these to serve alongside our congregation at Rumble. We thank you for your continued prayers.

Please submit items for the October *Slate & Stone* by **Monday September 26.**

Don't miss the **Harvest Celebration Dinner** today immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Communion Class: Next Sunday, October 2 is **World Communion Sunday** and all Kindergartners – 5th graders and a parent or special adult friend are invited to a special class at 9:45 in the fellowship hall. All participants will receive a special gift to remember this occasion. Please RSVP to Cameron Womack at cameronwomack@outlook.com.

Today's Worship Notes

Today we are using a hymn from the *Dedication and Stewardship* section of our hymnal as a doxology following the offering. The word *doxology* means "an expression of praise to God, especially a short hymn sung as part of a Christian worship service".

Church Income:

Weekly Offerings at Rumble

September 4 \$7,260
September 11 \$7,955
September 18 \$3,367

This Week's Events

Sunday 9/24/2016

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
12:00 Harvest Celebration Dinner (FH)
3:00 Covenant (L)

Monday 9/26/2016

6:00 Session (RH)

Tuesday 9/27/2016

11:30-1:00 Lunch and Learn Series (L)

Wednesday 9/28/2016

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