

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
December 25, 2016
Christmas Day

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS OF PEACE

Leader: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

VOLUNTARY

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”
David Rogers, solo

Robert MacGimsey

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Don Saunders, Liturgist

Leader: The angel said “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all people. To you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

People: **His name is Jesus, which means “God is salvation”. His life changed the world. His living presence changes us today. Lift up your hearts. Rejoice! Give thanks to God!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

No. 133

Tune: ADESTE FIDELES

PRAYER OF PETITION TO THE CHRIST CHILD

Christ among us, Light of the World, heal our brokenness, and bring us to wholeness, ease our pain, and bring us hope, strength, and life. Give us new heart, new hope, and a new song, that our prayers and deeds may be one. We ask it in your holy name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE 1 Peter 1:3-4

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

All: **By his great mercy we have received an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Thanks be to God.**

+ASSURANCE HYMN

“Joy to the World” Verse 3

No. 134

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow...far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 146; p.549

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:27; p. 103

SERMON AND SONG

The Juggler's Story ...and us

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

Our Gifts for the Christ Child:

A song: “What Child Shall Come?”

Dave and son Kenton McCollum

A poem: “ *Holding* ” by Anne Weems

read by Cameron Womack

A shaped note carol “ *Sherburne* ”

Zack Allen, Kenton McCollum Maggie Lauterer

A poem: “ *Star Silver* ” by Carl Sandburg

read by Maurice Ewing

A song: “ *In the Bleak Midwinter* ”

Zack Allen

A song: “ *Shepherd's Carol* ”

Maggie Lauterer and dulcimer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

No. 132

Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the creator and giver of life, who brought all creation to birth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God born among us as a fragile little baby, embodying both love and the need for love, and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a child. We believe in the Holy Spirit breathed into us at our birth, always drawing us on to be born again, encouraging, exhorting, comforting, nourishing our growth and inspiring our living. We believe in the reconciliation of the world to God, through Christ. Hunted at birth and humiliated at death, Christ entered our fearful darkness so that we might enter his glorious light and share the life of his resurrection. And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face

of God, a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace, all living together. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. 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.

OFFERINGS OF OUR LIFE AND LABORS

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.

+*SENDING HYMN*

"Joy To the World"

No 134

Verses 1, 2, and 4

Tune: ANTIOCH

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY

+Indicates those who are able may stand.

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; Don Saunders, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Mike and Becky Steele, 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: Karen Clabough

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).

There will be no Children's Church NEXT Sunday

Keep in your prayers...Recovering from surgery: Wayne Holliday and Teresa Smith; JoAnn Jones, Nancy Trexler, Jim Burgess, Molly Bowden, Debra Norville's mother, Delores; Cecil Brandon. Please contact Hazel that we may list other prayer concerns.

Please stay after worship today and join us for Cider and Cookies in the lobby.

Salt Shakers Lunch Bunch Sign-up – The Lunch Bunch meets at noon at various restaurants each month. 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.

Slate and Stone Please send in items by December 29.

Pledge Cards – Please remember to turn in your pledge cards. If you need a card, please contact the church office.

The new pledge envelopes are here! They are on the display case in the lobby. This year's envelopes do not have dates or names, so please take one if you would like.

Weekly Offerings at Rumble in November and December

November 27 \$ 4,473
December 4 \$11,812
December 11 \$ 7,134
December 18 \$ 5,753

Sunday 12/25/2016

11:00 Worship with
special music and carols

Wednesday 12/28/2016

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Monday 12/26/2016

Church Offices will be closed

Tuesday 12/27/2016

Church Offices will be closed