

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
January 1, 2017
First Sunday after 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

PRELUDE

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us be glad and rejoice in it.**

Leader: This is the year that the Lord has begun.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning.

People: **Great is God's faithfulness.**

Leader: The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to those who seek him.

People: **Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE ***"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"*** **No. 143**

Tune: REGENT SQUARE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us come before God with our confessions and concerns. Let us pray:

UNISON CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come before you to name our new year anticipation and anxiety we all have. We take the first step on this journey into new territory. The unknowns are adventurous but challenging – what will we face? Our fear needs assurance and security only you can give us. This new year is a time we come to center ourselves in your care, O Lord, and ask that you firmly gather us in your faithful hands for the years to come. In the name of our blessed Savior we pray, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESION

+KYRIE

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Verse 1/3

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
Enfleshed, yet very God...from sin and death he saves us and lightens
every load.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *from 1 John 2:1-2*

One: My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins - - and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

+ASSURANCE HYMN ***"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*** Verse 3 **No. 132**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Tausche

ANTHEM

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

James Chadwick

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'ly song? Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid. While our hearts in love we raise. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo! *

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; p. 600

Matthew 25:34-40; p. 27

SERMON

"Yes or No?"

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE “*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*” No. 128
Tune: W ZLOBIE LEZY

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As the church, we believe God's life giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience. We believe God opens new possibilities of life for society and the world. We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation, servants of our God who bring justice and true peace among people. 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.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us thank the Lord our God.

We give our thanks and praise!

The Breaking of the Bread

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Communion is served

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Prayer of Consecration

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**+HYMN OF FAITH for the New Year (Psalm 91) No. 168
“Within Your Shelter, Loving God” (sung to St. Anne tune 687)**

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

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+Indicates those who are able may stand

RUMPLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Rumple 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; Jane Rogers, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Cullie and Sylvia Tarleton, Joe Kiker, Ushers and Greeters; Cullie Tarleton, Jim Crowell, Johnny and Brenda Lentz, Evalyn Sudderth, 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 Kelly Ginsberg and Claire Denness.

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 today. Children 7 and under may go to the nursery.**

Keep in your prayers... Curt and Alice Salthouse's newborn grandchild; Wayne Holliday, Teresa Smith, recovering from surgery; 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.

The Youth Group will go to Myers Park Presbyterian Church on January 6-8 to participate in their CROSS Mission Weekend. We have two spots open, if anyone would like to attend. Middle School youth through adults are eligible. Please contact Cameron ASAP to register.

Thanks to Jim Ruff for great photos of Advent worship. They're featured on the bulletin board by the door to the parking lot.

Ordination and installation of new elders will be part of worship on January 15.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be after worship on January 29.

The Rotary Blood Drive will be held at Rumple on Tuesday January 17. It is by appointment only and you may contact Joe Kiker at 295-6684 to make an appointment.

Poinsettias – If you purchased a poinsettia, please take one home today. Or if you would like one, please take one – they will be removed this week.

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 Rumple in December

December 4	\$11,812
December 11	\$ 7,134
December 18	\$ 5,753
December 25	\$ 5,771

Happy New Year

Sunday 1/1/2017
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship

Thursday 1/5/2017
5:30 PNC (L)

Monday 1/2/2017
Church Offices Closed
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Friday 1/6/2017
Youth Group to Myers Park

Wednesday 1/4/2017
11:00 Staff Meeting (L)
12:00 Circle 5 – Cheeseburgers
Shops on the Parkway
2:00 New Elder Training (L)
7:00 Sanctuary Choir