

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
January 8, 2017
Epiphany

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

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

Robert Lowry
Arr. Lani Smith

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Maurice Ewing, Liturgist

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come.

People: And the glory of our God has risen upon us.

Leader: Nations shall come to this light.

People: And rulers to the brightness of its dawning.

Leader: Bless the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

+**HYMN OF PRAISE** “As with Gladness Men of Old”

No. 150
Tune: DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from Joel 2*)

Liturgist

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Let us, therefore, confess our sins:

UNISON CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. 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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from Titus 2:13-14 and 2 Corinthians 9:15*)

One: Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself the people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. We are reminded in the waters of our baptisms, that this truth is made fresh and new each day.

All: Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! Amen

+ASSURANCE HYMN

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

**God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay!
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's power when we are gone astray,
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

ANTHEM

“From a Distant Home”

Hal Hopson

From a distant home the Savior we come seeking, using as our guide the star so brightly
beaming. (Refrain)

Lovely eastern star that tells us of God's morning, heaven's wondrous light, O never cease
your shining!

Glory in the highest to the Son of Heaven, and upon the earth be peace and love to all.

Glowing gold I bring the newborn babe so holy, token of his power to reign above in glory.
(Refrain)

Frankincense I bring the child of God's own choosing, token of our prayers to heaven ever
rising. (Refrain)

Bitter myrrh have I to give the infant Jesus, token of the pain that he will bear to save us.
(Refrain) *

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60:1-6; p. 649

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 2:1-12; p. 1

SERMON

“Starstruck”

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

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; Maurice Ewing, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Maggie Cheves, Acolyte; John and Eula Calvin, Mike and Ann Rhyne, 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: Linda Mauldin

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). **Volunteer NEXT Sunday: Darby Teander**

Keep in your prayers...Pat Coley, Earl Trexler, Wayne Holliday, JoAnn Jones, Nancy Trexler, Jim Burgess, Molly Bowden, Cecil Brandon. Please contact Hazel that we may list other prayer concerns.

The Youth Group is at Myers Park Presbyterian Church this weekend to participate in their CROSS Mission Weekend. They will return following worship today.

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. There will be a reception to welcome the new elders following worship.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be after worship on January 29. The 2017 budget and annual report will be given. Also, this meeting will include the Pastor Nominating Committee's nomination for our new pastor. Information about the candidate will be provided and a vote will be taken at that time.

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

The Flower Chart Would you give our flowers one Sunday in January or February? Please sign up to give flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a happy event. The new 2017 flower chart is on the wall behind the desk in the lobby, or a sign-up form can be found in the Friendship Pads in the pews.

Our Wednesday after school programs will return on January 18. If you have a child, grandchild or friend who is in Kindergarten - 8th grade, invite them to participate! To register, please contact Cameron Womack.

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 December

December 4	\$11,812
December 11	\$ 7,134
December 18	\$ 5,753
December 25	\$ 5,771
January 1	\$ 8,937

Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church Inclement Weather Policy

In the case of inclement weather, you can find out about any cancellations of our worship or Sunday activities on our church's website – rumplechurch.org or by going to ncweatherclosings.com and Raysweather.com. There may be occasions when the weather is so severe that our activities need to be cancelled. Please use your judgment in deciding whether you wish to venture out on days with snow and ice.

This Week at Rumble

Sunday 1/8/2017

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship

Thursday 1/12/2017

10:30 Prayer Shawl Group (RH)

Tuesday 1/10/2017

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

Wednesday 1/11/2017

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