

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
December 4, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent

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

OPENING ANTHEM **“Here I Am to Worship”** Tim Hughes
Jim and Elaine Crowell, Jill Hauser, Evalyn Sudderth, Dave McCollum

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

+CALL TO WORSHIP Lighting of the Advent Candle Wes, Lynne, Andie, Gigi Waugh
Leader: God of hope, Prince of Peace, you speak peace into the world in the way of
the Christ child. Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we
may be called children of God.

All God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come. Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE **“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”** **No. 93**
Tune: TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION from Hebrews 4:14-16 Sarah Stanley, Liturgist
Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and
find grace to help in time of need.

UNISON CONFESSION

**God of people who have followed you faithfully despite what their peers
deem as “right” – those who followed, like Zechariah, Elizabeth, and
Joseph – we confess that we know full well what Joseph experienced –
your calling us out into places where people living in “decency and order”
don’t tread. We, like Joseph, draw back, resistant, when you call us to
step outside society’s lines in the sand. We pray that your angel of mercy
will also come to us in our dreams, bringing your message of courage –
always courage – to be who you have called us to be: followers of Jesus
Christ. In his blessed name we pray, Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESION

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE from Romans 8:34

**Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Thanks be
to God!**

+ASSURANCE HYMN **(Melody of O Come, O Come Emmanuel)**
To God the Father, God the Son...and God the Spirit Three in One!
Praise, honor, might, and glory be...from age to age eternally. Rejoice!
Rejoice! Emmanuel...shall come to thee, O Israel.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Emily Leonard

ANTHEM

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Gustave Holst (1874-1934), arr. Albin C. Whitworth

In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, Long ago.
Our God heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign; in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed,
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus, Jesus Christ.
What can I give him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; what can I give him; Give him my heart.. *

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM OLD THE TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 12; p.157

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

according to Matthew 1:18-25; p.1

SERMON

“A Good Man in a Bad Situation”

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

“Joseph’s Song”

Tim Harris, solo

Pamela and Joseph Martin

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ 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.

OFFERINGS OF OUR LIFE AND LABORS

OFFERTORY

“All Is Well”

Michael W. Smith

+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

Great 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.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread

“Let us Break Bread Together”

Hymn No. 525

Communion served

“Come to the Table of Grace”

Hymn No. 507

Prayer of dedication

+**SENDING HYMN** **“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”** **No 543**

Tune: GREEN TYLER

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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+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; Sarah Stanley, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Maggie Cheves, Acolyte; Mike and Becky Steele, Ushers and Greeters; Mike Steele, Robert Shirley, Jill Hauser, Lou Moore, Tim Harris, 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.
Volunteer NEXT Sunday: Stephanie Hankins

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: Wes and Lynne Waugh**

Keep in your prayers... Brian and Cameron Womack in the death of Brian's brother, Jay Womack, and his father, Bill Womack; 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.

Advent Covered Dish Lunch and Christmas Carols!

Plan to stay after worship December 11 for our covered-dish church family lunch in the fellowship hall. Ham will be provided. And after lunch, we'll have Bill Thorn and Dave McCollum lead us in Christmas caroling around the piano. Thanks to the Fellowship Committee who will provide drinks and set up for lunch.

Reminder: All Angel Tree gifts and family food cards are due on Wednesday **December 7**. Many thanks for your continued generosity in helping the children and families of our community.

Advent Virtual Study: It's not too late to join in on our online Advent study. Books are \$10 and available from Cameron Womack or you can download an eBook from amazon.com. The book is "Names for the Messiah" by Walter Bruggemann. Please email Cameron that you are participating so we can be sure to include everyone in the weekly emails.

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.

Advent Season

- On **December 11** the children provide special music during worship followed by a covered dish lunch and carol singing.
- **December 18** the choir will present ***A Festival of Lessons and Carols*** at the 11:00 worship
- **Christmas Eve** services include a 5:00 p.m. worship which will include a children's nativity and a 7:00 p.m. worship with Communion.
 - We will also have an 11:00 service on **Christmas Day**.

Share these events with your friends and family and come celebrate the season at Rumble!

Dave McCollum continues an eight-week study of the Book of Psalms. The class will run through December 11th and meet in the choir room. We will discuss the role the Psalms have played in Christian worship and the individual prayer life of Christians and Jews for the past three thousand years. We begin with an overview of the Psalms and move to sessions that focus on one or two Psalms. Come next week and join in at 9:30-10:30.

The bulletin cover – For the first three Sundays of Advent, we will be visiting with three of the family members of the newborn Jesus – his cousin Elizabeth today, his father Joseph next week, and his mother Mary on December 11. Zack Allen (our pastor's husband), has spent hours preparing the bulletin covers by using pieces of great art depicting those members of Jesus' human family. Thank you, Zack, for your contribution to our worship. Also special thanks to members who contributed for these special Advent bulletins.

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

Weekly Offerings at Rumble in October and November

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| October 23 | \$5,300 | November 13 | \$6,705 |
| October 30 | \$5,153 | November 20 | \$3,703 |
| November 6 | \$7,672 | November 27 | \$4,473 |

Sunday 12/4/2016

9:30 Psalms Study (Choir Room)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
4:00 Middle School Youth
5:00 High School Youth

Tuesday 12/6/2016

10:00 Christian Ed Comm. (L)

Wednesday 12/7/2016

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

Thursday 12/8/2016

10:30 Prayer Shawl Group (RH)