

The Order of Service for the Worship of God  
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church  
January 22, 2017  
Third Sunday after 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 "What Wondrous Love is This?" arr. Joel Raney

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

+CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 34

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My Soul makes its boast in the Lord; Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: O magnify the Lord within me and let us exalt his name together!

People: **O taste and see that the Lord is good: happy are those who take refuge in him.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" No. 35  
Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION from I John 1:8

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess before our God:

UNISON CONFESSION

**O gracious Lord and creator of our souls, hear our prayer. We confess that we have heard you call by the lakeshore, calling us to follow you to be fishers of your people, but we have forgotten the basics of fishing laid out by Micah – 'to do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with our God'. Forgive us for our short memories of what you have called us to do, for our selfish motives, for our blindness by the lakeshore to those you would have us call out to. Teach us**

**justice, mercy, and humility that our lines may be cast far out into the sea, especially in these days of our lives. 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**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: By the mercy of Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

+ASSURANCE HYMN "Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me" (from Isaiah 12) No. 71  
(Refrain Only)

**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

ANTHEM "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Emma Lou Diemer

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never for sake. \*

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; p. 816

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 5:1-12; p. 4

SERMON

"Net Gain"

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE *“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”* **No. 721**  
Tune: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from Romans 8*

**We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor anything present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, 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 *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* arr. John Hudson

+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 *“Lord, Make Us More Holy”* **No. 313**  
Tune: LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

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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.

Please be sure to sign and pass the Friendship Pad found in the pew rack. If you are a guest, this gives us the opportunity to be in touch with you.

**Leading worship:** Rev. Maggie Lauterer, Interim Pastor; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Austin Dyer, Acolyte; Katie and Charles Gurkin, Kathryn and Wayne Holliday, 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: Becky Steele**

**Children's Church:** After "Time with the Children", all children ages K-2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Debbie Clay and BJ Tugman**

**The Annual Congregational meeting** will be after worship next **Sunday, 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.

**Keep in your prayers** Susan Kiker and family in the passing of her sister, Shelly on January 18; Linda Liesegang and her family in the death of her step-father, Otto Voigt; Kim Kincaid, recovering from surgery; Earl Trexler, David Baskin, Pat Coley, Nancy Trexler, Jim Burgess, Molly Bowden, and Cecil Brandon. Please contact Hazel that we may list other prayer concerns.

The services for Otto Voigt, step-father of Linda Liesegang will be held today at 3:00 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Blowing Rock. Family will receive friends after the service in the church fellowship hall.

**Montreat Interest Meeting:** If you are interested in the Montreat Worship and Music Conference and/or the Montreat Youth Conference this summer, Cameron and Dave will hold an interest meeting **today at 12:15** in the library. Come and learn more!

**Farewell to Maggie** Everyone is invited to come enjoy a wonderful breakfast from the Carter Lentz Men's Class on Sunday January 29 at 9:30 and fellowship with our Interim Pastor, Rev. Maggie Lauterer who will complete her time with us next Sunday. Come and share this time together as we send off Maggie with our love and appreciation for her dedication to this congregation during this important and challenging interim time.

**Congregational Care** Our freezer was recently defrosted and is empty! Please help us fill it with soups and other meals to be shared with our church family when needed. Please label with contents, date and cooking instructions if needed. Thanks!!

**Covenant Bible Study** returns on Sunday February 5 at 3:00 – 4:30. You are invited to this 8-week study focusing on "Living the Covenant" in our everyday life. This is the second segment in a 3-part series, but no worries! If you missed the first segment, you can join us now. Cost is \$15 and you can sign up by contacting Cameron or sign-up on her office door.

**The Flower Chart** 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.

**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.

**To the Congregation** In November we expected to have a loss for the year of \$44,000. However, in December our loving and generous members donated more than \$125,000 to Rumble. That erased the loss for 2016 and added money to the bank that can be used to cover the projected overrun in 2017. God continues to bless our church and with your continued support, we can grow our church, nourish our youth, and expand our ministry. From the Rumble Session

### 2016 Financial Results

INCOME	\$433,138
EXPENSE	<u>394,692</u>
NET INCOME	38,446

### **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](http://rumplechurch.org) or by going to [ncweatherclosings.com](http://ncweatherclosings.com) and [Raysweather.com](http://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 1/22/2017

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
12:15 Montreat Meeting (L)  
3:45-6:00 Youth Iron Chef (YC)

#### Wednesday 1/25/2017

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

#### Monday 1/23/2017

1:30 Transition Team (L)  
5:30 Session (RH)