

RUMPLE: CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. is a local food bank, housed at Rumble and open Monday mornings 9-12. The items needed for the month of September: canned tuna, canned fruit in natural juices, toilet tissue, and feminine products. A shopping cart is located in the church lobby where these items and any other donations may be placed.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is asking us to bridge the GAP—give, act, pray to help those affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. For those who wish to support PDA’s emergency response and recovery efforts, gifts can be made online, pda/pcusa.org. If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to: Presbyterian Church (USA), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh PA 15624-3700. You may also call Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm est 800-872-3282 and donate by phone.

Would you or someone you know like to become an affiliate member of Rumble? If you are only a part-time resident of Blowing Rock, did you know that you can keep your full membership in your church back home and still officially become a part of the Rumble family too? Affiliate members retain their membership in their home church but “affiliate” with Rumble. Interested in affiliating with Rumble, please call or email Kathy, pastor@rumplechurch.org.

Rumble’s Next Welcome Class for folks who would like to become members or affiliate members, or who simply want to learn more about the Rumble family, will be Sunday morning, October 1 at 9:30 in the Pastor’s Study. Please let Hazel know if you plan to attend, office@rumplechurch.org.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners continue on Wednesday October 11 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is soup, salad, bread and dessert. There will be a vegetarian soup option. Please RSVP to Hazel by email (office@rumplechurch.org), call the church office or sign up on the church website.

Support the Youth Group and purchase a Rumble Sweatshirt or supplies for the Youth Cottage. The Youth are selling Rumble sweatshirts for on \$8 each. See a member of the youth group after worship or contact Cameron to purchase. The Youth “Giving Tree” is up in the church lobby and waiting for your selection! The youth have identified some items and services they need and would love your donations. Please take a leaf from the tree and bring the selected item to Cameron’s office by October 8.

Rumble Missions, in coordination with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and Church World Service, will assemble Hygiene Kits to help victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. The generosity of our congregation during the Back2School drive was incredible, we thank everyone who participated. With the scope of the recent disasters, we want to do something tangible to help those in need. We will assemble Hygiene Kits which will give our youth an opportunity to provide “hands on” help. Among the items we need are: Hand towels (15x28 to 16x32), washcloths, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, bath size bars of soap, toothbrushes in package, band-aids (standard size), hair brushes and chap stick. **We do NOT need toothpaste.** Rumble will ship boxes of Hygiene Kits to Church World Service, so donations for shipping will be appreciated. Bring items to the church office by October 8. A donation bucket is in the church lobby.

Please keep in your prayers

Rumble members

Darby Teander, Young Adult Volunteer, Bill and Pat Magruder, Patty Alexander, Brenda Lentz, Ryan Beach-Verhey, August Carter, and Noah Schoonover who begin confirmation classes today

Family and friends of Rumble

Dorothy McCollum, Dave McCollum’s mother, Jon Wright, son of Norm and Melinda Wright, The Christian churches of Iraq, Ellen and Al Smith and their mission in Russia, Joan and Kristen, friends of Leslie Novilla, Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey, Phyllis Foster, friend of Wes Thompson, Nathan Miller Jacobs

Please contact Hazel in the church office if you have other prayer concerns to add.

Sunday September 24

4:00-5:00 Confirmation Class (L)
4:00-5:30 Middle School Youth (YC)
5:00-6:30 High School Youth (YC)

Tuesday September 26

7:30 am High School Prayer Breakfast at Stick Boy Kitchen
11:30-1:00 Bible Study (L)
6pm-8pm Stewards of Children Training (FH)

Wednesday September 27

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)
2:30-4:30 KICKS and Fusion
5:30 Christian Education (L)
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Sunday October 1

9:30 Welcome Class (Pastor’s Office)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
4:00-5:00 Confirmation Class (L)
4:00-5:30 Middle School Youth (YC)
5:00-6:30 High School Youth (YC)

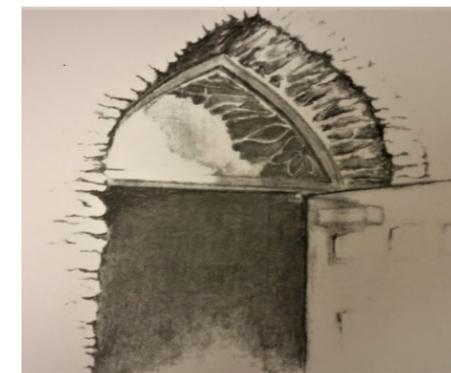
Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church

Called to Worship Empowered to Serve
Bringing Members In, Sending Disciples Out

The Order of Service for the Worship of God

September 24, 2017

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANOUNCEMENTS

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” Vicki Collinsworth
Duet with Leslie Novilla

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Whether we embrace God’s call in our lives or try to avoid it,
God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Whether we are long-timers or latecomers in the life of faith,
God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,
God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

We praise God’s name forever and ever!

+HYMN OF PRAISE “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” No.32
Tune: ELLACOMBE
Text: Isaac Watts, Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment or exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

KYRIE “Lord Have Mercy” (sung responsively) Evan Adair, cantor
Lord Have Mercy.... Christ Have Mercy..... Lord Have Mercy

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Danny Kirkland
Mary Lentz (Clerk)
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Class of 2019
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Misty Mayfield
Kim Rogers
Cullie Tarleton

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God. Amen.

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Cameron Womack

The Pennies for Hunger offering will be collected by the children this morning.

ANTHEM

“The Time for Turning ”
Pamela Martin, Craig Courtney

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To everything a season, to everything a time;
A moment to move forward and leave the past behind.
As summer turns to autumn and bids farewell to spring,
There comes a time for turning to every living thing.
The breezes change direction, the geese turn homeward bound.
The leaf turns from its clinging and falls upon the ground.
The flower turns from blooming to slumber in the snow.
And so to all a season, a time for letting go.

Now is the time for turning and this the place to start;
For yielding to the yearning, for changing of the heart;
A moment to surrender the things we should release,
Forgive and find forgiveness, and in forgiveness, peace. *

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, your Word surprises, challenges, upsets, and overturns our way of seeing and thinking. Come and find us today wherever we are, however we are. By the power of your Holy Spirit, cause that which is withering in us to blossom and that which is exacting in us to broaden until we see as you see, and thereby glimpse the kingdom you are bringing. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jonah 3:10-4:11; p. 811

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16; p. 20

SERMON

“Radical Grace in the Kingdom”

Rev. Bruce Benton

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

No. 649

Tune: AMAZING GRACE
Text: John Newton, Music: Edwin O. Excell

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal p. 35

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABORS

OFFERTORY

“Holy Thoughts”

Herbert Grieb

+DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

No. 606

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

WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

+SENDING HYMN

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

No. 543

Tune: GREEN TYLER
Text and Music: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Bold font indicates all say or sing in unison
+Indicates those who are able may stand.

WORSHIP NOTES

Leading worship: Rev. Bruce Benton, Guest Preacher; Cameron Womack, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Ushers and Greeters: Buz and Betsy Helms, Charles and Katie Gurkin

We welcome Rev. Bruce Benton, and his wife Lynda, to Rumble this morning. Bruce is recently retired pastor of Sparta Presbyterian Church. He and Lynda live in Roaring Gap. They have two sons and four grandchildren. Many years ago they lived in Blowing Rock while attending graduate school at Appalachian State.

The Pennies for Hunger offering is received today. This monthly offering supports the hunger ministries of Salem Presbytery, including Hospitality House in Boone. Amount received through August 2017 is \$2,223.02.

Assistive Listening devices for worship are now available at Rumble! If you would like to use a “Sound Mate” while in worship, please see Kent Leonard (at the soundboard) or an usher.

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. Please ask an usher to direct you to the nursery. Volunteer October 1: Jackie Kirkland

Children’s Church: Rumble offers worship training for children in Kindergarten-2nd grade following the “Time with Children”. They follow their adult leaders to the Butterfly classroom on the second floor where they can be picked up after worship. Special bulletins have been made for this age group and worship bags are available on the table near the Baptism font. No Children’s Church October 1—World Communion Sunday

Welcome to all who have come to worship God at the Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church this morning. If you are a guest or a visitor, this church family welcomes you. We invite you to fill out a visitor card or leave your contact information on the fellowship pad. The Rumble family would love to get to know you and share information about the ministries and missions of Rumble with you. If you have questions, please speak to our pastor, Kathy, or to one of the ushers and greeters.

Kathy, Rumble’s pastor, is away on continuing education at Princeton Seminary through Friday. The elders on call are Cullie Tarleton and Danny Kirkland. They know how to reach Kathy in the case of a pastoral emergency. Their numbers are on the church answering machine and Hazel will know how to reach the elders during the week.

Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church is Sharing Treasures New and Old in 2017, the 130th year of Rumble’s ministry and mission in the High Country and beyond. This fall we are celebrating that Rumble has a message of Good News, of hope, of love, of grace in this broken and hurting world. The church proclaims good news, redemption, and everlasting hope to the world each and every day. The mission, ministry, and maintenance of Rumble, that allows us to continue to share this Good News, is made possible, primarily, by the estimates of giving (pledges) made by you- Rumble’s members, affiliates, and friends. Commitment Sunday is October 8. Look for a letter, brochure, and estimate of giving card in the mail in early October. Rumble has Good News to Share in 2018! Please give your prayerful consideration to how God is calling you to be a part of this mission.