

RUMPLE: CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

The Angel Tree with the names, ages, and clothing sizes of children needing our help is up in the office reception area. We hope you will choose an angel or star from the tree area, purchase and wrap gifts, and return the gifts to the office beside Kathy's study or upstairs in classroom # 4 by **Sunday, December 10** so the gifts can be distributed to families. You may also buy a food/grocery gift card for a family. Our lives have been blessed in so many ways and we can continue this special tradition of giving to enrich the lives of others. Please direct any questions about this ministry to Susan Suddreth at 263-0821 or Teresa Lentz at 295-3276.

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 December are fruit in natural juice, pinto beans, toilet paper, and feminine products. A shopping cart is located in the office reception area where these items and any other donations may be placed.

Winter Salt Shakers This dinner Fellowship group meets monthly to enjoy a meal at a member's home, February through May, and is a great way to meet folks in the Rumble family. Please sign up on the forms in the friendship pads by December 24.

Alternative Christmas Gift Ideas at Rumble today: The Missions Committee is selling Hospitality House Cookbooks and the Youth have hand-made Christmas ornaments for sale. Get some great Christmas gifts and support Hospitality House and youth mission trips and retreats in 2018.

Second Sunday Christmas Lunch December 10 immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Committee will provide ham and the youth will make Christmas cookies; please bring your favorite side dish or salad to share.

Rumble and St. Mary's Episcopal will host a Holiday Service of Hope and Remembrance on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rumble sanctuary. For many people, this holiday season is not joyful but a sad and lonely time. In this service of prayers and special music, all those who find this season hard are invited to come and be reminded of the comfort and presence of God. We will celebrate the light of Christ that shines brighter than any darkness. This service is open to anyone so please invite friends and neighbors too.

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 will host another Welcome Class early in the new year.

Advent devotionals and calendars for children are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. A few copies of *Watch for the Light* devotionals are available in the church office for \$14.00

**Please keep in your prayers
Rumble members**

Mike Rhyne in the death of his mother, Harriett on 11/29; Jerry Hutchens, recovering from detached retina, Drew Dunn, recovering from surgery; Roger Broeker, recovering from a fall in FL; Liz Hodge, Camille Suttle, recovering from surgery; Erin Tobin, Darby Teander, Bill and Pat Magruder, Patty Alexander, Recie Craig, Brenda Lentz, Natasha Schoonover, preparing for ordained ministry

Family and friends of Rumble

Phil Gurkin, brother of Charles; Tasha, Evan Adair's mother; Joyce Rodriguez, sister of Carolyn Nelson; Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey, Phyllis Foster, friend of Wes Thompson, Nathan Miller Jacobs, cousin of Evan Adair; the Christian churches in Egypt; Ellen and Al Smith and their mission in Russia

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

Rumble Calendar

Sunday December 3

11:00 Worship

(Communion and Confirmation)

5:00-6:30 Combined Youth (YC)

Wednesday December 6

10:00 Circle 4 wrap gifts (RH)

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)

2:30-4:30 KICKS and Fusion 5:30

Cristian Education Comm. (L)

7:00 Sanctuary Choir (KMC)

Saturday December 9

2:00 Youth Lock-In begins

Sunday December 10

9:30 Reformation Sunday School (ACU)

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Christmas Cantata

12:00 Christmas Lunch (RH)

5:30 Session Christmas Party (Manse)

YC—Youth Cottage

FH—Fellowship Hall

ACU—Adult Classroom Upstairs

RH—Rumble House

KMC—Keys Music Center

**Rumble Memorial
Presbyterian Church**

The Order of Service for the Worship of God

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World is coming.

We rejoice and give thanks!

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Emmanuel Comes"

Mark Hayes

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Musical response No. 470, Vs. 1, choir

The Prophet Isaiah

+HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

No. 82

Text: Charles Wesley Music: Roland Hugh Prichard

Tune: HYFRYDOL

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen

+SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

+CONFESSION RESPONSE "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

No. 121

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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Class of 2018

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Mary Lentz (Clerk)

Mike Rhyne

Class of 2019

Davis Hankins

Misty Mayfield

Kim Rogers

Cullie Tarleton

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe the good news!

Comfort, comfort my people, says our God.

Our sins are pardoned. We are forgiven and made new.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

No. 113

Vs. 3 choir, refrain congregation

(Refrain) Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Kathy Beach

The children are invited to bring their own offerings forward with them and place them in the offering basket.

ANTHEM

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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Kathleen Thomerson, arr. Mark Hayes

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus,

God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.

(Refrain) In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. **(Refrain)**

I’m looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. **(Refrain)**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ADVENT PROPHECY

Isaiah 40:1-11; p.627

SERMON

Kathy Beach

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

Ryan Beach-Verhey, August Carter

+HYMN OF RESPONSE “Will You Come and follow Me”

No. 726

Text: John L. Bell, Graham Maule Music: Scottish melody

Tune: KELVINGROVE

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABORS

OFFERTORY

“O Tannenbaum”

Vince Guaraldi

+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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Gratitude

WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

+SENDING HYMN

“Sometimes a Light Surprises” Vs. 1, 2

No. 800

Text: William Cowper Music: Irish Folk Medley

Tune: SALLEY GARDENS

Vs. 1,2

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Amazing Grace”

Mark Hayes

Bold font indicates all say or sing in unison

+Indicates those who are able may stand.

WORSHIP NOTES

Leading worship: Kathy Beach, Pastor; Cassidy Noonan; Liturgist; Jim Crowell, Prophet Isaiah; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Ushers and Greeters: Mike and Becky Steele, Janice Burns, Kim Rogers; Elders serving Communion: Johnny and Brenda Lentz, Danny and Jackie Kirkland, Audrey Gurkin

The wreaths on the front doors are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clarence and Opal Greene by David and Rachel Greene and their family. The wreath on the outside of the sanctuary is given in memory of Lewis and Emmy Lentz and Harold Stanbery by Johnny, Brenda, and Cindy Lentz. The large poinsettias at the front of the church are given in honor and in memory of our loved ones by Terry and Teresa Lentz.

Large Print Hymnals and Assistive Listening devices for worship are available in the narthex. If you would like to use a “Sound Mate” while in worship, please see Kent Leonard (at the soundboard) or an usher for assistance

The **Advent Wreath and Chrismon Tree** are the focal points of our Advent worship. The wreath's evergreens and circular shape remind us of the unending love of God which we know in Jesus Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks we spend in anticipation of and preparation for Christmas. The white center candle is the Christ candle which is not lit until Christmas Eve. The candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world and that his light shines in the darkness. The Chrismon tree gets its name from a combination of Christ and monogram. The tree is to focus our attention on Jesus. The decorations on the tree are only white and gold which are the liturgical colors for Jesus. Each of the ornaments is a symbol or monogram for Jesus.

Child care is provided for children ages infant through 5 years old during worship in the Keys Church Nursery area downstairs. Please ask an usher to direct you to the nursery.

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. Bibles and worship bags are also available on the table near the Baptism font for children to work with who stay through worship.

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. The communion table is an open table. All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to share in the meal.

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.

Poinsettias for Christmas Rumble has two options for your Memorial/Honor Christmas Gifts: The traditional Poinsettia and/or a donation to WeCAN. To place your order please complete the form found in the friendship pads and display case, place in the envelope with your check and return it to the church office or place in the offering plate. **The Deadline has been extended to December 4.**

Rumble Memorial Presbyterian gives thanks for the individuals and families who have made an estimate of giving for 2018. Rumble has so much to be grateful for and with your gifts Rumble will be able to continue to grow in mission and ministry in 2018. It is not too late to make an estimated gift! Additional estimate of giving cards are available at the entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office.