

RUMPLE: CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

Second Sunday Christmas Lunch is today immediately following worship. There is plenty of food so please plan to stay even if you did not bring a dish. All guests and visitors are encouraged to stay for lunch and enjoy this time of fellowship and get to know more about Rumple.

Winter Salt Shakers sign-up has begun! 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 Rumple family. Please sign up on the forms in the friendship pads by December 24, or email Marion Thorn at marionthorn@bellsouth.net.

Alternative Christmas Gift Ideas at Rumple 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.

Rumple 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 Rumple 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.

Christmas Joy Offering: Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. In giving to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related ethnic schools and colleges. Special envelopes will be in the pews beginning December 17.

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.

Rumple is grateful for the generosity of members and friends throughout 2017. In this season in which we celebrate God's greatest gift to us, we are each mindful of how much we have to be grateful for. If you would like to make a year end gift or complete your pledge to Rumple for 2017, please be sure your gift is postmarked by December 30 or placed in the offering plate on Sunday, December 31. All gifts received after Sunday morning December 31 will be credited for 2018.

**Please keep in your prayers
Rumple members**

Mike Rhyne in the death of his mother, Harriett on 11/29; Drew Dunn, recovering from surgery; Roger Broeker, recovering from a fall in FL; 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 Rumple

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.

Rumple Calendar

Sunday December 10

11:00 Christmas Cantata
12:00 Christmas Lunch (FH)
5:30 Session Christmas Party (Manse)

Monday December 11

4:30 Missions Committee (L)

Wednesday December 13

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

Thursday December 14

10:30 Prayer Shawl (RH)

Sunday December 17

No Reformation Class Today
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship - Celebrating Children
12:00 Youth Committee (L)

YC—Youth Cottage
FH-Fellowship Hall
ACU-Adult Classroom Upstairs
RH-Rumple House
KMC—Keys Music Center

**Rumple Memorial
Presbyterian Church**

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent

**Go Sing It
on the
Mountain**

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

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Class of 2017
Audrey Gurkin
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Danny Kirkland
Mary Lentz (Clerk)
Class of 2019
Mike Rhyne
Davis Hankins
Misty Mayfield
Kim Rogers
Cullie Tarleton

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World is coming.
We rejoice and give thanks!

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

John the Baptist
Musical response Hymn 470 refrain
Choir first time, congregation second time

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us. There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

+HYMN OF PRAISE "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No. 143
Text: James Montgomery Music: Henry Thomas Smart Tune: REGENT SQUARE

+ADVENT PRAYER

**Lord Jesus Christ, your world waits for you.
In the longing of the persecuted for justice;
In the longing of the poor for prosperity;
In the longing of the privileged for riches greater than wealth;
In the longing of our hearts for a better life;
In the song of your church in this Advent season.
O Come, joy of every longing heart.
O Come, Lord Jesus. O Come, Emmanuel. Amen**

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.

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.

THE WORD IN MUSIC

“Go Sing It on the Mountain”
Pepper Choplin

Narrators - Kathy Beach and David Rogers
The offering will be received during the Cantata.

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bold font indicates all say or sing in unison

+ Indicates those who are able may stand.

If you would like to recycle your bulletin, there are baskets at both of the entrances to the sanctuary.

Advent Christmas Cantata

Go Sing It on the Mountain

“Go Sing It on the Mountain,” is the title of the **Christmas Cantata**. The new cantata by North Carolina based composer, Pepper Choplin, features traditional Christmas Carols along with some original settings of the timeless birth narrative. Employing a highly inventive mixture of mountain melodies, folk hymns, spirituals, familiar carols, and original music that is sure to surprise and delight, "Go Sing It on the Mountain" proclaims the good news from the prophet Isaiah's proclamation, "Comfort, O comfort my people!" to the final exuberant celebration: "Joy to the world! Christ is born!"

We welcome our Guest Musicians for today.

Ergun Bicer—Guitar and Mandolin

Joe Karmazyn—Guitar and Banjo

Dr. Adam Booker—Bass

Miranda Stone—Percussion

Angel Tree

Many thanks to our church family for your continuing generosity in helping provide Christmas joy to those children and families who are in such special need of our love and care. God has blessed us richly and we have been able to share those blessings with others.

Rumple members and friends bought gifts for thirty-nine children and young people and gave food gift cards to the twenty-three families of these children. Susan and Teresa gratefully accept, on your behalf, the tearful thanks and hugs from the parents when the gifts are picked up this week. A special thanks goes to the Missions Committee for funds to supplement our giving through the *Angel Tree*. All gifts and food cards are due today.

WORSHIP NOTES

Leading worship: Kathy Beach; Liturgist; Kenton McCollum, John the Baptist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Ushers and Greeters: Danny, Jackie, Molly and Will Kirkland

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 on a table in the back of the sanctuary. 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: Rumple 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 near the Baptism font for children to work with who stay through worship.

Welcome to all who have come to worship God at the Rumple 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 Rumple family would love to get to know you and share information about the ministries and missions of Rumple with you. If you have questions, please speak to our pastor, Kathy, or to one of the ushers and greeters.

Would you or someone you know like to become an affiliate member of Rumple? 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 Rumple family too? Affiliate members retain their membership in their home church but “affiliate” with Rumple. Interested in affiliating with Rumple, please call or email Kathy, pastor@rumplechurch.org. Rumple will host another Welcome Class early in the new year for those who would like to join as full members or affiliate members.

Rumple Memorial Presbyterian gives thanks for the individuals and families who have made an estimate of giving for 2018. Rumple has so much to be grateful for and with your gifts Rumple will be able to continue to grow in mission and ministry in 2018. As of Tuesday, December 5, Rumple has received 87 “estimates of giving” for 2018 for a total of \$247,085. The Session was able to pass a balanced budget for 2018 and its stated meeting on November 27, with increased funding for missions and church programs. 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.

Advent and Christmas Worship at Rumple

December 17 11:00 Third Sunday of Advent Worship—Celebrating Children

December 24 11:00 Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship—Baptism of Lilly Kaye Stanley

December 24 5:00 p.m. Family Friendly Christmas Eve Worship with Candlelight

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship with Communion and Candlelight

