

*Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve 2017, 5:00 p.m.*

PRELUDE “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” No. 123
 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” No. 132
 “Go, Tell it on the Mountain” No. 136

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

On this most silent night,
**We come, our hopes and dreams
joining those of Mary and Joseph.**
On this holiest of nights,
**We come, joining the shepherds
who are stunned by wonder.**
On this night of carols and candlelight,
**We come, our glad songs joining
with the choirs of angels.**

+CAROL “O Come All Ye Faithful” No. 133

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Hope, Peace, Joy, Love

+PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Holy God, on this Christmas Eve, we gather to celebrate the birth of
Jesus Christ. We remember Mary and Joseph, who traveled to
Bethlehem, the city of bread. We marvel at the King of Kings, being
born in a stable. We stand in awe with the shepherds, who were visited
by angels. And we admire the shepherds who sought their savior, and
ours. As we re-hear this story, fill our hearts, so that we might join the
choirs of angels saying, "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth,
peace and goodwill to all". Inspire us, so that we might work for your
justice and peace, tonight and always. Amen.**

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

*All children are invited to pick out a costume and be a part of the
Christmas tableau. Each group will be invited to come forward at a specific
time in the telling of the Christmas story.*

Please remain seated and join in singing one verse of the following carols:

“What Child is This”
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
“Away in a Manger”
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
“Angels We Have Heard on High”
“The First Nowell”
“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

+CAROL “Joy to the World” No. 134
*During this time please help pageant leaders return your children to their
seats in the sanctuary.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY Emily Leonard, soloist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

+SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

+CAROL “Silent Night, Holy Night” No. 122

+BLESSING

+POSTLUDE

+Indicates those who are able may stand.

Bold font indicates all say together.

*At the conclusion of the service please extinguish your candle and place the
candle holder in the pew rack in front of you.*

Worship Notes

Leading worship tonight: Kathy Beach, Pastor; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Eric Luke, Accompanist; Mike, Becky, and Thomas Steele, Ushers and Greeters; Narrators: Janie Beach-Verhey, Lillon Henline, Mike Mayfield, Tim Harris

Thank you to Stephanie Hankins who helped to plan and design tonight's service. Children and youth of Rumble assisting in worship: Joseph: Wilson Henline, Mary: Belicia Schoonover, Star bearer: Miller Hankins. Lead wise men: Will Kirkland, Noah Schoonover. Advent Wreath readers: Caroline Beach-Verhey, August Carter, Emma Liesegang. Christ Candle Readers: Molly Kirkland, Ryan Beach-Verhey

Welcome to all who gather this evening to celebrate the birth of Jesus here at the Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church. From far and wide we have come, but we are one in faith as we gather around the manger. May this service may be the centerpiece of your Christmas season bringing you close to Jesus who comes to bring God's love to all.

No nursery is provided this evening. Children are welcome to stay and participate in worship.

Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church invites you to return and worship here on Sunday mornings, at 11:00 a.m., in the sanctuary. Childcare is provided for children 5 and under and children's worship education is provided for children K-2nd grade, during worship. Sunday school for youth (6th-12th grade) and adults is offered each Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45. Christian education and music, for elementary children and middle school youth, called KICKS and Fusion, is offered each Wednesday afternoon from 2:30-4:30. To find out more visit the church website, www.rumplechurch.org or our facebook page, call or email Kathy, our pastor, pastor@rumplechurch.org, 828.295.7675 extension 11.

Tonight's offering will go to support the food pantry, Blowing Rock CARES (Children Are Really Extra Special,) which is housed at Rumble and operates each Monday morning from 9-12. All gifts will go to purchasing food or emergency financial assistance. The pantry is operated totally by volunteers. The pantry feeds between 12-25 families, from Watauga County, each week, provides meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and partnered with Rumble to provide Food4Families in the summer of 2017. Beginning in January 2018, Rumble will take on administrative oversight of Blowing Rock CARES and a new board will begin leading the ministry. Would you like to help? Contact Tim Harris at timharris_2@charter.net.