

## PREPARATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 133

+PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Gather us around the manger, Lord Jesus; let us sing in awe of the miracle of your birth. You were born a tiny baby and yet you came to be the Savior of the world. Give us grace to praise your gift of love, to know the joy of the life you bring to all. Give us the eyes of a child to see all things new and the wisdom of the magi to remember the promises of old. Open our hearts to receive you joyfully, for you are God's gift to the world. In your most precious name we pray. Amen.**

## EXPECTATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-35; p. 53

REFLECTIONS

SOLO "Mary Did You Know"  
Kenton McCollum, soloist

## REVELATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-7; p. 54

REFLECTIONS

CAROL "Away in a Manger" No. 115

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-14; p. 54

REFLECTIONS

CAROL "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" No. 119

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:15-20; p. 54

REFLECTIONS

CAROL "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" No. 123

## CELEBRATION

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

+CAROL "Joy to the World" No. 134

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

THE JOYFUL FEAST

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Prayer of Gratitude

**We thank you God, for this holy place and for bringing us together at your table, surrounded by your love. We thank you for this holy meal, for inviting us to accept Jesus' gift of himself and for asking us to taste and see how much Jesus loves us. We thank you for this holy night, for the glad songs we sing and the gifts of love we receive. Help us give ourselves in love and joy. In the name of Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem, the Lord of Heaven and Earth, our Savior. Amen**

## ILLUMINATION

+SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

+CAROL "Silent Night" No. 122  
**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright, 'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous Star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing "Alleluia" to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star; lend thy light; with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.**

+BENEDICTION

+Indicates those who are able may stand.  
Bold font indicates that all say together.

## Worship Notes

Leading worship: Kathy Beach, Pastor; Natasha Schoonover, Lou Moore, Buz Helms, Liturgists; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Eric Luke, Accompanist; Mike, Becky, and Thomas Steele, Ushers and Greeters

**Welcome to all** who gather this evening to celebrate the birth of Jesus here at the Rumple 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.

**Rumple 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-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, during worship. Sunday school for youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rumplechurch.org) or our facebook page, call or email Kathy, our pastor, [pastor@rumplechurch.org](mailto: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 Rumple 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 Rumple to provide Food4Families in the summer of 2017. Beginning in January 2018, Rumple 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](mailto:timharris_2@charter.net).

**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. Please come forward to a communion station, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. If you are unable to come forward, the elders will come and serve you in your seat.

*Please place your candles in the one of the bins at the entrances to the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas!*