

RUMPLE: CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

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 Rumble family. Please sign up on the forms in the friendship pads by tonight, or email Marion Thorn at marionthorn@bellsouth.net.

KICKS and Fusion begins again on Wednesday, January 10 after school. This Christian Education and music program for elementary and middle school youth is always open to new children and youth.

The next Second Sunday Lunch will be January 14 immediately following worship. The youth will be hosting a baked potato bar and salad lunch. All proceeds from the lunch will go to help pay for their mission trip to Charlotte in February.

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. They will be closed Monday December 25 and Monday January 1, 2018.

Rumble 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 Rumble 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.

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. As of Tuesday, December 19, Rumble has received 87 "estimates of giving" for 2018 for a total of \$248,185. 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.

The Church office will be closed Monday December 25 and Tuesday December 26, and Monday January 1, 2018 so that the staff can observe the Christmas and New Year's Holiday. Kathy will be away December 27-31. Two elders will be on-call each day. To reach the elder on-call, please call 295-7675 and connect to extension 11. The message will tell you how to get in touch with the elders on-call.

**Please keep in your prayers
Rumble members**

Bill Thorn, recovering from broken hip and surgery; Barbara Wright on the death of her brother, Billy Lentz on 12/17; the family of Carol Woodall who died 10/29 in Hawaii; Drew Dunn, Roger Broeker, recovering from a fall in FL; 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

Cameron MacPhail, son-in-law of Bill and Marion Thorn; Martha Best Lawson, failing health; Mark Johnson's parents, Buck and Betty; 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

Sunday December 24

11:00 Worship
5:00 Family Friendly Worship
7:00 Worship with Communion and Candlelight

December 25 and 26

Church office closed

Sunday December 31

9:30 Reformation Class (ACU)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship

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

**Rumple Memorial
Presbyterian Church**

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
December 24, 2017
Fourth 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!

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE Mary, the mother of Jesus
Musical response Hymn 470 refrain

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 "Prepare the Way, O Zion" No. 106
Text: Franz Mikael Franzen Music: *Then Svenska Psalmboken* Tune: BEREDEN VAG FÖR HERRAN

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, Emmanuel, you are coming again, and we are not ready: We meant to build a royal nursery, but we find you in a manger. We came to sing you festive carols, but you listen to the songs of the doves.

We want to bring you food and gifts, but you ask for our hearts and our minds.

Forgive us for being distracted and dazzled by other lights. Forgive us for overlooking you among the poor and marginalized. Forgive us when we forget you are our only hope and joy. Come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel. 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!

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

+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!

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Stephanie Hankins

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

ANTHEM

“What Child Shall Come?”

Dave and Kenton McCollum

An Advent Duet on “Ukrainian Bell Carol” and “What Child Is This?”

What child shall come that lonely night and bring God’s love forever?

Will all behold the shining light and sing with joy together?

“This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!”

What child shall come to set us free, the promise of salvation?

And bring for all eternity God’s peace to all creation?

Emmanuel, the Lord and King! Emmanuel, rejoice and sing! Sing we noel!

What child shall come this night? Come to dwell? The Lord Emmanuel.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, O God; give us the joy of knowing that our Lord is near.

Give us grace to discover your signs of hope. Prepare us to receive the Hope of the world, your Son, Jesus Christ. May your word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path this morning. In the name of our Savior who is coming soon we pray. Amen.

ADVENT PROPHECY

Isaiah 61:10-11; p. 650

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 1:46b-55; p. 53

SERMON

Kathy Beach

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lillian Kaye Stanley

Our Lord Jesus has commanded us to teach those who are baptized. Do we, the members of this church on behalf of the whole church, promise to guide and nurture Lily Kaye by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of His church? **We do.**

Will we receive this precious child into our fellowship here?

With great joy we welcome Lily Kaye into Christ’s church; for we are all one in Christ.

Do we promise to love, encourage, and support her? Will we walk with her and support her parents as they help her to know and follow Jesus?

We promise to share the good news of the gospel with her, and to be the loving, supportive Body of Christ to this family.

Apostles’ Creed

p. 35 in Hymnal

Baptism Hymn

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

vs. 1,2 No. 486

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

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

+SENDING HYMN

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

No. 128

Text: Edith M.G. Reed Music: Arthur E. Rusbridge

Tune: W ZLOBIE LEZY

+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.

WORSHIP NOTES

Leading worship: Kathy Beach, Pastor; Stephanie Hankins, Davis Hankins, Liturgists; Emily Leonard, Mary, mother of Jesus; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Janie Beach-Verhey, Acolyte; Ushers and Greeters: Mike and Becky Steele

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 kindergarten through second grade are invited to remain in the sanctuary today for the worship. Special worship sheets and a basket of Advent and Christmas books are available in the back entrance of the sanctuary (narthex.) All elementary age children can enjoy these sheets. There are books for a variety of reading levels. Rumble offers Children's Church most Sundays for children K-2nd grade. The children leave with their leaders after the Time with the Children. There will also be no Children’s Church on December 31.

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.

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 for those who would like to join as full members or affiliate members.