

**RUMPLE: CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE**

**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 today, December 31.

**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.

**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.

**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 January 1, 2018.

**Our Pastor, Kathy Beach,** is away on vacation this morning. She will return to the office on Tuesday, January 1. In case of a pastoral care emergency, there is an elder on call. To reach the elder on call, please call the church office and connect to Kathy's extension, 11. The message will direct you to the elder on call and how to reach him/her.

**Thank you to those who purchased poinsettias,** they have been a beautiful addition to the sanctuary. You may please take one or more home with you today.

**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; Roger Broeker, recovering from a fall in FL; Erin Tobin, Darby Teander, Bill and Pat Magruder, 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

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

***Rumble Calendar***

**Sunday December 31**

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

**Wednesday January 3**

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir (KMC)

**Sunday January 7**

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

***Happy New Year***

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 31, 2017  
First Sunday after Christmas Day



**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

We are gathered here, in view of this mystery and wonder, to pray to you, praise you, and to proclaim and hear your Word. But we know we cannot do these things under our own power, that it is you who free us to lift our hearts and thoughts to you. So we ask you to come now into our midst! Show us and open to us the path to you through your Holy Spirit, so that we may see with our own eyes your light that has come into the world, in order that our lives may indeed be witnesses to you. Amen.

Karl Barth

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 148:1-5, 7a, 10-13  
Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord from the heights.  
**Praise the Lord, all you holy angels; praise the Lord, all heavenly hosts.**  
Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars.  
**Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**  
Let them praise the name of the Lord who commanded, and they were created.  
**Praise the Lord from the earth, wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;**  
kings of the earth and all peoples, rulers and all the judges of the world;  
**young men and women, old and young together.**  
**Let them praise the name of the Lord, for the name of the Lord only is exalted, and the splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven. Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No. 143  
Text: 1-3, J. Montgomery; 4, Salisbury Hymnbook Music: Henry Smart Tune: REGENT SQUARE

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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**Session Members**

Class of 2017  
Audrey Gurkin  
Brenda Lentz  
Bill Thorn  
Class of 2018  
Barbara Julien  
Danny Kirkland  
Mary Lentz (Clerk)  
Mike Rhyne  
Class of 2019  
Davis Hankins  
Misty Mayfield  
Kim Rogers  
Cullie Tarleton

+SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+RESPONSE “Gloria Patri”  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.**

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Natasha Schoonover  
*The children are invited to bring their own offerings forward with them and place them in the offering basket.  
The Pennies for Hunger offering will be collected by the children this morning.*

ANTHEM “Night of the Father’s Love” Pepper Choplin  
Of the Father’s love begotten ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega;  
He the source, the ending He, of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see evermore and evermore!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; p. 581

SECOND READING Luke 2:22-40; p.55

SERMON Natasha Schoonover

**WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Col. 1:15-20  
**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

+HYMN “Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple” No. 148  
Text: Andrew Pratt, 1994 Music: David Haas, 1985 Tune: EVENING HYMN

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**

**WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS**

+SENDING HYMN “Once in Royal David’s City” No. 140  
Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt. Music: Henry John Gauntlett, 1949; harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919 Tune: IRBY

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bold font indicates all say or sing in unison  
+Indicates those who are able may stand.

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**Leading worship:** Natasha Schoonover, Preacher; Cullie Tarleton, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Ushers and Greeters: Mike and Becky Steele

**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.

**We welcome Natasha Schoonover** back to the pulpit this morning. Natasha is a candidate for ministry within Salem Presbytery and an active member of Rumble. She is a graduate of Duke Divinity School. Having recently completed all of her ordination exams, she will begin the process of seeking at pastoral call early in the new year. We keep Natasha in our prayers and she begins this process and listens for God's voice in a call to active ministry.

**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 Church: 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 rose on the Communion table** celebrates the birth of Rylee Ann Lentz, granddaughter of Terry and Teresa Lentz. Rylee was born on December 19 in Nashville and is the daughter of Tara and Amy Lentz.

**The Pennies for Hunger** offering is received today. This monthly offering supports the hunger ministries of Salem Presbytery, including Hospitality House in Boone. The amount received here at Rumble as of November 30 2017 is \$2,889.53.

**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 one of the ushers.

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