

RUMPLE: CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

Annual meeting of the congregation next Sunday, February 4, immediately following worship. The purposes of the meeting will be to approve changes in the terms of call for our pastor and to receive the annual report, including financial reports for 2017 and the session-approved budget for 2018. All members are encouraged to remain after worship for this short but important meeting.

Second Sunday lunches continue on Sunday, February 11, immediately after worship with a Valentine's themed lunch. This next lunch will be pot-luck. Everyone is asked to bring an entrée, side dish, or dessert to feed 4-6 others. Monthly fellowship meals will continue with a St. Patrick's Day dinner on Wednesday, March 14, and a lunch on Sunday, April 8.

Looking ahead Ash Wednesday is February 14. Rumple will mark the beginning of Lent with a worship service and the imposition of ashes at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church Inclement Weather Policy
In the case of inclement weather, you can find out about any cancellations of our worship or activities on our church's website – rumplechurch.org or by going to ncweatherclosings.com and Raysweather.com, or on the church facebook page or by calling the church phone message. Even though we always hope to have our worship services, there may be occasions when the weather is so severe that our activities need to be cancelled. Please use your judgment in deciding whether you wish to venture out on days with snow and ice.

Rumple will celebrate the ministry of Blowing Rock CARES, the food pantry housed at Rumple, next Sunday, February 4. In worship we will give thanks for the dedicated board and volunteers from the past nine years. And, we'll offer our blessings on the newly elected board.

Blowing Rock CARES needs more volunteers! Are you able to help on Monday mornings (between 9-12 when the pantry is open for distributing food) or are you able to buy or unload food at other times during the week? Please contact Tim Harris, board chair, timharris_2@charter.net or Teresa Lentz, board member and Monday volunteer coordinator, lentzt@gmail.com.

The Rumple Missions Committee also wants to stock the food pantry on Sunday, February 4. This will be our first Sunday of a new initiative at Rumple this year- **First Sunday Food Pantry Donations**. Each first Sunday of the month Rumple members and friends will be encouraged to bring most needed food items to fill the pantry shelves. Consider filling a whole grocery bag, if you can. Youth will be at the doors of the sanctuary to collect food, and financial donations, at the beginning and the end of worship on February 4 as a part of the Souper Bowl of Caring, a national initiative to feed the hungry. Most needed food items in the BR CARES pantry: canned tuna and chicken, pork and beans, canned beans, canned fruit, peanut butter, and toilet paper.

**Please keep in your prayers
Rumple members**

Family of Barbara Lentz Wright who died 1/17; Kaye Morgan, recovering from hip surgery; Bill Thorn; Roger Broeker, Erin Tobin, Darby Teander, Bill and Pat Magruder, Recie Craig, Brenda Lentz, Natasha Schoonover, preparing for ordained ministry; Drew Taylor, active duty in U.S. Coast Guard

Family and friends of Rumple

Jon Wright, son of Norm and Melinda Wright; Betty Pitts, Cameron MacPhail, son-in-law of Bill and Marion Thorn; Mark Johnson's parents, Buck and Betty; Tasha, Evan Adair's mother; Joyce Rodriguez, sister of Carolyn Nelson; Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey, Phyllis Foster, friend of Wes Thompson, people, church leaders, and mission personnel in Democratic Republic of the Congo; Ellen and Al Smith and their mission in Russia

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

Sunday January 28

11:00 Worship
12:15 Worship Committee (ACU)
12:15 Christian Ed Committee (L)
12:15 Youth Committee (YC)
5:00-6:30 Combined Youth (YC)

Monday January 29

5:30 Session (RH)

Wednesday January 31

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)
2:30 KICKS and Fusion
7:00 Sanctuary Choir (KMC)

Sunday February 4

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
12:00 Congregational Meeting
5:00-6:30 Combined Youth (YC)

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
January 28, 2018
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

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

“How Majestic is Your Name”

Mark Hayes

+CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from a Franciscan Blessing

Come, all who are blessed with restless discomfort about easy answers.

We come to seek boldly and love deeply.

Come, all who are blessed with holy anger at injustice and oppression,

we come to seek peace among all people.

Come, all who are blessed with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain of rejection, starvation, or the loss of all they cherish.

We come to reach out our hands to comfort them and to transform their pain into joy.

Come, all who are blessed with the audacity to believe that you can make a difference in this world.

We come seeking God's grace and inspiration to do what others claim cannot be done.

Come, all who seek to be a blessing in service to God.

+HYMN OF PRAISE “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

No. 475

Text: Robert Robinson Music: *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music*

Tune: NETTLETON

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Lord, forgive us...

For our blindness to the needs of others,

and our preoccupation with our own agenda,

for our failure to pay attention to the still, small voice in our lives,

for our surrender to fear and self-protection,

for harsh words spoken to our friends,

and love withheld from our enemies,

for seeking success rather than faithfulness,

for praying without acting,

For our life choices this week,

that have not contributed to greater love in the world.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

KYRIE

“Lord Have Mercy” (sung responsively)

Evan Adair, cantor

Lord Have Mercy... Christ Have Mercy..... Lord Have Mercy

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

O Lord, you are our strength and our might; you have become our salvation. Listen to what God says:

“I have taken away the judgments against you; I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.” With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875, Music: Charles McCartha

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
Giving grace for every trial, feeding me His living bread;
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me, lo! a spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me; O the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above;
When my spirit, made immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages, “Jesus led me all the way.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, we pray: Bless us with unhardened hearts. Equip us with unending grace. Empower us with unconditional love. With these divine gifts in hand, may we hear your Word now, and with the guidance of your Spirit, apply it to our lives.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:1-18; p. 230

SERMON

Stephanie Hankins

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

No. 803

Text: Isaac Watts Music: *Ham*

Tune: RESIGNATION

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Just as we dedicate these gifts to you, Lord, we dedicate our lives. Use these gifts and use our lives, we pray. Our hope is that these offerings will make a difference in our community, especially in the lives of those who need your grace the most. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

+SENDING HYMN

“This Is My Father's World”

No. 370

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock Music: Franklin L. Sheppard

Tune: TERRA BEATA

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

Larry Shackley

Bold font indicates all say or sing in unison

+Indicates those who are able may stand.

WORSHIP NOTES

Leading worship: Stephanie Hankins, Campus Minister; PECM students, Kathy Beach, Liturgists; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Ushers and Greeters: Cullie and Sylvia Tarleton, Wayne and Kathryn Holliday

We welcome the Reverend Stephanie Hankins and students from Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry to Rumble this morning. PECM is one of the missions supported by the Rumble Missions Committee and the annual budget.

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.

A Nursery is provided each Sunday morning for infants through five years old in the Keys Church Nursery area on the downstairs level of the education building. Please ask an usher to direct you to the nursery. The nursery is staffed by wonderful church volunteers and paid staff.

Children's Church is a worship education class for children kindergarten- second grade. After the "time with the children," all participants follow their adult leaders to the "Butterfly classroom" on the second floor of the church education building. (Children may be picked up in this classroom after worship is over.) If your elementary age child prefers to remain in worship there are worship bulletins and worship bags at both of the entrances to the sanctuary.

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 at Rumble in 2017 was \$3,064.03.

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. If you would like to receive weekly news from Rumble, please leave us your email address with that noted. If you have questions, please speak to one of the ushers or with our pastor, Kathy.

Would you or someone you know like to become a member or 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 joining or affiliating with Rumble, please call or email Kathy, pastor@rumplechurch.org. Rumble will host another Welcome Class this spring.

The new flower chart for 2018 is up and ready for sign-ups. Please consider providing flowers for the sanctuary one Sunday to celebrate or remember a special loved one or event. The chart is located in the glass case in the office reception area, near Hazel's desk. You may sign up right on the calendar or you can call Hazel to sign up.