

RUMPLE: CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

Rumple's Visiting Scholar, Dr. Brent Strawn, will be with us this afternoon and tomorrow morning as well. His lectures tonight and tomorrow morning will focus on his recent book, The Old Testament is Dying: A Diagnosis and Recommended Treatment. Tonight's lecture will be at 5:00, in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided. Tomorrow morning, September 10 at 9:30, also in the Fellowship Hall. All lectures are open to anyone who is interested. Copies of his latest book will be available at both lectures.

A new Bible study began September 5 and will continue for 6 weeks, on Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00 in the Rumple House. The study "Six Themes of the Bible Everyone Should Know" and will be led by Kathy Beach and Rene Cuthill. Please contact Kathy or Rene if you would like to participate. It is not too late to join. Rene renecuthill@gmail.com.

Would you like to become a member or affiliate member of Rumple? On September 16, Rumple will host a Welcome Class at 9:45 in Kathy's study. New members will meet with the Session at 10:30 and then be introduced during 11:00 worship. If you plan to attend, indicate your interest on the visitor card or on the fellowship pad, or contact Hazel in the church office, office@rumplechurch.org by Thursday, September 13.

Next Sunday Lunch will be September 16, after 11:00 worship. Stay and enjoy lasagna, salad, and dessert. All are welcome. No RSVP needed.

Support the 2019 Youth International Mission Team (working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Puerto Rico) with donations for their October 6 yard sale! The youth are hosting a yard sale, on the Rumple front lawn, on Saturday, October 6 from 8:30-2:30. They would love any and all donations by Sunday, September 30. They are willing to pick up any large items you have. To arrange for a pick up, email or text Danny Kirkland, dannyproduce@gmail.com, 828.773.0515.

Two Rumple Habitat Saturday Work Days, September 29 and October 13. Volunteers will be doing renovation of the Bradshaw home. We also need volunteers to provide lunch on those workdays. Please contact Misty Mayfield at alredml@appstate.edu if you can help.

Monthly BR CARES food pantry donations needed! Most needed items for September are: are applesauce (low or no sugar), canned fruits in natural juices, canned beans (pork & beans, pinto, great northern, lima), black-eyed peas, canned salmon, canned sauerkraut, large cans of spaghetti sauce, and toilet paper. If you did not bring your items on the first Sunday you can stop by anytime throughout the month of September and leave them in the shopping cart in the church office reception area.

A safety update from the Rumple Session. The Session wants to be sure that all Sunday morning worshippers know that most of the outside doors to the sanctuary and education building are now being locked once 11:00 worship begins. The main sanctuary doors and the doors to the office will remain open. If you arrive late to worship or if you need to enter the education/office building, use these entrances.

Children's Sunday School (kindergarten - fifth grade) will resume their rotation-workshop class today. Join us in the "Butterfly Room" as we study "Genesis 1: The Creation Story" for the month of September.

KICKS and Fusion continues this Wednesday from 2:30-4:30. All students, kindergarten through 8th grade, are welcome for fun, bible study, and music with Holly and Mary Leah.

**Please keep in your prayers
Rumple members**

Roger Broeker, Jean Baskin, Barbara Scott, Brenda Lentz, Bill and Pat Magruder, Recie Craig, Erin Tobin and Drew Taylor, serving in the military, Rumple's 2018 Elder Nominating Committee

Family and friends of Rumple

Lou Moore's son in law, Luke Short; Grover Gore, Susie Reynolds, sister of Patty Laubach; Meg Wagner, neighbor of Leslie Novilla; Vicki Hamilton's grandson, Oliver; Joyce Rodriguez, sister of Carolyn Nelson; Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey, Phyllis Foster, friend of Wes Thompson, Al and Ellen Smith, missionaries in Russia

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

Sunday September 9

5:00 Visiting Scholar Lecture (FH)
5:00-6:30 Combined Youth Group (YC)

Monday September 10

9:30 Visiting Scholar Lecture (FH)
1:00 Circle 4 (RH)
4:00 Missions Committee (L)
5:00 Yoga Class (FH)

Tuesday September 11

7:00 am Youth Breakfast (Sunny Rock)
8:30 Personnel Committee (L)

Wednesday September 12

9:00 Bible Study (RH)
11:00 Staff Meeting (L)
2:30 KICKS/Fusion
6:00 Handbells (KMC)
7:00 Sanctuary Choir (KMC)

Thursday September 13

10:30 Prayer Shawl (RH)

Sunday September 16

9:45 Welcome Class (PS)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
12:00 Sunday Lunch (FH)

YC—Youth Cottage FH-Fellowship Hall
RH-Rumple House KMC Keys Music Center

**Congregational Care encourages
you to consider the
Virtual Dementia Tour**

Thursday, September 13, 10:00-12:00
AHEC Building, 1st Floor, Watauga
Medical Center, 336 Deerfield Rd,
Boone. For more information or to
register call 828-754-0101, or email
prc@caldwellhospice.org.

**Rumple Memorial
Presbyterian Church**

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
September 9, 2018
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

"It is Well with My Soul"
Duet with Leslie Novilla

Molly Ijames

CHORAL INTROIT

"Surely the Lord Is in This Place"

Herbert Colvin

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing to the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

from Psalm 66

**All the earth worships you O God; we sing praises to you,
we sing praises to your name.**

Let us worship God with joyful hearts and voices.

+HYMN OF PRAISE "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"
Text: Daniel Crane Roberts Music: George William Warren

No. 331

Tune: NATIONAL HYMN

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

+SILENT CONFESSION

+KYRIE

"Lord Have Mercy" (sung responsively)

Evan Adair, cantor

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

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Mike Rhyne
Class of 2019
Davis Hankins
Misty Mayfield
Kim Rogers
Cullie Tarleton
Class of 2020
Jim Crowell
Jerry Hutchens
Jane Rogers
Lynne Waugh

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Psalm 103

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him. **As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

+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 (11:00)

The children are invited to bring their own offerings forward with them and place them in the offering basket. Children, Kindergarten—second grade can leave with their leaders for children's church following the prayer.

ANTHEM

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

St. Francis of Assisi and Christian H. Bateman, Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, arr. Richard A. Nichols

Come, Christians, join to sing, loud praise to Christ, our King.
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne give praise, rejoice!

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Come Christians, join to sing!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Come Christians, join to sing! *

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 12:38-42; p. 11

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 77; p. 508

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"How to Read Scripture, Especially in Hard Times"

Rev. Dr. Brent Strawn

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

"I Love to Tell the Story"

No. 462

Text: Katherine Hankey Music: William G. Fischer

Tune: HANKEY

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith

We believe God's Word is God's communication to us. Although God is free to speak to us in unexpected ways, we confidently listen for his Word in Jesus Christ, in Holy Scripture, in preaching and the sacraments. We accept the Old and New Testaments as a canon, or authoritative standard of faith and life, to which no further writings need be added. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are necessary, sufficient, and reliable as witnesses to Jesus Christ, the living Word. Acknowledging that authority, comparing Scripture with Scripture, listening with respect to fellow-believers past and present, we anticipate that the Holy Spirit will enable us to interpret faithfully God's Word for our time and place.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABORS

OFFERTORY

"Morning Has Broken"

Joel Raney

+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

WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

+SENDING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

No. 450

Text: Mary E. Byrne Music: David Evans

Tune: SLANE

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Amazing Grace"

Mark Hayes

Bold font indicates all say or sing in unison +Indicates those who are able may stand. * Used by Permission CCLI# 3145863

WORSHIP NOTES

Leading worship: Rev. Dr. Brent Strawn; Visiting Scholar; Davis Hankins, Kathy Beach, Liturgists; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Ushers and Greeters: Davis, Stephanie, Miller and Nathaniel Hankins

We welcome Reverend Doctor Brent Strawn to Rumble this morning. Dr. Strawn is Professor of Old Testament at the Candler School of Theology of Emory University where he has been teaching since 2001. An ordained elder (pastor) in the United Methodist Church, he has both an MDiv and PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Strawn, his wife Holly and his youngest child, Micah are all our guests at Rumble this weekend as he is Rumble's Visiting Scholar.

Large Print Hymnals and Assisted 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. Please recycle your bulletin; place it on the table in the back entrance or the recycle bin in the office workroom.

A Nursery is provided each Sunday morning (8:30-12:15) 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 supervisor, Julie Anderson and assistant, Mary Leah Reece.

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 Bibles, books, and worship bags at both of the entrances to the sanctuary.

Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received at Rumble on October 7. A gift designated to this Special Offering enables the entire church to collaborate in our proclamation of Christ's peace. These monies will be used to build peace and justice in our wider world and 25% of the funds will be used locally in support of safe family housing through Watauga Habitat for Humanity.

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 our pastor, Kathy, or to one of the ushers.

Grateful Rumble at Work! The Rumble family continues to give thanks for all that the generous gifts or Rumble members, affiliates, and friends make possible. Members, affiliate members, and friends should receive (or you may have already received) a special mailing from Rumble asking you to consider both an estimate of giving to Rumble for 2019 and your commitment of Time and Talents. Please take this month of September to give this your prayerful consideration. Increased generosity will make even more mission and ministry possible at Rumble for the coming year. Bins are set up in the office work room to receive your confidential estimate of giving cards and time and talent sheets.