

RUMPLE: CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

Today at 3:30, our KICKS & Fusion students will present their Christmas musical in the sanctuary. Immediately following the musical, we will have an Advent workshop for all. Please join us for this special afternoon!

Next Sunday, December 9, is the December Second Sunday Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Ham will be furnished by the Fellowship Committee. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite side dish to share.

Sign-up for Winter Salt Shakers and to purchase Poinsettias Please visit our church website to sign up. Under the "Resources" tab, you will find both forms. If you would like to sign up in person, the forms are located in the office reception area and can be given to Hazel.

The Angel Tree with the names, ages, and clothing sizes of children needing our help is up in the office reception area. You may choose an angel, purchase and wrap gifts, and return the gifts to the office beside Kathy's study by Sunday, December 9. And, you may also buy a food/grocery gift card for a family. Please direct any questions to Susan Suddreth at 263-0821 or Teresa Lentz at 295-3276.

Again this year Rumble is invited to share Christmas joy with some elderly members of our community. The Elderberry Tree is up on the table outside the library. There are gold bags on the branches requesting \$25.00 food cards (which will be matched by another \$25.00 food card). Approximately 20 elderly Watauga County people identified by the Hunger and Health Coalition, will receive the cards. If you have questions, contact Eula Calvin, eulacalvin@gmail.com.

During the Advent season, Rumble will have an inter-generational Sunday School class, based on the book Watch for the Light, led by Don Saunders and friends. There are daily Advent readings through Epiphany. If you would like to participate, books are available for pick up in the church office. Join us as we prepare for the Coming King in the Adult Classroom Upstairs in the Education Building at 9:45 a.m.

Monthly BR CARES food pantry donations needed! Please see the Rumble website and enews for specific items needed for December.

Rumble has a Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help with emergency financial needs for church and community members. As we head into the cold winter months, the requests for assistance will continue and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund needs replenishing. If you would like to contribute to this mission fund of Rumble. You may give your donation directly to Kathy, place it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church to Hazel's attention.

**Rumble Staff**

Kathy Beach .....Pastor  
Holly Bannan ..... Director of Discipleship  
Dave McCollum ..... Director of Music  
Eric Luke .....Accompanist  
Hazel Smithy .....Secretary  
Cassidy Noonan .....Youth Intern  
Kalie Gorham .....Communications Intern  
Julie Anderson .....Nursery Supervisor  
Mary Leah Reece .....Nursery Assistant  
Heather Sigmon ..... Custodian

Rumble's Ruling Elders: (2018) Barbara Julien, Danny Kirkland, Mary Lentz (Clerk), Mike Rhyne (2019) Davis Hankins, Misty Mayfield, Kim Rogers, Cullie Tarleton (2020) Jim Crowell, Jerry Hutchens, Jane Rogers, Lynne Waugh

Please keep in your prayers  
Rumble members  
Sylvia Kiker, Roger Broeker, Barbara Scott, Brenda Lentz, Bill and Pat Magruder, Recie Craig, Erin Tobin and Drew Taylor, serving in the military

Family and friends of Rumble  
Ann Rhyne's cousin, Bonnie; Jan McClure, Holly Bannan's mother; David Greene, son of David and Rachel Greene; Lou Moore's son in law, Luke Short; Grover Gore, Susie Reynolds, sister of Patty Laubach; Meg Wagner, neighbor of Leslie Novilla; Joyce Rodriguez, sister of Carolyn Nelson; Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey, Al and Ellen Smith, missionaries in Russia  
Please contact Hazel in the church office if you have other prayer concerns to add.

This Week at Rumble  
Sunday December 2  
12:15 Congregational Care (L)  
12:15 Christian Education Cmte. (ACU)  
3:30 Children's Christmas Musical  
4:00 Advent Workshop (FH)  
Monday December 3  
5:30 Called Session (L)  
6:00 Circle 1 Christmas Party (RH)  
Wednesday December 5  
9:30 Circle 5 (RH)  
1:00 Staff Meeting (L)  
2:30 KICKS/Fusion  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir (KMC)  
Sunday December 9  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Adult Choir Christmas music  
12:15 Second Sunday Christmas Lunch (FH)  
5:00 Youth Fellowship  
YC—Youth Cottage FH-Fellowship Hall  
RH-Rumble House KMC Keys Music Center  
PS-Pastor's Study ACU-Adult Classroom Upstairs

The Season of Advent is upon us! From Christmas music to Poinsettias and so much more, Rumble will be a bustling place in December. Please visit the church website for information about all upcoming events during Advent.

We have many modes of communication here at Rumble. To stay up-to-date on upcoming events, please check our website, Facebook page, and eNews. To be added to the weekly email list, email Hazel, at office@rumplechurch.org.  
[www.rumplechurch.org](http://www.rumplechurch.org)  
[www.facebook.com/rumplememorialpresbyterianchurch/](http://www.facebook.com/rumplememorialpresbyterianchurch/)

# Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church

The Order of Service for the Worship of God  
December 2, 2018  
First Sunday of Advent



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ADVENT GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World is coming.  
Jesus is coming to light our world! Come Lord Jesus.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"O Holy Night"  
August Carter, flute

Adult Handbells

+CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 9

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
The light shines even in the places where shadows touch our lives.  
Rejoice, for Christ's presence lives among us.  
Christ is coming to light our world. Thanks be to God.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

No. 106

Text: Frans Mikael Frazen Music: Then Svenska Psalmboken

Tune: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, always with us, always coming; we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming.

SILENCE

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Isaiah 40

Hear and believe the good news!  
Comfort, comfort my people, says our God.  
Our sins are pardoned.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"All Because of Bethlehem"  
Children's Choir

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE Holly Bannan  
*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 "From the Apple in the Garden" Roy Hoppy  
From the apple in the garden to the manger and the star, from the promise to where we are,  
You are our hope, loving God.  
From the manna in the desert to the breaking of the bread, from the hunger of the ages to our hunger to be fed, you  
are our hope, loving God.  
From the prisons of the prophets to the growing light of day, from the death within the darkness to the stone that  
rolls away, you are our hope, loving God.  
From the curse of Eve and Adam to the blessing of the Christ, from the spirits of division to your Spirit in our midst,  
still be our hope, loving God. \*

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**God of love and power, you are revealed to us in your Word, in accounts of prophecy and fulfillment that direct our attention to Jesus Christ. Open us now to hear your Word proclaimed. May we open our hearts to him who is coming, yearn for his coming in glory, and serve him with joy. Amen**

ADVENT PROPHECY Jeremiah 33:14-16; p. 694  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:26-38; p. 53  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Come Light Our World" Kathy Beach

## WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF RESPONSE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 88  
Music: John Weaver (stanzas 1, 2 and 6) Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

### OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABORS

OFFERTORY "O Come, Little Children" Melody Bober

+DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION No. 113

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

As you serve the bread to your neighbor please say, "The bread of life, given for you."

As you serve the tray to your neighbor please say, "The cup of salvation, given for you."

Prayer of Gratitude

## WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

+SENDING HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 121  
Text: Phillips Brooks Music: Lewis Henry Redner Tune: ST. LOUIS

### +CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Christmas is Coming" Vince Gauraldi

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:** Kathy Beach, Pastor; Cassidy Nooner, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Ushers and Greeters: Mike and Becky Steele, Kim Rogers, Janice Burns; Elders serving Communion: Danny Kirkland, Jerry Hutchens, Misty Mayfield, Davis Hankins, Kim Rogers

**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.

**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 (9:30-12:15) 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.

**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.

**Advent**, the season of preparation and waiting for Christmas, begins this morning. This Advent, our sanctuary decorations will help us to prepare for the coming Prince of Peace. Each week more decorations will be added to our worship space, reminding us that the birth of Christ is ever closer.

**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.

**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.

**Save the date for the next Rumble Church Tour- Christmas edition**, Sunday, December 16 at 9:30. Join Rumble members Jane Rogers and Adele Dunbar for a tour while learning church history and tales. All visitors and guests are invited to attend and anyone interested in becoming a member or affiliate member of Rumble may do so that morning as well. Please email Hazel in the church office, at [office@rumplechurch.org](mailto:office@rumplechurch.org) if you plan to attend.

**Rumble will host a Service of Hope, Light, and Remembrance** on Wednesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For many people, this holiday season is a sad and lonely time. In this service of prayers and special music, all those who find this a tough season are invited to come and be reminded of the comfort and presence of God and that the light of Christ shines brighter than any darkness. Please invite friends to attend.

**An exciting update on our Grateful Rumble campaign!** Rumble has so much to celebrate as we begin a new church year this Advent! Thanks to the generosity of Rumble members, affiliate members, and friends, the estimates of giving for 2019 are up 22% over 2018, totaling nearly \$308,000. Thank you to all the individuals and families who have already made an estimate of giving for 2019. Thanks to your generosity, the Session was able to pass a larger budget for 2019 with increased giving to mission, and to support new and ongoing church programs. Thank you.  
-The Stewardship Committee (Maurice Ewing, Jerry Hutchens, Kim Kincaid, Pat Mauldin, Billy Worsham, and Kathy Beach)