

RUMPLE: CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

Join us for Christmas Sunday Lunch today immediately following worship. There is plenty of food so please plan to stay even if you did not bring a dish. All guests and visitors are encouraged to stay for lunch and enjoy this time of fellowship.

Sign up for Winter Salt Shakers' dinner groups has begun! Small groups meet once a month January -May in homes. Many find these groups a great way to really get to know other members of the Rumble family. Sign up online under the Resources tab on the website or paper sign up forms are available in the church office and the sanctuary. For questions, contact Marion Thorn, marionthorn@bellsouth.net.

Would you like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one? Or make a donation to WeCan in honor of someone? Beautiful poinsettias will enrich our Advent and Christmas season worship here at Rumble. Sign up on the church website- Resources tab. If you prefer, you may fill out a printed form and leave it and your check with Hazel in the church office. Forms can be found in the display case in the office reception area.

Thank you to all who shared gifts for the Angel Tree and Elderberry Tree.

Our Inter-generational Sunday School class, based on the book *Watch for the Light*, continues this week. There are daily Advent readings through Epiphany. It's not too late to join in the Adult Classroom Upstairs in the Education Building at 9:45 a.m.

Monthly BR CARES food pantry donations needed!

Specific items needed for December are canned pineapple, canned tomatoes, canned milk, oatmeal (round cardboard container, not individual packs), pancake/waffle mix, and toilet tissue. Please place your food items in the shopping care in the reception area.

**Christmas Eve Worship at Rumble
Monday, December 24**

4:00 p.m. Family Friendly Worship
Childcare provided for children 6 months to 2 years

6:00 p.m. Worship with Communion and Candlelight

Special offerings will be received for Blowing Rock CARES and WeCan. All worshipping are encouraged to bring diapers that will be distributed by the Children's Council.

Rumble Staff

Kathy BeachPastor
Holly BannanDirector of Discipleship
Dave McCollumDirector of Music
Eric LukeAccompanist
Hazel SmithySecretary
Cassidy NoonanYouth Intern
Kalie GorhamCommunications Intern
Julie AndersonNursery Supervisor
Mary Leah ReeceNursery Assistant
Heather SigmonCustodian

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**

Bixby Markland, recovering from surgery; 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 16

12:15 Second Sunday Christmas Lunch (FH)
5:15 Youth Fellowship at the manse

Monday December 17

6:00 Session Christmas Party (Rhyne's)

Tuesday December 18

7:00 am Youth Breakfast (YC)

Wednesday December 19

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)
6:00 Worship Service
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Sunday December 23

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship

YC—Youth Cottage FH-Fellowship Hall
RH-Rumble House KMC Keys Music Center
PS-Pastor's Study ACU-Adult Classroom Upstairs

Advent and Christmas at Rumble

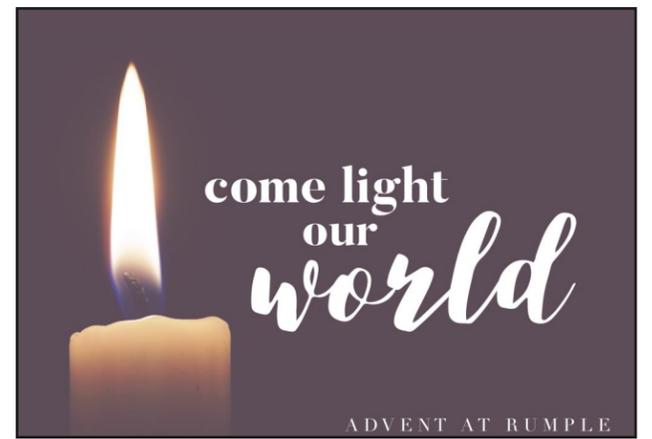
From Christmas music to Poinsettias and so much more, Rumble is a bustling place in December. Please visit the church website for information about all upcoming events during Advent and Christmas.

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.

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www.facebook.com/rumplememorialpresbyterianchurch/

**Rumble Memorial
Presbyterian Church**

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
December 16, 2018
Third 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.

Jesus is coming to light our world! Come Lord Jesus.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Blowing Rock CARES

PRELUDE

“Adeste Fedeles”
Caleb Cardwell, Trumpet

Bernard Dewagtere

+CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 40

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**Let us prepare to welcome God's dramatic work in our midst,
in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation.
Let us worship God.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Text: George Weisell Music: *Musica Sacra*

No.93
Tune: TRURO

ADVENT PRAYER

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, O Promised One, once again we come to you in this Advent season and await your presence.

Give us the patience to seek the meaning of these busy days.

Give us the courage to wait in times of pain and trouble.

Give us the compassion to wait for one another.

Give us the faith to wait for the Messiah when we are threatened by the Herods of this world.

Give us hope to wait for the Savior even when we cannot hear the angels singing.

Hear us now, Lord God, as we offer these prayers of intercession.

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.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE Holly Bannan
The children are invited to bring their own offerings forward with them and place them in the offering basket.

THE ADVENT PROPHECY Isaiah 12:2-6; p. 603

THE WORD IN SONG Sanctuary Choir

“Hope Is Born”

Liturgy by Carolyn Nelson

(Narration will begin and follow each anthem)

“From the Apple in the Garden”

Shirley Erena Murray, Roy Hopp

“A Brilliant Star Was Shining Bright”

Adam Tice, Sally Ann Morris

“Unto Us a Child Is Born”

Puer Nobis Nascitur, from Piae Cantiones (1582), trans. Trevor Manor, arr. Trevor Manor

“Shepherd’s Joy” *with soloist* Amanda Hemric

Lyrics by John Parker and Mark Hayes, music by Mark Hayes

“Follow That Star” *with soloist* Emily Leonard

Pamela Stewart, Brad Nix

Offertory: “What Can I Give Him?”

Christina Rossetti, Tim Sharp

“African Christmas Spiritual” *with soloist* Emma Liesegang

Herb Frombach, David Lantz III

“Upon This Path”

Adam Tice, Sally Ann Morris

Congregational Response: Choir will sing first time, congregation joins on the repeat

“Still be our hope, still be our hope, still be our hope loving God.”

“Sussex Carol”

Traditional English, arr. Elaine Hagenberg

Guest Musicians: Caleb Cardwell, Trumpet; Miranda Stone, Percussion

WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD DNEWS

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

No. 121

Text: Phillips Brooks Music: Lewis Henry Redner

(stanza 3)

Tune: ST. LOUIS

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming,
but in the world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World!”
Caleb Cardwell, Trumpet

John Rutter

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, Jim Nelson, Alice Salthouse, Liturgists; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Ushers and Greeters: Mike and Becky Steele, George and Evalyn Sudderth

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.

There is no children’s church today. After the “Time with Children” your child will remain in the worship service. There are Bibles, books, and worship bags at both of the entrances to the sanctuary.

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 who we know in Jesus Christ. The four outer candles represent the four Sundays we spend in Advent, 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 even 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.

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 large poinsettias in the chancel are given in honor and in memory of our loved ones by Terry and Teresa Lentz.

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.

Christmas Joy Offering: Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. In giving to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related ethnic schools and colleges. In addition to our morning offering, we will receive this special offering today. Special envelopes are in the pews.

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 the light of Christ that shines brighter than any darkness. Please invite friends to attend.

Thank you to all who made the Grateful Rumble celebration such a huge success! In late November the Session passed a balanced budget for 2019 that increases giving to missions and for church programs. The 2019 adopted budget increase is made possible by a 22% increase in the estimates of giving made by Rumble members, affiliates, and friends for 2019. It is not too late to join in giving to support the mission and ministry of Rumble for 2019. The Stewardship Team and the Session are grateful for all that the generosity of many will make possible in 2019.