

RUMPLE: CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

Sign-up for Winter Salt Shakers Please visit our church website to sign up, under the "Resources" tab. If you would like to sign up in person, the forms are located in the office reception area, and the sanctuary and can be given to Hazel. If you have questions, please contact Marion Thorn, marionthorn@bellsouth.net.

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

Blowing Rock CARES is a food bank that helps provide basic non-perishable food to families and individuals in Watauga County. The food pantry is open for clients on Mondays from 9 am to 12:00pm right here at Rumble. 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.

The deadline for the January Slate and Stone is December 28. The newsletter will be mailed a little later than usual—first week of January.

It has been a great year in mission and ministry for this family of faith. If you would like to contribute a year end gift or complete your "estimate of giving" for 2018, please be sure your gift is postmarked by Monday, December 31, placed in the offering plate by next Sunday, December 30, or dropped off at the church office by 4:00 on December 31. The church office will be closed on December 25 and 26 and January 1 so the staff can celebrate Christmas and New Year's.

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Worship at Rumble, Monday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Family Friendly Worship
6:00 p.m. Worship with Communion and Candlelight

At both services on Christmas Eve the offerings received will go 100% to local missions. The monetary offerings will be divided evenly between the Blowing Rock CARES food pantry, housed at Rumble and WeCan, a ministry of the Hospitality House that provides emergency financial assistance to local individuals and families. In addition, this year, we are encouraging you to bring a donation of diapers for the Children's Council in Boone.

Rumple Staff

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

Rumple'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
Rumple members**

Family of Opal Koone, who died on 12/18;
Bixby Markland, recovering from surgery;
Kim Kincaid, recovering from knee surgery
on 12/17; 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

Leigh Debry's mother, June Derby, health
issues; Ann Rhyne's cousin, Bonnie; Jan
McClure, Holly Bannan's mother; David
Greene, son of David and Rachel Greene;
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

Monday December 24

4:00 Family Friendly Worship
6:00 Worship with Communion and
Candlelight

Tuesday December 25

Church Office closed

Wednesday December 26

Church Office closed

Sunday December 30

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship

*YC—Youth Cottage FH-Fellowship Hall
RH-Rumple House KMC Keys Music Center
PS-Pastor's Study ACU-Adult Classroom Up-
stairs*

Merry Christmas

and thank you for all our goodies

from the Rumble staff.

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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Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ADVENT GREETING

Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World is coming.

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"

Mark Hayes

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Our souls magnify the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us! Holy is God's name!

God is our Maker and our Redeemer; from generation to generation.

Let us worship God who is coming to light our world!

based on Luke 1:46-50

+HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

No. 104

Text: Paul Gerhardt Music: Melchior Teschner

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Merciful God, we confess to you this morning our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love.

We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive.

We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow you without question.

In this Advent time, forgive our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace,

assist us to welcome and receive you with joy, as the shepherds;

with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary;

with love, as you have loved us. Hear us as we continue to pray come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The good news of Advent is that Jesus Christ has come into the world, has led the way through death that we may have life, and is coming again to make all things new....

As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our sins from us.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

No. 119

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

**Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND LIGHTING THE FOURTH 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

"Joseph's Lullaby"

David Rogers, solo

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE ADVENT PROPHECY

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

Micah 5:2-5; p. 815

GOSPEL LESSON

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

Luke 1:46-55; p. 53

SERMON

"Come Light Our World"

Kathy Beach

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Away in a Manger"

Music: James R. Murray

No. 115

Tune: MUELLER

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*

God sent the promised Deliverer to his people.

Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child,

descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin.

He lived as a Jew among Jews.

He announced to his people the coming of God's

kingdom of justice and peace on earth.

We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child,

yet born of God's power as was no other child.

**In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused,
distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's
promised rule.**

**Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between
God and humanity that God always intended.**

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

"Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"

Mark Hayes

+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!**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

+SENDING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

Text: Isaac Watts Music: George Frederick Handel

No. 134

Tune: ANTIOCH

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"O Tannenbaum"

Vince Guaraldi

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; Lou Moore, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Holly Bannan, Director of Discipleship; Ushers and Greeters: Mike and Becky Steele, Mike and Ann Rhyne

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.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ed and Tacky Vosburgh by Billy and Vicki Worsham. **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** are given in honor and in memory of our loved ones by Terry and Teresa Lentz.

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.

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.

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 to our pastor, Kathy.