

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. Deadline to sign up is today, 12/30.

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. (Pantry will be closed on 12/31) Items needed for December are canned pineapple, canned tomatoes, canned milk, oatmeal (round cardboard container, not individual packs), pancake/waffle mix, toilet tissue. Please place your food items in the shopping cart in the reception area.

We will continue to collect diapers to donate for the Children's Council of Watauga County. Believing that "all children deserve equal care and basic necessities", the Council supplies free diapers to local families through their "Who Needs a Change?" program. Rumble's Mission Committee has a collection box in the office reception area through Sunday, 12/30, as we celebrate the birth of baby Jesus by helping other babies in our community.

Our beautiful decorations will continue to fill the sanctuary throughout the Christmas season. If you purchased a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, we hope you will wait to take it home until January 6. If you would like to take one home this morning, you may do so. A huge thank you to Vicki Worsham, with lots of help from Billy Worsham and Jane Rogers, for all the Christmas decorations.

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 today Sunday, December 30, or dropped off at the church office by 4:00 on December 31. The church office will be closed January 1.

Save the date: Sunday, January 13 immediately following worship for our church wide fellowship event for January. Come celebrate with the newly ordained and installed Rumble elders for a reception in the office reception area and enjoy some light snacks and good fellowship. The next fellowship lunch will be on Sunday, February 10.

Rumble Staff

Kathy BeachPastor
Holly BannanDirector of Discipleship
Dave McCollumDirector of Music
Eric LukeAccompanist
Hazel SmitheySecretary
Cassidy NoonanYouth Intern
Kalie GorhamCommunications Intern
Julie AndersonNursery Supervisor
Mary Leah ReeceNursery 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**

Elizabeth Carter, hospitalized; Jim Burgess, Watauga Medical Center; Family of Opal Koone, who died on 12/18; Sylvia Kiker, Roger Broecker, 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 31

Tuesday January 1

Church Office closed

Wednesday January 2

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Sunday January 6

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Special Epiphany Worship with Communion

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

The January Slate and Stone

newsletter will be mailed a little later than usual—the first week of January.

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 30, 2018

First Sunday after Christmas Day



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CHRISTMAS GREETING

Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World has come.
Jesus has come to light our world! Thanks be to God.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Silent Night" Carolyn M. Taylor

+CALL TO WORSHIP
Men and women, old and young together:
Praise God and exalt the author of Life.
**Praise God in the highest heavens.
Praise God, all dwellers on the earth.**
God commanded, and we were created.
God sustains us and enables us to grow.
**Praise God, all who seek to live in faithfulness.
Glorify God's name and join the loving community.**
Know that we are chosen by God, holy and beloved.
We are called into one body, the church of Jesus Christ.
**Let us draw close to God and to one another.
Let us join with all creation to worship God.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE "Go Tell It On The Mountain" No. 136
Text: John W. Work, II Music: John W. Work, III Tune: GO TELL IT

+CALL TO CONFESSION
+PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy God, we have seen the Christ child in the manger, and we know that you are a light to all people. Forgive us when our lives are not shaped by the Christmas story, when our hearts are not open to the leading of your spirit, when our hands are not open to help a neighbor in need. Speak your good news to us once more, forgive us, and bring us peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

+SILENT CONFESSION
+KYRIE "Lord Have Mercy" (sung responsively)
Lord Have Mercy.... Christ Have Mercy..... Lord Have Mercy

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hymn 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!

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

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

No. 123

Text: Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849

Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all gracious King:
the word in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world: above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long; beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong; and we at war on earth hear not the tidings that they bring;
O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the angels sing!

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing. *

FIRST LESSON

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; p. 581

SECONDLesson

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

Colossians 3:12-17; p. 190

SERMON

“On the Brink of Everything”

David McCollum

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

No. 707

Text: William H. Foulkes Music: Calvin Weiss Laufer

Tune: HALL

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle’s 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

“There’s a Song in the Air”

Darrell V. Archer

+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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

No. 307

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick Music: John Hughes

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Fum, Fum, Fum”

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: Dave McCollum, Guest Preacher; Holly Bannan, Liturgist; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Ushers and Greeters: Danny, Jackie, Molly and Will Kirkland

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 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.

There will be no Children's Church today. There are Bibles, books, and worship bags at both of the entrances to the sanctuary.

Today, in addition to the morning offering, we will receive the Pennies for Hunger offering. This monthly offering supports the hunger ministries of Salem Presbytery, including Hospitality House in Boone. The amount received at Rumble as of November 30 is \$3,791.55.

The Advent Wreath and Chrismon Tree are the focal points of our Advent and Christmas 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.

Our Pastor, Kathy Beach, is away this morning on vacation. She will return to the office tomorrow, Monday, December 31. We thank our Director of Music, Dr. Dave McCollum, for preaching in Kathy's absence. If you have a pastoral emergency this weekend, please contact one of the elders who will be able to reach Kathy.