

CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OR AFFILIATE MEMBER OF RUMPLE? Rumple receives members and affiliates (those who retain membership in their church elsewhere but who "affiliate" themselves with Rumple in an official way) throughout the year. The next Welcome Class and Tour will be held on Sunday, 12/8 at 9:30. Please call or email Jessica in the office if you plan to attend, office@rumplechurch.org. Folks may become members at the end of the class.

IT'S TIME FOR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS! If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, in honor or memory of a loved one, the forms are located in the office reception area and in the fellowship pads. They can be given to Jessica in the church office or left in her mailbox in the workroom. Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary December 22-January 5.

WINTER SALT SHAKERS each month January thru May you can enjoy good food, meeting new friends and seeing old friends for dinner and wonderful fellowship. If you would like to sign up, the forms are located in the office reception area, and in the fellowship pads. They can be given to Jessica in the church office. If you have questions contact Jean Baskin at genieb37@yahoo.com

THE ANGEL TREE with the names, ages, and clothing sizes of children needing our help this year is displayed in the office reception area. We hope you will choose an angel, purchase and wrap gifts, and return the gifts to the office beside the workroom by [Wednesday, December 11](#) so that they can be distributed to families. You will also have the opportunity to buy a food/grocery gift card for a family. Please be sure to sign your name and phone number on the clipboards beside the name and number of the child and/or family you choose. Any questions may be directed to Susan Suddreth at [263-0821](tel:263-0821) or Teresa Lentz at [295-3276](tel:295-3276).

CIRCLE 4 IS COORDINATING THE ELDERBERRY PROJECT again this year and is requesting gift card donations from the congregation. There will be a small Elderberry Tree in the lobby with gold gift bags. You can select a gift bag; put your name & the Elder's name on the clipboard; purchase a \$25.00 card to a place like Walmart or Food Lion; return the gift card in the bag to a box in the Workroom by Thursday, December 8 & check off your name. These will be added to the bag of gifts for each older adult recipients.

HONOR CARDS Artist Bill Mangum has painted beautiful winter landscapes for the past 30 years to raise awareness and funds for the needy and homeless. In Watauga County one hundred percent of the money donated from the sell of seasonal cards goes to Hospitality House. The card and donation envelopes are in the office hallway next to the Elderberry Tree.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA & SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH Save the date December 8 Immediately following worship. This is the Sunday the choir will lead us with their Christmas Cantata. Fellowship committee will furnish hams and Christmas cookies. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite side dish to share. All are welcome!

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDARS are available at the entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. All food donations go to Blowing Rock Cares.

DIAPER DRIVE Rumple will collect diapers during the month of December to donate to the Children's Council of Watauga County. We will collect diapers of all sizes throughout the month of December and at both Christmas Eve services.

CHILDREN'S OLIVEWOOD ORANMENTS AND ADVENT CALENDARS are in the office workroom, if you weren't able to attend Project Advent.

Rumple Staff
 Kathy BeachPastor
 Jessica Minerva.....Office Manager
 Dave McCollumDirector of Music
 Stephanie Hankins.....Parish Associate Minister
 Eric LukeAccompanist
 Cassidy NoonerYouth Intern
 Julie Anderson.....Nursery Supervisor
 Heather Sigmon.....Custodian
 Becca Vickrey.....Interim Children's Ministry
 Debbie Swartzel.....Interim Children's Ministry

Rumple's Ruling Elders:
 (2019) Davis Hankins, Misty Mayfield, Kim Rogers, Cullie Tarleton (2020) Jim Crowell, Jerry Hutchens, Jane Rogers, Lynne Waugh (2021) Kathy Earley, Emily Leonard, Curt Salthouse (Clerk), Mike Steele

Please keep in your prayers
 Dale Hamrick, on death of his wife Cherrie on 11/17; Jackie Kirkland; Susan Kirkland (Danny's mom) at Foley Center; Barbara Julien; Taylor Aldridge Higdon (Lucy and John's daughter); Dottie Watson; Linda Jerger; Wes Thompson; Oliver Julien; Betty Kearn (Debra Brenner's Mom); Barbara Leon's aunt; Adele Dunbar's sister-in-law, Wilkie Pitman; Don Saunders; Jim Ruff; Adalis Andujar, Sammy Andujar; Leslie Novilla's daughter and friends, Sara, Meg and Barbara; Bob Young; Gus Newton; Vicki Cawthorne; Margaret Townsend; David Bartlett; Ruth George; Byron and Charleen Logan; Jim Burgess; Jim and Barbara Scott; Recie Craig; Bill and Pat Magruder; Erin Tobin, serving in US Army; Drew Taylor, active duty with the Coast Guard; Bettye Johnson,; Gus and Miriam Newton's son in law, David; Carol Capristo's mother, Ruby Vincent; Jan McClure, Holly Bannan's mother; Grover Gore, Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey; Ellen and Al Smith, missionaries in Russia, Germany.

Sunday, December 1
 12:15 Implementation Team Meeting (L)

Monday, December 2
 6:00 Circle 1 (away)

Tuesday, December 3
 8:30 Personnel Committee Meeting (L)
 4:30 Visiting Scholar Committee (L)

Wednesday, December 4
 9:30 Circle 5 (RH)
 11:00 Staff Meeting (L)
 2:30 Youth & Children
 6:00 Decorate Christmas Tree
 7:00 Choir (KMC)

Thursday, December 5
 1:00 Threads (L)

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

We have many modes of communication here at Rumple. 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 Jessica, at office@rumplechurch.org. www.rumplechurch.org www.facebook.com/rumplememorialpresbyterianchurch/

Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church

is a missional church; called to worship, empowered to serve, inspiring disciples, creating community.

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
 First Sunday of Advent
 December 1, 2019



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 "Wait for the Lord" No. 90
 Text: Ref. Taize Community Music: Jacques Berthier TUNE: WAIT FOR THE LORD
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

+CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah 2 and Psalm 122
 I was glad when they said to me,
 "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
**Let us join together on this Advent journey
 That we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.
 Let us worship God who is coming to redeem the world!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 88
 Text: Latin Prose Music: Plainsong, Adapt. Thomas Helmore TUNE: VENI EMMANUEL

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God who is with us, and God who is on the way, we confess that we do not wait nor watch for your light. We hear your ancient promises in the words of the prophets, but we do not fully trust them. Awaken us this Advent to the hope of this season and help us to prepare for your coming among us. Helps us to watch and to wait for our Savior with hope, confidence, and joy.

+SILENCE
 +RESPONSE "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 121
O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
 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 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" 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 GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Stephanie Hankins

The children are invited to bring their own offerings forward with them and place them in the offering basket. .

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God of every nation, let your Word ring out from the mountains and your Spirit shine forth on the earth, so that all may hear your teaching and all may do your will, through Jesus Christ our Savior, whom we await this Advent. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Joyous Spirit”
Adult Handbells

By: Valerie Stephenson

ADVENT PROPHECY

Isaiah 2:1-5
P. 594

SERMON

“Waiting for the Lord with Hope”

Kathy Beach

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABORS

OFFERTORY

“What Child Is This?”
Adult Handbells

Music: English ballad, 16th century, Arr. Alex Guebert

+DOXOLOGY

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (Vs. 3 choir , refrain congregation)
(Refrain) Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

No. 113

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN

“Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven”

No. 511

Text and Music: Bryan Jeffery Leech

TUNE: COME, SHARE THE LORD

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

As you pass the bread to your neighbor please say, “The bread of life, given for you.” As you pass the tray to your neighbor please say, “The cup of salvation, given for you.”

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Today We all Are Called to Be Disciples” (Vs 1 & 2)

No. 757

Text: H. Kenn Carmichael Music: English Country Songs

TUNE: KINGSFOLD

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (Vs. 1)

+POSTLUDE

"How Great Our Joy"

By Linda McKechnie.

Bold font indicates all say or sing in unison. +Indicates those who are able may stand. *Used by
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WORSHIP NOTES

LEADING WORSHIP: Kathy Beach, Pastor; Lance Perry; Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Music Director; Sanctuary Choir; Adult Handbells; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Robert Shirley, Tim & Shirley Harris, Danny Kirkland, Mary Holstein, Serving Communion; Ushers and Greeters.

ADVENT THE SEASON OF PREPARATION AND WAITING FOR CHRISTMAS, BEGINS THIS MORNING. Again 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. **Purple** has traditionally been the primary color of [Advent](#), symbolizing [repentance](#) and [fasting](#). Purple is also the color of royalty and the [sovereignty of Christ](#), demonstrating anticipation of the coming King. The Advent wreath is a focal point of our Advent worship. Its evergreens and circular shape remind us of the unending love of God. The four candles represent the four Sundays of anticipation and preparation. The white candle is the Christ candle which we will not light until Christmas Eve. The light of the candles remind us that Christ’s light shines even in the darkness.

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. Please come forward to a communion station, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. (There is gluten free option, as well.) If you are unable to come forward, the elders will come and serve you in your seat.

THE WREATH ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brenda Lentz, Lewis and Emmy Lentz, and Harold Stanberry by Johnny Lentz, Cindy Lentz, and Joshua Lentz Grimes. **THE LARGE POINSETTIAS** 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 Kathy Beach, one of the ushers, elders or staff.

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 sound-board) or an usher for assistance. **RESTROOMS AND A WATER FOUNTAIN** can be found off of the office reception area. Once worship has begun, you can enter the office area by the door to the left of the chancel steps or the outside door closest to the front of the sanctuary. All other doors are locked while we are worshipping.

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.

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP New colorful worship bags and books are available as you enter the sanctuary. After the Time With Children, children in grades K-1 may stay in worship or go to the nursery for Children's Church. They may be picked up there after the service.

GRATEFUL RUMPLE IS MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST as we begin a new church year this first Sunday of Advent! Thanks to the generosity of Rumble members, affiliate members, and friends, the estimates of giving for 2020 are up 15% over 2019, totaling over \$350,000. The Rumble Session was able to pass the largest budget (for 2020) in ten years! This budget includes increased giving for mission, money for much prolonged maintenance of our buildings, and support for new and on-going church programs.