

CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH is 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 here at Rumple.

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 December 8 & check off your name. These will be added to the bag of gifts for each older adult recipients.

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).

CHRISTMAS CAROLING DECEMBER 11th! The Wednesday After School program is going Christmas caroling at the Foley Center on December 11th from 3:30-4:30pm. All church members are invited to join us! Plan on meeting in the Foley Center lobby at 3:15. Please email Stephanie Hankins so we know to expect you, parishassociate@rumplechurch.org.

WOMEN TOGETHER, a new group for women, 50 and under, will meet again on Monday, December 16 from 6-7:30 for dinner, fellowship, study, and prayer, in the Rumple House. Childcare will be provided in the church nursery. Please RSVP to pastor Kathy Beach or Parish Associate Pastor Stephanie Hankins if you plan to attend.

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

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.

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. Sizes most needed 3,4,5, & 6.

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
 Wes Thompson at Watauga Medical Center; Earl Trexler; Susan Kirkland (Danny's mom) at Foley Center; Barbara Julien; Taylor Aldridge Higdon (Lucy and John's daughter); Linda Jerger; 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 8
 12:00 2nd Sunday Lunch (FH)

Monday, December 9
 1:00 Circle 4 (RH)
 2:00 Circle 2 (AWAY)
 6:00 Session Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 10
 7:00 Youth Breakfast (YC)

Wednesday, December 11
 11:00 Staff Meeting (L)
 12:00 Staff Christmas Party (L)
 2:30 Youth & Children
 3:00 Caroling at the Foley Center
 7:00 Choir (KMC)

Thursday, December 12
 9:00 BR Cares Board Meeting (ACU)
 10:00 Prayer Shawl (L)

Friday, December 13
 12:30 High Country Council on Aging Event (FH)(KMC)

Sunday, December 15
 Poinsettia Purchase Deadline
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship
 5:00 Youth fellowship (manse)

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
 Second Sunday of Advent

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome of the New Members
 Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Cassidy Nooner, Youth Intern

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

ADVENT GREETING

Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World is coming.
He is coming to bring light to the world

PRELUDE

“Wait for the Lord”

Text: Ref. Taize Community Music: Jacques Berthier

No. 90

TUNE: WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice!
 We rejoice because we know that the Lord is near.
 We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

from Philippians 4

Let us praise God's holy name!
Let us worship God who is coming to bring peace.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

Text: Johannes Olearius Music: Sally Ann Morris

No. 87

TUNE: ISAIAH 9

ADVENT LITANY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hall owed by 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 THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

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

Kathy Beach and Emma Liesegang

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Your Word, Holy God, was written for our instruction. By your Holy Spirit open our ears this morning and fill us with the mysteries of your unconditional love. We pray and we listen in this season of waiting and preparing for Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Amen.

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 11:1-10
 P. 602-603



WORSHIP NOTES (continued)

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: “Christmas Presence: A Gathering of Hope, Peace, and Love”
Pepper Choplin

What does it mean to simply be *present*? What does it feel like to truly meditate and focus on a single subject and to allow yourself to be moved and inspired– to set aside peripheral distractions, responsibilities, and to-dos? Around Christmastime, just being *present* can seem like an impossible task. The demands of the season battle for our attention, our time, and our focus. However, the very thing that brings us together at Christmas demands that we are *present* to reflect and moved by Christ’s birth. In this work, the concept of being *present* weaves throughout the music and narration presents a challenge to experience Christmas in God’s *presence* and the *presence* of those around us. (from Lorenz Publishing)

Narration

The World Awaits Your Coming. From Isaiah 2:3-4

Narration

We Are Here, God Is Here. Inspired by Matthew 1:23, 18:20; John 1:1-5

Narration

Tiny Miracle

Narration

Angels Came to Earth One Night. Based on Luke 2:8-14

Narration

Call of the Magi (Offertory)

Narration

Still They Are Here (at Christmastime)

Solo : Emily Leonard

Narration

Hope, Love, and Joy to the World (*Be a Christmas Presence*)

Go Tell It Where I Send Thee

WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

"Go Tell It Where I Send Thee" Reprise

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; Maurice Ewing; Narrator; Dave McCollum, Music Director; Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; **GUEST INSTRUMENTALISTS:** Flute – Rachel Kellam, Oboe – Kirstin Maley, Bass Clarinet – Avery Gray, Trumpet – Ariel Shores, Strings – Sally Booker, Percussion – Evan Stahl; Mike Steele, Shirley Harris, Janice Burns & Kim Rogers Ushers and Greeters.

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 which we know in Jesus Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks we spend 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 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 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. **THE WREATHS** on the front doors are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Clarence and Opal Greene by David and Rachel Greene and their family.

SPECIAL THANKS to Bill & Sherry Wilson for the contribution of this year’s Chrismon tree.

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.

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR BULLETINS! There is a designated basket by the front doors for them or you can put them in the recycle bin in the workroom or any of the designated recycle bins throughout the church.

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 by December 15. Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary December 22-January 5.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDARS are available at the entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. All food donations go to Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S., the food pantry at Rumble.

RUMPLE WILL CO-HOST A SERVICE OF HOPE, LIGHT, AND REMEMBRANCE on Wednesday, December 18 from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the Rumble sanctuary. Co-hosts for this year’s service are St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal and Faithbridge United Methodist Churches. Anyone who finds this time of year difficult is invited to come to this special worship service and to be reminded of the comfort and presence of God and the light of Christ that shines brighter than any darkness we may feel. Please invite friends and neighbors too. Childcare will be provided in the Rumble nursery.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT RUMPLE

4:00 p.m. Family Friendly Worship with Candlelight
(Nursery for infants and toddlers.)

6:00 p.m. Worship with Communion and Candlelight
*Offerings received at both services will go to support
the Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. food pantry and the
Children’s Council of Watauga County.

