

**CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE**

**IF YOU PURCHASED A POINSETTIA**, you may take them with you today after worship.

**STAR WORDS** will be shared with all in worship this morning. These are a small and simple gift for everyone. As the wise ones did long ago, we each receive a star gift today with a message- a word for us to consider for this new year. We have many extra star words so if you would like to take one for a friend or family member, please do so.

**CREATION CARE** Do you like to garden? Do you recycle? Do you avoid using plastic bags at the grocery store? Join our new Creation Care Group as we explore ways Rumple can faithfully care for God's Earth. The first meeting will be January 12 at 9:30 in the adult classroom upstairs.

**YOUTH VOLUNTEER SIGNUPS** There is a clickable link on the e-news for members of the congregation to sign up to provide Youth Group Sunday Dinners, Hosts for Moveable Feasts, and Weekly Volunteers. Anybody who is interested simply needs to go to the link or contact Jessica in the church office.

**THE JANUARY SLATE AND STONE** will be mailed this week so that the staff could enjoy some time off for Christmas and New Year's. This will be the last "regular" printed Slate and Stone for at least a few months as we move to an electronic Slate and Stone format. If you would like to continue to receive a printed monthly newsletter, please call or email Jessica by January 31. Printed copies will be mailed if requested.

**NEW FLOWER CHART FOR 2020, SIGN-UPS ARE WELCOME!** The 2020 Flower Chart is now posted near Jessica's desk in the office reception area. If you would like to provide the flowers for the sanctuary for one Sunday this year, please sign up on the chart. Or, you may [email Jessica](mailto:jessica@rumplechurch.org) to see if the date you want is free and she can sign you up.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** has been called for 2/2 immediately following worship. The purposes of the meeting are to approve changes to Kathy's terms of call and receive the annual report from 2019 and a report on the 2020 budget from the Session.

**IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER :** you can find out about any cancellations of our worship or Sunday activities on our church's website- [rumplechurch.org](http://rumplechurch.org) or by going to [ncweatherclosings.com](http://ncweatherclosings.com) on [Raysweather.com](http://Raysweather.com), or on the church Facebook page and the church phone message. Even though we always hope to have our worship services, there are many occasions when the weather is so severe that our activities need to be cancelled. Please use your judgement deciding whether you wish to venture out on days with snow and ice.

**Rumple Staff**  
 Kathy Beach .....Pastor  
 Jessica Minerva.....Office Manager  
 Dave McCollum .....Director of Music  
 Stephanie Hankins.....Parish Associate Minister  
 Eric Luke .....Accompanist  
 Julie Anderson.....Nursery Supervisor  
 Heather Sigmon.....Custodian  
 Becca Vickrey.....Interim Children's Ministry  
 Debbie Swartzel.....Interim Children's Ministry  
 Evan Adair & Lottie Godsey .....Youth Interns

**Rumple's Ruling Elders:** (2020) Jim Crowell, Jerry Hutchens, Jane Rogers, Lynne Waugh (2021) Kathy Earley, Adele Dunbar, Curt Salthouse (Clerk), Mike Steele (2022) Maurice Ewing, Cristy McKinney, Carol Rives, Bob Stout

**Please keep in your prayers**  
 Palmer Horton (Candice & Paul Horton's granddaughter); Harriet McNair (Kim Kincaid's mother); Earl-Trexler, Wes Thompson, Cliff Layman (husband of Holly D'Addurno), Cassidy Nooner's grandfather, Wyatt Clark, Susan Kirkland (Danny's mom); Taylor Aldridge Higdon (Lucy and John's daughter); Linda Jerger; Oliver Julien; Betty Kern (Debra Brenner's Mom); Barbara Leon's aunt; Adele Dunbar's sister-in-law, Wilkie Pitman; Don Saunders; Lucy Aldridge; AdaLis Andujar, Sammy Andujar; Leslie Novilla's daughter and friend, 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, January 5**  
 5:00 Youth Fellowship

**Monday, January 6**  
 6:00 Circle 1

**Wednesday, January 8**  
 11:00 Staff Meeting  
 2:30 Youth and Children  
 5:30 Session Meeting  
 7:00 Choir

**Thursday, January 9**  
 10:00 Prayer Shawl

**Sunday, January 12**  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship  
 5:00 Youth Fellowship

*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](mailto:office@rumplechurch.org), [www.rumplechurch.org](http://www.rumplechurch.org), [www.facebook.com/rumplememorialpresbyterianchurch/](https://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

January 5, 2020

Epiphany Sunday



**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME  
 MINUTE FOR MISSION

Creation Care

CHRISTMAS GREETING  
 Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World has come among us.  
**Immanuel, God is with us. God has come to bring light to the world.**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE "Marche des Rois Mages" By Rhené-Baton

+CALL TO WORSHIP  
 The Magi came from many places, following a star.  
**We come to worship, and the star sheds light on our lives.**  
 The magi brought gifts to offer the Child.  
**We too bring gifts- ourselves, our hopes, our dreams.**  
 Shepherds and magi- the meek and the mighty- all were welcome in Bethlehem.  
**We too come to Bethlehem and then return to our homes rejoicing.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE "As with Gladness Men of Old" No. 150  
 Text: William Chaterton Dix Music: Conrad Kocher TUNE: DIX

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**God of perfect light, lead us as we proceed through life in this new year. Forgive us when, like Herod, selfish ambition makes us willing to hurt others. Forgive us when, unlike the magi, we refuse to follow the light you give us. Shine in our lives through the light of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen**

+SILENT PRAYER  
 +KYRIE "Lord Have Mercy" (sung responsively) Evan Adair, cantor  
**Lord Have Mercy.... Christ Have Mercy..... Lord Have Mercy**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS  
 Hear and believe the good news!  
 In the Gospel of John we read, "the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it."  
**Christ has come to give light and live to our lives and to this world.**  
**The light of Christ shines in us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and free. 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. Mile 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

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Guiding God, bless us on the road as we seek your star. Light-shedding God, light up our minds with your truth that lets us ignore the Herods of this time and keep on going toward the light. Beckoning God, help us to bring gifts worthy of Christ. Then, we too shall be known by you as wise women and men. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

#### OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

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

Isaiah 60:1-6  
P. 649

#### ANTHEM

“Call of the Magi”

Pepper Choplin

Come and worship, worship the newborn King. Come away and join the journey.  
Leave your earthly cares and strife. Lift your weary eyes to heaven look beyond this earthly life.  
Come and follow, come and follow, follow as we seek the King. Help us search the constellations.  
Soon the kingly star shall rise. See the wondrous sign above us. How it reigns the eastern sky!  
Come and follow the newborn King. Follow now the star’s appearing, leading on to Bethlehem.  
We have heard a holy calling. “Bring your gifts of praise to Him.”  
Now our weary steps will quicken, now we prove the journey’s worth.  
There beneath the star of glory, behold the King of heaven and earth.  
“Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.”  
Christ the King, Christ the King. He is King, Christ the King!

#### GOSPEL LESSON

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

Matthew 2:1-12  
P.1

#### SERMON STORY

Hymn No. 152 “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”  
*We will sing the verses throughout the story.*

*(This will be the Time with the Children this morning as well. Children are invited to get a costume and participate in the story.)*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

#### +HYMN OF RESPONSE

“The First Nowell” (Stanzas 1-3, 6)

No. 147

Text: English Carol Music: English Carol

TUNE: THE FIRST NOWELL

#### RECEIVING OUR STAR GIFTS

*The children will distribute the “star gifts” and everyone is invited to receive one. If you would like to take an extra for a friend or family member, please do so.*

#### 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.**

#### OFFERINGS OF OUR LIFE AND LABORS

#### OFFERTORY

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”

ByCarolyn Taylor

#### +DOXOLOGY

“Angels, We Have Heard on High”

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

Text and Music: John Henry Hopkins Jr.

“We Three Kings” (Stanzas 1,2,5)

No. 151

TUNE: KINGS OF ORIENT

#### +CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”

By 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:** Kathy Beach, Pastor; Mike Steele, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Music Director; Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Curt & Alice Salthouse, Wayne & Kathryn Holliday; Ushers and Greeters.

**TODAY’S “SERMON STORY”** will include the reading of The Stone: A Persian Legend of the Magi by Dianne Hofmeyr, pictures by Judy Daly.

**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 our pastor, 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.

**THE CHRISMON TREE** is a focal point of our Advent and Christmas worship. 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.

**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.

**THE BANNERS HANGING IN THE CORNERS OF THE SANCTUARY** represent Rumble’s four cornerstones in the new mission and vision of the congregation. They hang in the sanctuary to remind us of how Rumble feels called to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this time and place.

**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.

**GRATEFUL RUMBLE IS MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST IN 2020.** Continued generosity to Rumble resulted in “estimates of giving” totally over \$390,000 for 2020. This represents a 20% increase over 2019 and the number of families/individuals who made estimates is up over 2019 as well. An increased budget for 2020 will enable Rumble to continue to grow the mission and ministry, increasing mission giving, hiring an associate pastor, and doing some long overdue repairs to the wonderful Rumble campus. This grateful church will continue to make an impact in this new year!