CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

WINTER SALT SHAKERS sign ups continue each month January through 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

BR CARES REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR pantry donations can be returned to the shopping carts in the office reception area through Christmas Eve worship.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE DINNER Rumple is serving dinner at Hospitality House on Monday, December 30, 2019. If you are able to provide food and/or volunteer to serve that evening, please contact Misty Mayfield, 828-234-1389.

YEAR END GIVING Rumple will gladly receive your year end gifts through Tuesday, December 31. All gifts for 2019 must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31. Rumple can receive gifts by check, stock transfer, and IRA rollover.

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. Please return diapers to collection box in the office area.

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.

ANGEL TREE Many thanks to both Rumple members and friends of Rumple who so generously provided Christmas gifts for local children and food cards for their families. This year we were able to help thirty-eight children and their twenty-six families.

ELDERBERRY TREE Circle 4 would like to thank everyone who participated in the Elderberry Project. We were able to fulfill the wish list for 20 elders and provide extra treats as well.

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Please keep in your prayers John Beall, on the death of his brother, Harper, on 12/13; Earl Trexler, broken shoulder, Wes Thompson, Cassi-dy Nooner's grandfather, Wyatt Clark, death of Debra Norville's mother on 12/7; Susan Kirkland (Danny's mom) at Foley Center; Taylor Aldridge Higdon

(Lucy and John's daughter); Linda Jerger; Öliver Julien; Betty Kern (Debra Brenner's Mom); Barbara Leon's aunt; Adele Dunbar's sister-in-law, Wilkie Pitman; Don Saunders; Lucy Áldridge; AdaLis Andujar, Sammy Andujar; Leslie Novilla's daughter and friends, Sara, Meg and Barbara; Bob Young; Gus Newton; Vicki Cawthorne; Margaret Cownsend; 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; Bettve 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 Šmith, missionaries in Russia, Germany.

> **Tuesday, December 24** 4:00 Christmas Eve Worship

> 6:00 Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 25 Office Closed

Thursday, December 26 Office Closed

Sunday, December 29 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship

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

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2019

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ADVENT GREETING Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World is coming. He is coming to bring light to the 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 Emmanuel, God-with-us is coming. We have seen his light and gather here. We await the day of his coming. With joy and expectation we wait. Come Lord Jesus, meet us here.

+HYMN OF PRAISE "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Text: Stanzas 1-3 James Montgomery Music: Henry Thomas Smart

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy God, our very waiting in Advent is itself a confession. If we are waiting for Emmanuel, we are not yet with you; if we are waiting for Jesus, we need a Savior; if we are waiting for a Messiah, the proud are still powerful, the mighty are still exalted, the hungry stand unheard at the door; if we are waiting for your incarnation in human form, we confess that we have not known you in our sister, we have not loved you in our brother, we have not served you in our neighbor. In this time of great meaning, in the stillness of Advent love and light, hear our deepest confession; heal us and make us new through the good tidings of your presence in our lives, Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

+RESPONSE "Away In A Manger" (Vs. 3) No. 1 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever and love me, I pray. Bless No. 114 all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe the good news! Comfort, comfort my people, says our God. Our sins are pardoned and we have been made new. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.





No. 143 TUNE: REGENT SOUARE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" 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 OF LOVE Stephanie Hankins and Molly Kirkland

CHORAL RESPONSE "Love Came Down At Christmas"

PRAYER OF PREPARATION As your Holy Spirit spoke to Mary, the mother of our Lord, speak to us now through your Word, O God. In hearing may we too receive faith and be strengthened to do your will. Amen.

ANTHEM

"How Far is It to Bethlehem?"

Arr. Joseph Martin Arr. Joseph Martin How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far. Shall we find the stable room lit by a star? Can we see the little child? Is He within? If we lift the wooden latch may we go in? May we stroke the creatures there, oxen or sheep? May we watch like them and see Jesus asleep? If we touch His tiny hand, will he awake? Will he know we've come so far just for His sake? O what can I give to him poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I'd bring a lamb. If I were a wise man I'd do my part. Yet, what can I give to Him, give Him my heart.

ADVENT PROPHECY The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Waiting for the Lord with Love" WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE "Savior of the Nations, Come" (Vs. 1,3) No. 102 Text: Attr. Ambrose of Milan Music: Erfurt Enchiridion TUNE: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

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 "Oh Come, Little Children" By Melody Bober "Angels We Have Heard on High" (Vs. 3 choir, refrain congregation) (Refrain) Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! +DOXOLOGY No. 113

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

+RECESSIONAL HYMN Text: Phillips Brooks Music: Lewis Henry Redner	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	No. 121 TUNE: ST. LOUIS
+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
+CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE	"Of the Father's Love Begotten" (V. 3)	No. 108
POSTLUDE	"Christmas Is Coming"	By Vince Gauraldi

Bold font indicates all say or sing in unison. +Indicates those who are able may stand. *Used by Permission CCLI #3145863

LEADING WORSHIP: Kathy Beach, Pastor: Cullie Tarleton, Molly Kirkland, Liturgists: Dave McCollum, Music Director; Sanctuary Choir; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Becky & Mike Steele, Lou Moore, Ashlyn Yates: Ushers and Greeters.

WELCOME TO ALL who have come to worship God at the Rumple 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 Rumple family would love to get to know you and share information about the ministries and missions of Rumple. If you would like to receive weekly news from Rumple, 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 soundboard) 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 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 form 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 vou 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 Rumple's four cornerstones in the new mission and vision of the congregation. They hang in the sanctuary to remind us of how Rumple 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 RUMPLE IS MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. Thanks to the generosity of Rumple members, affiliate members, and friends, the estimates of giving for 2020 are up 15% over 2019, totaling over \$360,000. An increased budget for 2020 will enable Rumple to pursue hiring an associate pastor to continue to grow the mission and ministry of Rumple. Estimate of giving and Time and Talent cards for 2020 are available in the church office.

	CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT RUMPLE
121 UIS	4:00 p.m. Family Friendly Worship with Candlelight (Nursery for infants and toddlers.) 6:00 p.m. Worship with Communion and Candlelight
08	*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.

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Isaiah 7:10-16

Kathy Beach

Matthew 1:18-25

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WORSHIP NOTES

