

CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

DAILY LENT DEVOTIONS AVAILABLE IN PRINT OR BY EMAIL. These will be available daily or you can pick up a printed copy in the office. Editor Teri McDowell's series Examen: Inward Work for Outward Living explores the ancient spiritual practice of examen focusing on honest assessment and reflection. You will be invited to explore the connection between internal contemplation and outward action.

LENT CALENDARS, provided by the Creation Care Committee are available on the church office reception area desk and also in the sanctuary. They are also included in the Friday's Slate and Stone newsletter, if you prefer an online version or want to save the paper.

THIS LENT, THE RUMPLE MISSIONS COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO HELP FURNISH A HOUSE for a refugee family in the triad area. There are three ways to help: 1. Purchase items from the Amazon registry. Items will be shipped directly to World Relief Triad. 2. Make a donation. Checks may be made out to the church with "refugee" on the memo line, online and cash donation should be specified for "refugee". 3. Donate new or gently used furniture. We will have a collection point or schedule a pick-up at your home on April 14th. Contact Misty Mayfield allredml@appstate.edu, 828-234-1398 for more information. All donations will be used in homes for refugees being resettled through World Relief Triad Resettlement which serves High Point, Winston Salem, and Greensboro.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE on the church website and on the desk in the church office reception area.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE CARD DAY Tuesday, March 28th at 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall We'd love to have you join us for fun and stimulating card games, good food and fellowship. We meet the last Tuesday of each month with Betty Womack as our "card instructor!" A delicious lunch is provided and the cost is \$5 per person. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 26, 2023 to Annie Tarbutton at atarbutton@skybest.com or 770-301-4127. We need a good count for card table set up and food!

RUMPLE WALKING/HIKING GROUP Did you know the Watauga County Board of Commissioners recently declared 2023 as the Year of the Trail? To celebrate and make the most of our county's beautiful trails, Rumble's Creation Care Committee would like to form a walking/hiking group. If you'd be interested in participating in walks/hikes throughout the year, please contact Hope Squires. Depending on level of interest and abilities, we'll plan a range of easy walks and more moderate hikes.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF If you would like to support Presbyterian Disasters Relief's response to the Turkey-Syria earthquake call 800-872-3283 or to send a check, please designate Turkey-Syria on the memo line and mail to Presbyterian Church (USA) PO Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. To give online go to: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/turkey-syria-earthquake/>

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Rumple's Ruling Elders:
(2023) Lou Moore (Clerk), Debbie Swartzel, Billy Worsham, Paul Horton(2024)
Judy Lilly, Alice Salt-house, Gary Scott, Jeff Stewart
(2025) Jenny Apker, Cindy Lentz, Mike Mayfield, Johnathan Rhyme

Please keep in your prayers
Family of Wes Thompson, on his death on 2/28; Annette Goudeau-Trahan, recovering from surgery; Curt Salthouse; Bonnie McLamb; Betty Coffey, at Foley Center; Buz Helms; Carol Rives; Debra Brenner's, 3 month old relative and his family; Debra Brenner's brother, Jay; Leslie Novilla's brother and sister in law; Jimmy Jones; Charles Coley; Bob Stout; Joe Kiker; Mary Holstein; Earl and Nancy Trexler; Judy Petrie; Patti, friend of Paul and Madge Megliola; Jenny Apker's neighbor; Patti Curtis' mom, Sally; Marion Stadler, James Shore; Rebecca Holshouser; Margaret Gilleskie; Ken, friend of Joe and Angie Alexander; Miriam Newton; Barbara Scott; Sylvia Kiker; Bill Thorn; Cullie Tarleton; Gwyn Parsons; Bill Goodman; Bettye, friend of Ann and Mike Rhyne; Jim Ruff; Piney Clay; Frances, mother of Lynn Henderson; Elizabeth, undergoing treatments for a brain tumor; Lucy Aldridge; Debra Brenner's friend, Joyce, chemotherapy; Sam, son of Mabel Davis; Janet Goodman's friend, Celeste; Heather Johnson's father; Lucy, mother of Deatra Sellers; Sam Reep; Kent Tarbutton; Linda Jerger; Susan, friend of Dottie Watson; Byron Logan; Bill Magruder; Troy, Father of Diane Overcash; Ruth George; Jackson, grandson of Joe and Angie Alexander, active duty in the navy; Erin Tobin, serving in US Army; Drew Taylor, active duty with the Coast Guard.

Sunday, March 12

Baptism
9:15 Handbells
9:45 Discoverers' Class
11:00 Sunday Worship in Sanctuary and on Youtube
5:00 Youth
6:00 Visitation Training

Monday, March 13

4:00 Missions Cmte.

Tuesday, March 14

10:00 Kate Bowler Study
4:00 BR Cares Board Meeting
6:45 Kate Bowler Study

Wednesday, March 15

9-12 BR Cares Food pantry
3:30 Wednesday After School
5:30 Music Rehearsal

Thursday, March 16

4:30 Visiting Scholar Cmte

Friday, March 17

7:15 Youth Breakfast at Stickboy

Sunday, March 19

9:15 Handbells
9:45 Discoverers' Class
10:15 Welcome New Members
11:00 Sunday Worship in Sanctuary and on Youtube
5:00 Youth

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Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church

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

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
March 12, 2023
3rd Sunday in Lent



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "It is Well With My Soul"

by Bliss/Hayes

+CALL TO WORSHIP
Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!
**Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
Let us worship God.**

from Psalm 148

+HYMN OF PRAISE "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"
John Newton, 1775 Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

No. 81

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of mercy, we confess that we seek things that do not last and fail to seek the Living Water that is your Son. We hold grudges and nurture prejudices; we do not love others as you have loved us. We deny the promises of baptism and the hope of eternal life. Gracious God, cleanse us; renew us, so that, abiding in your love, we may live as free people, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE "Restore in Us, O God"
Carl P. Daw, 1987, Hal H. Hopson, 1985

No. 434

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love; renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS
Listen to the Good News of the Gospel.
God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE Live into Hope (st. 4)
Jane Parker Huber, 1976

No. 772

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
All children are invited to come forward. After the prayer, the children 5 years and younger may leave for the nursery.

Bold font indicates all say or sing in unison. +Indicates those who are able may stand.

WORSHIP NOTES

LEADING WORSHIP: Ken Broman-Fulks, Preacher; Richard Swartzel, Stephanie Hankins, Liturgists; Dave McCollum, Minister of Music; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Debbie Swartzel, Time with Children; Johnny Lentz, Cindy Lentz, Billy Grimes, Joshua Lentz-Grimes, Ushers; Joshua Lentz-Grimes, Acolyte.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE BAPTISM with Caspian Wallace Falck. He is the son of Virginia Wallace and Mel Falck.

LENTEN CROSS Everyone has an opportunity to hang a written concern, worry, trauma, injustice, or struggle on the Lenten cross that is in the sanctuary for the whole Lenten season. Strips of paper are on the church reception area desk and at both entrances to the sanctuary. Please take one and hang it on the cross.

THIS MORNING'S BULLETIN ART, a copy of which will be added to the Lent cross, was created for this morning by Becca Vickrey. Each Sunday during Lent the bulletin will contain some original art of Becca's that depicts the morning's scripture. The same image will be added to the Lent cross as a symbol of hope and new life in the midst of the brokenness and despair of our lives and our world.

WELCOME TO ALL who join in worship at 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 by email, please share that with Jessica in the church office. If you have questions, please speak to Kathy Beach or one of the ushers.

RESTROOMS AND A WATER FOUNTAIN can be found near the office reception area in the Education building. Once worship has begun, you can enter that office area by the door to the left of the chancel steps at the front of the sanctuary. All outside doors are locked at the beginning of each worship service.

THE NURSERY is open from 10:30-noon (or end of worship service). Our nursery staff, are excited to welcome your children ages Birth-5 to the nursery during worship. If your child leaves for the nursery after the Time with Children, you can pick him/her up at the conclusion of the service. Ushers can provide you directions to the nursery.

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RUMPLES'S PASTOR, KATHY BEACH, IS ON VACATION THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please reach out to elders Debbie Swartzel or Mike Mayfield, or to Parish Associate Pastor Stephanie Hankins. All of their contact information can be found in the church directory, Breeze. If you do not have access to that you can call the church office and the volunteer at the desk will help you get in contact with them. Kathy will return to the office on Thursday, March 16.

OFFICE MANAGER, JESSICA WILL BE AWAY thru Tuesday, 3/14. The church office will be opened limited hours Monday and Tuesday from 9-1.

KATHY'S PASTOR IN THE PEWS will not meet Monday, March 13th, she will meet again on Monday, March 20th at 2pm. No need to make an appointment, just stop by.

DISCOVERERS' CLASS If you're weary from the loads you carry and the challenges you face, please join the Discoverers' discussion class led by Kim Rogers at 9:45 Sunday mornings in the library, as we begin our study of Max Lucado's book *Help Is Here*. You can purchase your own book online locally or in the class.

BREEZE ONLINE GIVING UPDATE Online giving will continue to be available at Rumble but with the rollout of the new website, the platform for online giving switched over to Breeze, our online church management system. This will streamline online giving into a platform where church members already have an account. If you have any questions about online giving, please speak to Jessica, in the church office.

WEBSITE ROLLOUT Rumble rolled out the new church website last week. The web address remains the same, www.rumblechurch.org. Please plan to visit the site to see how great it looks and how easy it is to navigate and find information. Thank you to the Communications Committee for all their hard work and for Thomas Steele who designed the new site.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

By your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to the Holy Word so that it comes to rule within us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

ANTHEM "Prayer to Jehovah" William Williams, arr. Molly Ijames
Guide me O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak but Thou are mighty, hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more, Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, feed me, feed me 'til I want no more. Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream o'er flow: Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield. Be my strength and shield. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside: Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee: I will ever give to Thee.

GOSPEL LESSON John 4:5-14 Pg. 89
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON How Is Your Despair?

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

HYMN "Ho, All Who Thirst" No. 479
Alexander M. Peters, 1997

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

As the offering plate is passed through the sanctuary, we encourage you to pass the plate and consider all the ways you are invited to be generous toward the building up of God's kingdom. We know that many give their financial gifts online or through automatic monthly gifts. The offering plate reminds us to consider what many different gifts we have to offer.

OFFERTORY "The Water is Wide" by Howard Helvey

+DOXOLOGY
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Who are you? **I am a child of God.**

What does it mean to be a child of God?

That I belong to God who loves me.

What makes you a child of God?

Grace - God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

How do you thank God for this gift of love.

I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

Our Lord Jesus has commanded us to teach those who are baptized.

Do we, the members of this church on behalf of the whole church,

promise to guide and nurture Caspian by word and deed,

with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ

and to be a faithful member of His church? **We do.**

WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

+SENDING HYMN "Baptized in Water" (St. 1 & 3) No. 482
Michael J. Seward, 1981

+CHORAL BENEDICTION "May God Meet You in Your Journey" McCollum
May God meet you in your journey, offering a blessing each new day; may God give you Christ's compassion, sharing hope and joy and love to give away. A-men.

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" by Croft/Sturtevant

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