

CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

KATHY'S PASTOR IN THE PEWS will meet at a new time on Monday, March 20th at 2pm. No need to make an appointment, just stop by.

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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING For over 70 years, Presbyterians have made special donations to OGHS during Lent. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world. This fund helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations with disaster assistance, hunger programs, and individual and community development programs. Gifts can be made anytime by specifying OGHS on donations and envelopes will be available in the pews on Easter Sunday.

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!

WOMEN TOGETHER will meet Monday, April 3rd at 6pm at Bistro Roca. Please contact Brook Harmon if you are interested in joining this group.

BREEZE ONLINE GIVING UPDATE Online giving is 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. If you have any questions about online giving, please speak to Jessica, in the church office.

WEBSITE ROLLOUT The web address remains the same, www.rumplechurch.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.

Rumple Staff
 Kathy BeachPastor
 Jessica Minerva.....Office Manager
 Dave McCollumMinister of Music
 Stephanie Hankins.....Parish Associate Minister
 Ken Broman-Fulks.....Parish Associate Minister
 Eric LukeAccompanist
 Heather Sigmon.....Custodian
 Becca Vickrey/ Lindsey Fletcher.....Children's Ministry
 Mary Jane KeathleyChildren's Choir Director
 Andrew Beals.....Youth Intern
 Thomas Wilkinson.....Technology
 Thomas Steele.....Technology
 Kaitlyn Whisnant.....Nursery Supervisor
 Riley Williams.....Nursery Assistant

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
 Charles Coley; Annette Goudeau-Trahan, recovering from surgery; Curt Salt-house; 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; Jeff Stewart's lifelong friend, Donnie; Jimmy Jones; 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 Holsouser; 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 19
 9:15 Handbells
 9:45 Discoverers' Class
 10:15 Welcome New Members
 11:00 Sunday Worship in Sanctuary and on Youtube
 12:00 New Member Reception
 5:00 Youth

Monday, March 20
 1:00 Properties Cmte
 2:00 Kathy's Pastor in the Pews
 4:00 Finance Cmte
 5:00 Missions Creation Care Cmte

Tuesday, March 21
 8:30 Personnel Cmte
 10:00 Kate Bowler Study
 5:30 Christian Ed Committee
 6:45 Kate Bowler Study

Wednesday, March 22
 9-12 BR Care's Food pantry
 11:00 Staff Meeting
 3:30 Wednesday After School
 5:30 Music Rehearsal

Sunday, March 26
 9:15 Handbells
 9:45 Discoverers' Class
 12:00 Worship Cmte
 11:00 Sunday Worship in Sanctuary and on Youtube
 5:00 Youth

To be added to the weekly email list, email Jessica, at jminerva@rumplechurch.org

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

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
 March 19, 2023
 4th Sunday in Lent



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Introduction of New Members

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision"

By Howard Helvey

from Psalm 23

+CALL TO WORSHIP
 Day by day, God leads us:
to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.
 Day by day, Jesus calls us:
to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.
 Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:
the community we could be, the family we are called to become.
Let us worship God.

+HYMN OF PRAISE "O For a thousand Tongues to Sing"
 Charles Wesley, 1739 / Carl Gotthelf Glaser, 1828

No. 610

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy Jesus,
we confess that we fail to notice our own sightlessness.
Being so sure that we "see clearly,"
we miss the truths you try to teach us.
With the gift of your love, cure the blindness that afflicts us.
Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings,
our own failures.
Open our eyes to the hurting and the pain of so many of our neighbors.
Make our "shadow side" known to us
and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace.
For it is only when we see ourselves clearly
that we can worship you truly.
In the name of Jesus, 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 again for the Good News of the Gospel.
 In Jesus Christ God has opened our eyes and opened our hearts.
We are forgiven and called to new life in the name of Jesus.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

+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.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy and Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and understanding as your Word is read and proclaimed. May You open our eyes and our hearts so we may know the hope to which Christ has called us. Amen.

DUET

“Ask of Me”

Jim Crowell, Baritone; David McCollum, Tenor

Mary Foil, Douglas Nolan

Ask of Me, and I will hear. Ask of Me, for I am near. I will hear the whispered prayer; every need and every care. Ask of Me, and I will give. Ask of Me, and you will live. Ask of Me. Ask of Me. Ask of Me, and I will hear. Ask of Me, for I am near. Call My name, and you will find, that all your needs will be supplied. Ask of Me, and I will give. Ask of Me, and you will live. Ask of Me. Ask of Me. Knock, the door will open. Seek, and you will find. Ask, and I will answer. None will be denied. O Ask of ME, and I will hear. Ask of Me, for I am near. Till that day I take your hand, and lead you to the promised land, ask of Me, and I will give. Ask of Me, and you will live. Ask of Me. Ask of Me.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-41

Pg. 96-97

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Signs and Wonders: The Blind See

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”
Clara H. Scott, 1895

No. 451

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“I Believe”

written by Bruce Prewer

I believe in truth as a living reality, not captured in theory or a creed, but revealed to those who love; the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God.

Because I believe I trust, not blindly but open eyed and bold as a child climbing into a mother’s lap; the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God.

Because I believe I serve, not as one who serves a tyrant but like farmers reaping a harvest; the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION 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.

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

“Beautiful Savior”

By Anne Marie David

+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

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WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

+SENDING HYMN

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”
John Newton, 1772

No. 649

+CHORAL BENEDICTION

“May God Meet You in Your Journey”
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.

McCollum

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

“Open The Eyes of my Heart”

By Mark Hayes

WORSHIP NOTES

LEADING WORSHIP: Kathy Beach, Pastor; Jane Rogers, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Minister of Music; Eric Luke, Accompanist; Bill Wilson, Time with Children; Betty and Marshall Womack, Lou Moore, Janice Burns, Ushers.

TODAY CALL TO WORSHIP was written by Thom Shuman posted on Lectionary Liturgies. Today’s prayer of confession is an adaptation of one written by Rev. Marilyn Kennedy Levine, and posted on the United Church of Christ’s Worship Ways website.

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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SMALL GATHERING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TODAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP. There will be cider, cookies, cheese straws and fellowship.

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.

HOLY WEEK AT RUMPLE

April 2nd PALM SUNDAY

11AM WORSHIP AND CANTATA 12PM PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON
following worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

Chicken casserole, salad, drinks and dessert will be provided. No need to RSVP.

April 6, MAUNDY THURSDAY 7PM Service will include communion.

April 7, GOOD FRIDAY 12PM Service will be at First Presbyterian in Boone.

April 9, EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNRISE SERVICE 7AM Blowing Rock Memorial Park (on Main Street)

WORSHIP SERVICE 9AM in Sanctuary

CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES 10:15 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 11AM in Sanctuary