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3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! THE WORD "WORSHIP" COMES FROM THE OLD ENGLISH WORD FOR "WORTHY." WHEN WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD, WE ARE DECLARING THAT GOD ALONE IS "WORTHY" OF OUR LIVES AND OUR PRAISE. TODAY IN WORSHIP WE CONTINUE IN OUR SERMON SERIES TITLED, "CALLED," ABOUT ALL THE WAYS THAT GOD CALLS US AND ALL THE THINGS GOD CALLS US TO.

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

JACK RILEY

Prelude

"I am a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger"

TRADITIONAL AFRICAN-
AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

PLEASE USE THIS TIME TO FOCUS YOUR WHOLE SELF - MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT -
ON WORSHIPPING GOD, THE FATHER, AND THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

OFFERING OUR PRAISE, GIFTS, AND PRAYERS

^Song of Praise

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

TFWS 2088

^Opening Prayer

Let us pray together:

Gracious God and loving Father,

**You have made us to know You, to love You, and to serve You,
and thereby to find and to fulfill our deepest longings.**

We know that You are in all things,

and that when we are in Christ,

every path can lead us to You:

and yet we desire to do what You want of us,

and to follow, day to day, Your truest calling in our lives.

Send us the help of your Holy Spirit so that we can discern your will.

Be present in our minds, to show us what You want of us;

in our hands, to give us the strength to do it,

and in our hearts, to be able to accomplish all with love.

Grant above all that we might trust you in our spirits,

and have the courage to respond to your calling, wherever it may lead us.

We ask this in the name and for the sake of Christ.

(Time for silent prayer)

Remember the promises of Jesus:

"Be of good cheer - for I have overcome the world;
it is our Heavenly Father's good pleasure to give us God's kingdom.
Everyone who asks, will receive; everyone who seeks, will find;
and all those who knock will find the door opened to them."

Thanks be to God!

^ **Sharing of the Peace of Christ** "The peace of Christ be with you" **"And also with you."**
(Through the gift of Jesus Christ, we have been granted forgiveness and peace with God and with one another. As a sign and celebration of the peace we have been given, we invite you to turn to your neighbors, extend your hand, and greet/bless them with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

^ **Hymn of Praise** **"Faith, While Trees are Still in Blossom"** UMH 508

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory **"You Are My All in All"** TIM & SHARON DRUM

Doxology **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** UMH 95

Children's Message BEVERLY HALE

Children's Change Offering MITCHELL COUNTY SAFEPLACE
(Following the children's change offering, parents of small children may choose to escort their little ones to our church nursery: our nursery volunteers will meet you in the welcome center just outside the sanctuary.)

Call to Prayer **"Give Me Jesus"** WORSHIP & SONG 3140

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

Choral Anthem **"Breath of God, Breath of Peace"** CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Scripture Reading** **1 Corinthians 1:1-9, 25-30** NT 156

Proclamation of the Word **CALLED: "To Offer Our Gifts and Weaknesses"** REV. JEREMY TROXLER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

^ **Sending Hymn** **"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"** UMH 526

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response** **"Go In Peace, Walk in Love"** CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Postlude**

^IF ABLE, PLEASE STAND

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **IF YOU'RE NEW HERE . . . WELCOME!** We're glad you could join us, whether you're new to the community, new to our church, or if you might be new to this whole "church" thing altogether. We hope you won't be nervous: it doesn't matter who you are, what you've done, what you're wearing, what you believe, or what you don't believe – you are welcome here. You are among friends, and we hope you feel at home in this place of grace.
- **A SPECIAL WELCOME TO CHILDREN!** Parents, we are so grateful that you and your children are here to worship with us! We believe that children have much to teach us about how to receive the Kingdom of God, so please don't worry about your kids being a distraction in worship: the sounds that children make are music to our ears, and we are genuinely grateful that they are in our midst.
- **CHURCH NURSERY** - If it is helpful, you are welcome to leave your child with the caring and trained volunteers in our church nursery, which is located in our Sunday School hallway; or, if you prefer, you can make use of the "family

room” which we set up each Sunday in the blue-carpeted foyer at the back of the sanctuary: that way your child can play and roam freely while you can relax and listen in to the service.

JANUARY / FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT STUDENTS AND HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEET TODAY!** at 5:30pm at SPUMC. All 6th-12th graders (Summit) and K-5th kids are invited to enjoy a meal, fun activities, and time to grow in faith together. Participants in this summer's Honduras mission trip will also be meeting at 4:30pm prior to Summit.
- **IS GOD CALLING YOU TO EXPLORE BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST AT SPUMC?** Pastor Jeremy will be leading a three-part new members' class on Sunday, January 27th, Sunday, February 3rd, and Sunday, February 10th. If you are interested in exploring this step of commitment, please let him know after worship or contact him at 828-467-8743 or spumcpastor@bellsouth.net, and please plan join the class on all three of those dates.
- **HOLY CONVERSATIONS FOR A WAY FORWARD: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH AND WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH AT SPUMC.** A specially-called General Conference of 800+ delegates from across the global United Methodist Church will be held in St. Louis, MO on February 23rd-26th to seek a way forward for the UMC amid its members' differing convictions about same-gender marriage and the ordination of LGBTQ persons. Prior to this gathering we will be holding two special sessions at SPUMC where we will be discussing together biblical passages and perspectives related to homosexuality, the history of the UMC surrounding this issue, and the potential plans that will be discussed at General Conference. Please be in prayer for the Conference (including our pastor, who will be one of the delegates), and plan to join us for these important conversations.
- **NIGHTINGALE CIRCLE FUNDRAISER** - Women of the church, we need you to prepare chocolate candy, fudge, cookies, and cupcakes for February 10th, the Sunday before Valentine's Day. We will sell them to our congregation. All money raised will go toward helping people in our area. Thanks, Sharon Drum.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A SIGN UP SHEET IS AVAILABLE** on the Welcome Table - Please sign up and fill out the information if you are willing to periodically help members of our Church family. The primary focus is food and transportation requests.
- **CONTACT PERSON** - Janet Ouzts is the contact person for the 1st quarter and may be calling if someone is in need of food, transportation, etc. Her phone number is 828-467-1025.
- **BRIDGE OF HOPE / SONS OF THE SON** - wants you to be part of our Ministry by Praying for us: Needs: coats, gloves, hats, socks, blankets, food and toiletries etc. Thank you & God Bless, Phil White
- **WE INVITE EACH FAMILY TO BRING AT LEAST ONE CAN OF FOOD EACH WEEK** for the Shepherd's Staff food assistance ministry. There is a box in the Welcome Center...let's fill it each week! Please check the "Best Used Before" date on the items you donate and make sure it is more than 30 days before expiration. Thank you.
- **PLEASE FILL OUT THE PEW REGISTRATION PADS** by the windows at the end of each pew. **Pass them to the inside** and the ushers will pick them up after they receive the offering.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE:

(If you are unable to serve on the date scheduled, please exchange dates with someone and let the church office know.)

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDREN'S TIME	GREETERS	NURSERY	PRESCHOOL
2/3	Sharon Drum	Melanie Murphy	Matt & Brandy Miller	Becky Nance	Emree Hoilman
2/10	Jane DeVos	Tracy Carroll	Bill & Judy Sears	Katie Willett	Tracy Deyton
2/17	Kathey Hollifield	TBA	Margarett McGraw / Freddie Jones	Quincy Sparks	Kim Ledford

REGULAR MEETINGS

GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Nancy Ball
SPUMC Book Club	1 st Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
Weight Watchers	Tuesdays, 5 pm	Fellowship Hall	
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 nd Monday - 7 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey Hollifield
Al-Anon	Every Thursday	Youth Room	467-1193 & 704-609-3360

OUR COMMUNITY COVENANT

When a person becomes a professing member of the body of Christ at Spruce Pine United Methodist Church, he or she covenants to participate faithfully in the ministries of the congregation and in life in the world by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness.

- **GENERAL PRAYERS:** For all who do not know the love of God in Christ Jesus the Lord; for the well-being of our community; for local, state, national, and world leaders
- **SUSTAINING PRAYERS:** Our homebound members (*Shirley McManus*); Brian Center, Smoky Mountain, and Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton, Audrey Davenport, Bea White; Ramona Gragg; Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola; Jo Thomas; June Wilson; John Ahlquist; David Hoepfner; Bretta Walker; Charles Hale*; All expectant mothers and unborn children (*Carolyn Boles*); *Laura Curtis Hodges*; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2018; *Sandra & Louis Woodard*; Maggie Snyder (caregiver); Troubled Teenager; Lynda Briggs; Jan Hamilton's family, Weston Stout; Jordan, Meredith & Keziah Nance; Rosemary; Jane Greenwood; Heather Boone; Irene Poteat & Cody; Rachel Jones; *Tim Hollifield*; Guy Hoilman (dementia); Jack Byrd; Laura Richmond; Amanda Hasty; Larry & Julia Deyton; Jean Willis; Becket Peterson, Barbara McCloud; Adam (homeless); Olivia Silver; Georgie Mae, Brimleigh, & the Buchanan family (pneumonia); Amanda Drum
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** family of Natasha Hullett; family of Joy Chism; family of Bill Stewart; family of Bob Downs; family of *Jim Smith*; family of Connie Sedberry; family of Sam Singleton; those who have suffered miscarriage; family of Lila Hollifield; family of Marc White; family of Donald Van Beck; family of Ruth Buchanan; the family of Cary Pitman; the family of Helen McSpadden; the family of Zoe Ellis
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Luke Sherman (liver); Joyce LaFar (heart oblation); Ima Jean Metcalf; Jerry Morgan (*Quincy's dad - back*); Atlas Benton (back); Ann Stuck (back); *Diane Struble (back)*; Angela Pitman; *Ann Denny*; Allan Douglas; Don Baucom (heart attack); Ed O'Connell (stem cell transplant); Wayne Whitson (*Ima's brother*)
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Nora Murray (*Neil Brown's sister*); Judy Rinard; Diane Meatyard; Tom Wilson (tumor); Chip Smith (colon); Joyce Woody; Carol Batton (breast cancer); Laurie Norman (esophageal); Holly (brain tumor); Randy Chambers (cancer treatment); Jada Daniels (lung); Larry Metcalf (liver); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Shirley Hise; Hal Harrison; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Brian Baker: Rev. Brenda McDaniel; Claire Spence; Becky Hoilman; Unnamed Person; Bill Hayes; Dan Whetstine; Rhonda Newman; Dick Hautala; Darren Ward
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Wayne Hoilman; Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Aubree (encephalitis); Wanda McClellan (lupus); Dan LaFar (shingles); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Warren Lewis; Heather Blackburn; Sandra Glenn; Tonya Hall Wilson; Nelda Johnson; Pete Floess (Diabetes & MS); Sam Goins (stroke); Danna Gibson
- **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY:** Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; Survivors & responders to Hurricanes Florence & Michael; Samuel Oliver Bruno family; Thacker family (house fire)
- **FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES:** The Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove); Bakersville UMC, Red Hill - Deyton Bend UMC; The Newdale UMC Charge (Celo-Martin's Chapel-Windham); SPUMC (Pastor, Staff & Members); M-Y Parish Food Bank; Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; Shepherd's Staff
- **FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Ben Potter (Army); those on Mission Trips

We want to join with you in prayer for your concerns and needs. Simply contact Pastor Troxler or the church office and tell us about your prayer concern. Please submit names to the church office by Thursday morning to be included on the weekly list.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK		ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK	
1/27 - John Campbell		2/2 - Paul Willett	
		28 - Chris Nash & Sara Snyder	
PRESENCE:		January 20 th , 2019	
GIFTS	January 20 th , 2019		11:00 - 48 (weather)
		General Fund - \$3,808.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00
		Year to Date - \$14,339.00	YTD Budget Need - \$13,749.00
		Wonderful Wednesday Meal - \$230.00 (Comm Asst.)	Community Assistance - \$580.00
		Children's Offering - \$30.25 - SafePlace	Shepherd's Staff Donations - 16

SERVICE: Thanks to those who are serving in special ways throughout the past week and today ...

Lector: Jack Riley Greeters: Jack & Carolyn Burleson Children's Time: Beverly Hale
 Head Usher: Vern Coulter Nursery: Rachelle Shock Preschool: Tracy Deyton Offertory: Tim & Sharon Drum

WITNESS: THE WITNESS THAT WE OFFER TO CHRIST IS NOT JUST AN INDIVIDUAL TESTIMONY: IT IS A COMMUNAL WITNESS. THE CHURCH IS MEANT TO LIVE AS A KIND OF "ALTERNATIVE" COMMUNITY IN THE WORLD: TO SHOW PEOPLE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE WHEN HUMAN BEINGS LIVE TOGETHER IN AND ACCORDING TO THE WAY OF CHRIST, IN PEACE AND WITH MUTUAL CARE FOR EACH OTHER. WE ARE "CALLED" TOGETHER, TO BE THE CHURCH.

****Next Week's Scripture - February 3rd, 2019****

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30