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23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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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.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

TRACY DEYTON

Prelude

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

Entry of the Light of Christ

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

"Praise God for This Holy Ground"

WORSHIP & SONG 3009

^Statement of Faith

"The World Methodist Social Affirmation"

UMH 886

^Opening Prayer of Confession

Let us pray together:

Almighty and Merciful God,

we know that when we hurt another, we hurt you.

We are aware that we have allowed the shadow of hate to cloud our souls,
hiding the light from our unseeking eyes.

We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to our brothers and sisters
when they failed to live up to our expectations.

Grant that we might find that spark of love that you have placed within us,
the love that you have shown us even when we failed you.

Fan the embers of that love until they roar again
in flames of love, peace, and reconciliation.

Forgive us our sins and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us.

Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for the sins of all.

(Time for silent prayers of confession)

Amen.

Rejoice that in the eyes of God we are forgiven through Jesus Christ.

Leave your past. Close the door. And turn with hope to the future.

Let Christ have rule of your life: for in the name of Christ, we are a forgiven people.

Glory to God! Amen!

^ **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** **“This is My Song”** UMH 437

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory **“Let There Be Peace on Earth”** VERNON COULTER & HIS BAND

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

Children’s Message BRUCE IKARD

Children’s Change Offering SHEPHERD’S STAFF & M-Y PARISH FOOD PANTRY

(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 **“Cares Chorus”** TFWS 2215

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Choral Anthem **“A Mighty Fortress”** CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Scripture Reading** **Matthew 22:15-22** NT 23

Proclamation of the Word **“God and Caesar”** REV. JEREMY TROXLER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

^ **Sending Hymn** **“Christ Has Broken Down the Wall”** WORSHIP & SONG 3122

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response** **“Come, We That Love the Lord”** 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.

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT MEETS TODAY AT 5:30PM, BUT NO HILLTOPPERS** - All 6th-12th graders (Summit) are invited to join our youth group to enjoy a meal, fun activities, and a time to grow in faith together. Our children's age ministry, Hilltoppers, will NOT be meeting tonight because Pastor Jeremy will be away: we will resume next week.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO FALL BACK** - Daylight Saving time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 4th, so don't forget to set your clocks **back** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. ☺
- **NEXT SUNDAY IS ALL-SAINTS SUNDAY**, when we read out the names of those we love who have died in the last year and celebrate the special communion we share with them and with all God's saints. If you would like to have the church read out the names of someone you care about who has died over the last year, please write the person's name and their relation to you on the list in the Welcome Center.
- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** - The new home for the Hudgins family is under way and there will be a workday on Saturday November 10th at 9:00 AM til noon. Please pray for this family and the volunteers working to build this new home, just off Penland Rd on Stuart Rd. For more information call Marvin at 766-5379.
- **FALL MISSIONS TEAM** - Hurricane Florence devastated several communities in eastern NC recently. We are sending a team to the New Bern from November 11 - 16th to help rebuild homes and community. As our previous trips have proven, building skills are not required. We are provided with a place to sleep and cook at New Song UMC. United Methodist Committee on Relief provides case management and construction coordination. Please prayerfully consider joining this team for part or all of this week of service. For more information contact Aaron 467-5130 or Marvin 766-5379.
- **POOR MAN'S SUPPER TO BENEFIT HONDURAS YOUTH MISSION TRIP - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH FROM 5-7 PM AT SPUMC** - In June 2019 a group of our Summit youth and parents are going to be joining Carolina Cross Connection in a mission trip experience to the country of Honduras. This meal is the first in a series of suppers to raise funds for the trip, and will include dark chicken, mashed taters, corn, beans, carrots, roll, drink, and desert. To attend, please purchase advance tickets from one of our teenagers or parents for \$10.00 per plate. Please Note: in honor of the 11th being Veterans' Day, ALL VETERANS EAT FREE.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** are collected to help Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. Please continue to save the box tops. Thanks to each of you for your participation. This is an on-going project so keep placing your donations in our Red Bird Mission box on the table in the Welcome Center. - Marie Brown
- **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
11/4	Aaron Buchanan	Ann Denny	Margarett McGraw / Freddy Jones	Becky Nance	Brandy Miller
11/11	Chelsea Thayer	Sharon Drum	Jack Riley / Tony Woodby	Katie Willett	Dwight Willett
11/18	Dwight Willett	Melanie Murphy	Beth Ziemba / Bill Dailey	Grace Buchanan	Tracy Deyton
11/25	Meredith Hoilman	Ginny Downs	Bill & Judy Sears	Quincy Sparks	Ginny Downs

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; Ruth Buchanan; Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola; Jo Thomas; June Wilson; John Ahlquist; Bob Downs; David Hoeppner; 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; Edwin; Jan Hamilton's family, Weston Stout; Jordan, Meredith & Keziah Nance; Rosemary; Jane Greenwood; Heather Boone; Irene Poteat & Cody; Leigha Basini & baby; Rachel Jones; *Tim Hollifield*

- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** family of Jerry McMahan, family of John Vance; family of Tony Humphrey; family of Billy Pitman; family of Paula Scifres; family of Tudor Vance; family of Seth McKinney; family of Tony Yancey; family of Natasha Hullett; Vito's family; the family of Joy Chisolm
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Luke Sherman (liver); Joyce LaFar (heart oblation); *Tracy Carroll* (recovery from knee surgery); Ima Jean Metcalf; Bill Sparks; Jerry Morgan (*Quincy's* dad - back); Stanley Urbina (shoulder surgery); Atlas Benton (back); Ann Stuck (back); *Frank Baskin (blood clots)*; *Diane Struble (back)*; James Ouzts (knee replacement); Wally Thompson (knee); Jan Hamilton (neck surgery); Amanda Drum; Angela Pitman
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Nora Murray (*Neil Brown's* sister); *Jim Smith*; 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
- **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); *Kathey Hollifield (fall)*; Warren Lewis; *Beth Wyatt (hospitalized in Arizona)*
- **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment; Survivors of child abuse; WNC Flooding Survivors; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; California wildfires; Survivors & responders to Hurricanes Florence & Michael
- **FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES:** The Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove); Bakersville UMC, Red Hill - Dayton 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; Students starting college; Donnie Peters' daughter India

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
10/31 - Wanda Henline	11/1 - Sandra Woodard	11/3 - Sam Young	11/2 - Matt & Brandy Miller
PRESENCE:		October 21st, 2018	9:00 - 46 11:00 - 93
GIFTS	October 21, 2018	General Fund - \$5,947.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00
		Year to Date - \$191,537.62	YTD Budget Need - \$186,768.00
		Children's Offering - \$32.75 - Shepherd's Staff	Mission Trip - \$70.00
		Children's Offering - \$32.75 - M-Y Parish Food Bank	Lamplighters - \$1,000.00
		Community Assistance - \$1,020.00	Shepherd's Staff Donations - 20

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

Lector: Tracy Deyton Greeters: Mary Robinson / Donnie Peters Children's Time: Bruce Ikard
Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Rachele Shock Preschool: Meredith Hoilman Offertory: Vernon Coulter

WITNESS: AS CHRISTIANS, OUR POLITICAL CONVICTIONS SHOULD REFLECT THE VALUES THAT CHRIST HAS TAUGHT US: AND THE WAY WE HOLD THOSE CONVICTIONS AND SHARE THEM OTHERS SHOULD ALSO REFLECT THE VALUES AND THAT CHRIST HAS TAUGHT US. WE HURT THE MISSION OF JESUS WHEN WE LET OUR ANGER OVER POLITICS GET THE BEST OF US, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE SPEAK THE TRUTH WITHOUT LOVE, OR WHEN WE LOVE WITHOUT TRUTH. THIS DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T FEEL OR SPEAK STRONGLY ABOUT THE POLITICAL ISSUES OF THE DAY - OFTEN WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DO SO. BUT IT DOES MEAN THAT WE MUST BE SURE THAT THE WAY WE EXPRESS OUR POLITICAL CONVICTIONS REFLECTS OUR DEEPEST VALUES AS CHRISTIANS: OTHERWISE WE DO HARM THE WITNESS OF CHRIST.

****Next Week's Scripture - November 4th, 2018****

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34