



# Spruce Pine United Methodist Church

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**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 9 am**

**Epiphany of the  
Lord Sunday**

**Rick Schilling, Pastor**  
**Stephen McKinney, Piano**

**Kathey Hollifield, Music Director**  
**Kathy Miller, Organ**

**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 OFFER OUR PRAISE & PRAYERS**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **^Call to Worship**

From restless sleep and anxious dreams,  
**Walk toward the light.**  
From shadowy fears and gloomy thoughts,  
**Walk into the light.**  
From deep sadness and worried futures,  
**Walk in the light.**

**All: Light shines upon us. Let the light be renewed hope and promise for us.**

#### **^Song of Praise**

**"We Three Kings"**

**UMH 254**

## ^Opening Prayer

With enlightened lives, let us pray together...

**O God, you made of one blood all nations, and by a star in the East, revealed to all people him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know your presence with us to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow down before the brightness of his rising, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**^Sharing 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.”)*

## PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

**^Scripture Reading**      *Ephesians 3:1-12 (CEB)*      CEB 1425

**Proclamation of the Word**      “Who We Are: Our Epiphany to Others”      Rev. Rick Schilling

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION

**The Apostles’ Creed** (Ecumenical Version)      UMH 882

**Offering Our Gifts and Praises to God / Offertory**

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

**Preparation/Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer**      1 Corinthians 11

**Sharing of Holy Communion**

**^Sending Hymn**      *“Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love”*      UMH 422

**^Benediction**

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(CEB) DENOTES COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE

^ 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.

## JANUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUMMIT AND HILLTOPPERS** - Summit & Hilltoppers meet each Sunday - 5:30-7:30 at Spruce Pine UMC.

**NEW SERMON SERIES** - Beginning January 12, we will discuss some of the tough questions of life - the "Why" questions. We'll ask: Why do bad things happen if God is good? Why doesn't God answer my prayers? Why am I here (What is my purpose in life)? Why does God leave things up to us? Invite those you know who are questioning or curious. Come and ask the tough questions with us.

**AD COUNCIL MEETING** - Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**WONDERFUL WENESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL** - Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the Care and Fellowship Committee. This is a potluck meal.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the FaithLink Classroom.

**SERMONS ON VIDEO!** - We have started to video record the sermons, as of December 1. The current videos are online at the SPUMC website [www.sprucepineumc.org](http://www.sprucepineumc.org). Simply click on the tab (at the top of the screen under our logo) marked "Sermons" to view the sermons. This is still a work in progress, so thank you for bearing with technical issues, like audio and/or video troubles. We are excited for the progress, as we continue to connect with all our worshippers and members - locally and beyond!

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONTACT PERSON** – Mary Robinson is the contact person for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and may be calling if someone is in need of food, transportation, etc. Her phone numbers are 765-6301 (H) and 385-0473 (C)

**CD'S AVAILABLE IN THE WELCOME CENTER** – by Grant Sparks. Proceeds will benefit the Lamplighters.

**LEFT BEHIND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY - SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS** - Meets at 6:30 pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month in the Oak Room, Sloop Medical Offices Building, Cannon Hospital, Linville, NC. Contact Sandy at 828-467-5379 or Jane at 828-504-0155.

**SONS OF THE SON & BRIDGE OF HOPE HOMELESS MINISTRY** - Needs: coats, gloves, hats, socks, blankets, sleeping bags, tarps, food, toiletries and your prayers. 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.

REGULAR MEETINGS			
GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Nancy Ball
SPUMC Book Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
Weight Watchers	Tuesdays, 5 pm	Fellowship Hall	
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday - 7 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey Hollifield
Al-Anon	Thursdays - 7:00 pm	Youth Room	467-1193 & 704-609-5379

## 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 & Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton*, Barbara Day); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola*; June Wilson; David Hoeppner; *Bretta Walker*; *Charles Hale*; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2020; *Sandra Woodard*; Jan Hamilton's Mother Jo (healing), Weston Stout; *Tim Hollifield*; Muffy Dayton; Marcia Murphy; Rosemary Allen (*Stan Cook's sister*); Frank Henline; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; Trevor Higgins; Jennifer Willett (*expecting*); Rick Aldridge; Mike McKinney; Chris Dobson & family; Kathy Baker; Faye Vickers family; Marcus Wood; Charlotte Clark; college students; Susan Hoeg, Virginia, Charlie & William; those with mental health issues; Hannah Blanton; Mike Lewis; Ron & Linda Cromarty; Dori Ann (Susan C. niece); Beth's pregnancy (Dwight's sister); Lynda Briggs; Bob & Glenn (*Glenna's cousins*); Lindsey--(new daughter); Myra Haberneck Strube; Jessie Wray; Ann Butler & family; those alone on the holidays; *Maria Walker* (pet needs surgery); *Michela Buchanan* (New baby Lily); Larry & Laurie Haycom; Jo & Jon Lacy; Sam & Jenell Young

**FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Gene Higgins; for the family of Lloyd McKinney; family of Christine Gortney; family of Harold & Mabel Lopeman (*Nancy's father & mother*); the family of Nancy Swann; family of Elizabeth Davenport; the family of Inez McRae; family of Claire Spurr; family of Cleve Jacobs; family of Trace Wagner; the family of Lori Haythorn

**FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Wayne Hoilman; Ozzie Hernandez; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Patti Morgan; Louie Smith (*Lila Baskin's brother*); Laura Moore (back surgery); Dean (Judy's cousin, heart & kidney transplant); Mary Shannon Perdue (on kidney transplant list); *John Campbell (recovery)*; Heather Walker (back in hospital); Heather's Mom (hospital); Bud Myers (hospital); Mary Ruth Webb (waiting on kidney transplant); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Herman Buchanan (*Aaron's dad*); Carolyn Sproles; Neil Brown (recovery); Phil White (recovery & injury); Bill (*Beth Ziemba's brother – healing*); Paul Long (Margaret Troxler's dad – hospital); David Hoeppner; Jerry Douglass (*Maria's dad, surgery 12/4*); *Beverly Greene (recovery)*

**FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Judy Rinard; Diane Meatyard; Joyce Woody; Holly (brain tumor); Larry Metcalf (liver); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Claire Spence; Peggy Grantham (bladder); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Marcia Murphy; Danny Gortney; Gary Graham; Erin (brain cancer); Todd Fleenor; Gloria (*Susan Curtis' friend – chemo/kidney failure*); Lawrence Glenn; Mike Willis (brain tumor); Marianna Jaeger (health worsening)

**FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; *Danna Gibson*; Allison Street; Carol Woodward; Annette McKinney (ALS); *Dwight Willet's father (meniscus)*; Janice (friend of *Beth Ziemba*); Homer Cook (*Stan's dad*); Doris (*Eva's aunt*); Jeanette Dellinger; Benny (health); Charlene (fall); Louise Weeks (rehab-pt); Jane Daniels (health); Rosemary (Elaine Percival's granddaughter – auto accident); Mr. Long – (nearing end of life); Keith Renfro (accident); David DeVos (heart attack); Libby Miller (recovery); Shane Cox (health issues); *Janet & James Ouzts (recovery)*; *Melanie Jirka (ankle)*; Emma Johnson (stroke); Dave Houser (micro stroke)

**FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY:** Survivors of sexual abuse/harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; Samuel Oliver Bruno family; people of Venezuela; Clement & Mary of Colombo, Sri Lanka, their family & church family at St. Anthony's; solutions to gun violence; Bahamas residents; Houston flooding victims

**FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES:** 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; Peter Constantian

**FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Ben Potter (Army); Josh Swindler (Navy); Ben Smith (Army); Karen (new teacher in Istanbul); *Tim Hollifields* sister (Pakistan); for all those traveling this holiday season; *Pat Paton*

We want to join with you in prayer for your concerns and needs. Simply contact Pastor Rick 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.

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK		ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK	
10 <sup>th</sup> – Theresa Conley		7 <sup>th</sup> – Framton & Danna Gibson	
PRESENCE:		December 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	11:00 – 102
GIFTS	December 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	General Fund - \$2,542.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00
		Year to Date - \$225,611.73	YTD Budget Need – \$215,401.00
		Children's Offering - \$67.32 – Comm. Asst.	Directed Donations - \$100.00
		Community Assistance - \$3 51.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations -10

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**WITNESS:** SOMETIMES IN LIFE, THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPENS. PEACE IN YOUR SPIRIT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE. ALL FEELS HOPELESS. GOD SEEMS FAR AWAY. WHY DO WE FACE CHALLENGES AND STRUGGLES? FROM JANUARY 12 – FEBRUARY 2, WE WILL ASK SOME TOUGH “WHY” QUESTIONS. HOW WE RESPOND TO LIFE’S HARD QUESTIONS WITNESSES TO OUR FAITH, AND HELPS TELL GOD’S STORY TO THE WORLD.

## **\*\*Next Week's Scripture – January 12, 2020\*\***

Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3: 13-17; Exodus 20.7; Genesis 1.27-28; John 14.26 CEB