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January 12th, 2020

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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Kathey Hollifield, Music Director

Kathy Miller, Organist

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 OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Bruce Ikard

Prelude

"Prelude in g minor"

J. S. Bach

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 AND PRAYERS

^Song of Praise

"How Can We Name a Love"

UMH 111

^Greeting

May the divine wisdom of our Lord be with you...
...and also with you

^Opening Prayer

Let us stand as we are able and come before the throne of grace as, together, we pray...

O God, our help in ages past, this year, teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Reveal to us Your presence throughout this year, that we might focus on You every day, not just one day in the week. Fill us with compassion and mercy, peace, and justice, so that the world will know Your character. Wherever you lead us this year, you are our hope now, on this day, and for the year to come. 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

"Eternal God Transcending Time"

Worship & Song 3030

Call to Prayer

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

TFWS 2195

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

Choral Anthem

"Wade in the Water"

Chancel Choir

^Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:7, Genesis 1:27-28 (CEB)

CEB 91, 2

Proclamation of the Word

"Why Do Bad Things Happen if God is Good?"

Rev. Rick Schilling

RESPONSE TO THE WORD & SENDING FORTH

Offering our Gifts and Praises to God

Offertory

Chelsea Thayer

Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

^Sending Hymn

"It Is Well with My Soul"

UMH 377

^Benediction

^Postlude

(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.

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NEW SERMON SERIES – Today we begin a new sermon series where 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 – Today, January 12th from 2 – 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

WONDERFUL WENESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL – Wednesday, January 15th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the Care and Fellowship Committee. This is a potluck meal.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday, January 16th at 5:00 pm in the FaithLink Classroom.

NEW BABY ON BOARD! This May, the Buchanans: Grace, Aaron, and their kids will welcome the newest member of their family. We at SPUMC have been so blessed by them in our church and community, and we have the opportunity to continue our love and support for them – and bless them back! In lieu of a baby shower and/or gifts, they are asking for donations towards the purchase a safer vehicle. They have set up a Go Fund Me account. Please go to our Facebook page or click the link listed to help, and let's show how much we love them by being super generous! Thanks for your help.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/buchanan-family-van-immediate-need?member=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_email%2Binvidesupporters

PRIMETIMERS - Are you in the “prime time” of your life – part of a more-seasoned age group? If so, we invite you to participate in SPUMC’s “Primetimers” Seasoned Adult Ministry’s potluck lunch on Tuesday, January 28 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will break bread together and have discussions about what is important to seniors: Book/Bible studies, health concerns, monthly luncheons, quarterly trips, and other needs. Please come be a part of an active and growing ministry area of the church. We need your input so that we can best know how to support you in this season of life. Please RSVP to Lila Baskin at 828.765.4917 or Judy Williams by calling or texting 336-870-1598.

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. 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!

THANKS TO LLOYD GLENN – for removing the Chrismon tree from the sanctuary and the tree from the Fellowship Hall. We could not have done it without you.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTACT PERSON – Carolyn Burleson is the contact person for the 1st quarter and may be calling if someone is in need of food, transportation, etc. Her phone numbers are 765-0747 (Home) and 467-6561 (Cell).

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

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

LEFT BEHIND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY - SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS - Meets at 6:30 pm the 1st 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.

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
1/19	Marvin Walker	Ginny Downs	Phil White / Frank Baskin	Chelsea Thayer	Tracy Deyton
1/26	Jack Riley	Beverly Greene	Jack & Carolyn Burleson	Becky Nance	Maddie Landon
2/2	Sharon Drum	Melanie Murphy	Matt & Brandy Miller	Meredith Hoilman	Emree Hoilman
2/9	Jane DeVos	Tracy Carroll	Jack Riley / Framton Gibson	Jessica Hoyle	Joey Stout

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; Kathy Baker; Faye Vickers family; Marcus Wood; Charlotte Clark; 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 Habernneck Strube; Jessie Wray; Ann Butler & family; *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 Spence; family of Cleve Jacobs, family of Trace Magner; the family of Lori Haythorn; the family of Kathey Hollifield's former student Cameron Wilson

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 Hoepfner; 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); 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 & Joyce Alvarez (health issues)

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); Twyla (friend of Connie Harrison-hit by car)

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 the people of Australia; the situation in Iraq

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 Hollifield's 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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK			ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK
13 – James Ouzts	17 – Jane DeVos	17 – Sherry Sherman	17 – Glen & Jane DeVos
PRESENCE:		January 5th, 2020	11:00 – 82
GIFTS	January 5th, 2020	General Fund - \$2,109.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,912.75
		Year to Date - \$2,109.00	YTD Budget Need – \$4,912.75
		Children's Offering - \$35.00 – SafePlace	
		Community Assistance - \$920.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations -6

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

Lector: Bruce Ikard Greeters: Glen & Jane DeVos Children's Time: Kathey Hollifield
Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Sherry Sherman Preschool: Brandy Miller Offertory: Chelsea Thayer

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 19, 2020****

Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42; *Matthew 21:21-22, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Matthew 26:39, Matthew 27:46 - CEB*