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March 1st, 2020

1st Sunday in Lent

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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 OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Janet Ouzts

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 AND PRAYERS

^Call to Worship

On this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The Word of the Lord is our daily bread.

In this time of temptation, how will you live?

We will place our trust in the faithfulness of God.

At this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We will worship and serve the Lord our God alone.

^Song of Praise

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

UMH 269

^Opening Prayer

As we take the first steps in our journey to the cross, let us join together in prayer...

O God of the wilderness, as we devote these forty days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. 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.”)

Children’s Message
Children’s Change Offering

Sharon Drum - Music
M-Y Meds Medication Ministry

Prayers of the People

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Choral Anthem	“Prayer for Healing”	Chancel Choir
^Scripture Reading	Matthew 4:1-11 (CEB)	CEB 1172
Proclamation of the Word	“A Time of Learning”	Rev. Rick Schilling

RESPONSE TO THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION

Offering our Gifts and Praises to God

Offertory	“Let There be Peace on Earth”	Vernon Coulter & Band
Doxology	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH 95

The Great Thanksgiving/The Lord’s Prayer **UMH 15-16**

Sharing of Holy Communion

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during Holy Communion:

“Bread of the World” – UMH 624
“Eat This Bread” 3x – UMH 628
“Become to Us the Living Bread” – UMH 630

^Sending Hymn **“Jesus Tempted in the Desert”** **TFWS 2105**

^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.

MARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SERMONS ON VIDEO! Our website www.sprucepineumc.org has the current videos online! Simply click on the tab (at the top of the screen under our logo) marked "Sermons" to view them. We are excited for the progress, as we continue to connect with all our worshippers and members - locally and beyond!

MISSION TRIP - April 26-May 1 our church will be sending a team to Burgaw in Pender County for disaster relief from Hurricanes Matthew and Florence. This area has had people waiting years to return to their homes. Experience is not required, only a servant's heart. Please consider joining the team, for information contact Melanie 828-260-1714 or Marvin 828-766-5379

MISSIONS MEAL - March 8th, next Sunday there will be a Fellowship meal after the 11:00 service provided by the Missions Team. The menu is Lasagna, Bread and Salad. Of course desserts! Donations are accepted and will support the upcoming Burgaw team. Plan to join us!

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 number is 467-2277 (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
3/8	Matt Miller	Chelsea Thayer	Jon & Melanie Jirka	Becky Nance	Larry Bohannon
3/15	Grant Sparks	Kathay Hollifield	Don & Bobbi Abele	Meredith Hoilman	Emree Hoilman
3/22	Tracy Deyton	Ginny Downs	Wayne & Wanda Henline	Jessica Hoyle	Joey Stout
3/29	Aaron Buchanan	Beverly Greene	Mary Robinson / Donnie Peters	Katie Willet	Kim Ledford

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 Hoepfner; *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; Beth's pregnancy (Dwight's sister); Lynda Briggs; Bob & Glenn (*Glenna's cousins*); Lindsey—(new daughter); Myra Haberneck Strube; Jessie Wray; Ann Butler & family; *Michela Buchanan (baby Lily)*; Jo & Jon Lacy; Sam & Jenell Young; Richard Baker and family; June Wilson; Gloria Schulman; for those struggling to stay warm; for DSS; Andy Grindstaff; Art Hoover & family; Bob Cook, Aticus Grindstaff; those experiencing loss of pets; *Beth Ziembra's Daughter in law's pregnancy*; Jaden Pernell (friend of the Sparks)

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: family of Christine Gortney; family of Elizabeth Davenport; family of Claire Spence; family of Cleve Jacobs, family of Trace Magner; the family of Lori Haythorn; the family of Kameron Wilson; the family of Melanie's cousin Mike; family of Frankie Buntz; *for the family of Sue Phillips*; the family of Marlene Clark; the family of Roxanne; the family of Vernon George Grindstaff, Jr.

FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY: Wayne Hoilman; Ozzie Hernandez; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Patti Morgan; Laura Moore (back surgery); Dean (Judy's cousin, heart & kidney transplant); Shannon Perdue (kidney transplant March 4 & donor Audra Wiseman); 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; Carolyn Sproles; Neil Brown (recovery); Phil White (recovery); Bill (*Beth Ziemba's* brother – healing); Paul Long (Margaret Troxler's dad – hospital); David Hoepfner; Jerry Douglass (*Maria's* dad); *Beverly Greene* (recovery); *James Ouzts* (surgery 2/20); Larry Lanning (surgery); *Lucy Murphy*; *Diane Sheeley* (recovery from shoulder surgery); John Wilson's brother David (tests); *Starli's* Dad Tommy (Wake Forest Neurological 2/10 & staff)

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 Flenor; Gloria (*Susan Curtis'* friend – chemo/kidney failure); Lawrence Glenn; Mike Willis (brain tumor); Marianna Jaeger & Joyce Alvarez (health issues); Raymond Mayberry; *Carolyn Brunning*; John (Susan's friend – brain cancer); Richard (*Marvin's* friend); Lily Bray (breast cancer); Randall McKinney (prostate); Carolyn Dotts; Jeff Kaplan - leukemia

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); Jane Daniels (health); Rosemary (auto accident); Mr. Long – (nearing end of life); Keith Renfro (accident); David DeVos (heart attack); Libby Miller (recovery); Shane Cox (health issues); *Melanie Jirka* (ankle); Emma Johnson (stroke); Twyla (friend of Connie-hit by car); Ann Butler; Isabella (5 year old in hospital); *Bill Haberneck* (medical); Josh (Melanie's friend – muscular dystrophy); Barbara (*Rae Carr's* neighbor – heart attack)

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; for the people of Australia; the situation in Iraq; for those suffering due to the coronavirus health crisis in China

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); Will LeMieux (deployed National Guard); *Diane Struble's* daughter Xan studying overseas

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					
3/3 – Susan Basini	3/3 – Cassidy Broome	3/3 – Gideon Broome	3/3 – Kenton Broome	3/4 - Nicole Struble	3/7 – Bert Sheeley
PRESENCE:		February 23rd, 2020		9:00 – 38 11:00 – 81 = Total 121	
GIFTS	February 23rd, 2020	General Fund - \$1,924.00		Weekly budget need - \$4,912.75	
		Year to Date - \$46,676.18		YTD Budget Need – \$39,302.00	
		Children's Offering - \$55.00 – Comm. Asst.		Lamplighters - \$100.00	
		Wonderful Wednesday Meal - \$126.00		Community Assistance	
		Special Gift \$12.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations -24	

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

Lector: Janet Ouzts Greeters: Grant & Quincy Sparks Children's Time: Sharon Drum - music
Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Chelsea Thayer Preschool: Tracy Deyton Offertory: Vernon Coulter & Band

WITNESS: HOW DO YOU WANT THE WORLD TO SEE YOU? DO YOU WANT TO BE KNOWN FOR YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, OR BECAUSE OF HOW YOU LOVE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, COMMUNITY, AND WORLD? DO YOU CHOOSE TO SEE THE WORLD THROUGH THE LENS OF ABUNDANCE OR SCARCITY? WILL YOU CHOOSE TO BE AN ANSWER FOR THIS WORLD? IN WHAT WAYS CAN YOU WITNESS TO THE ETERNAL MYSTERY OF GOD'S PASSION FOR JUSTICE, HUMILITY, LIBERATION, AND CARE? WE GET TO CHOOSE: CREATE LIFE OR CREATE CHAOS.

****Next Week's Scripture – March 8, 2020****

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9; TBA (CEB)