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November 12th, 2017

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremy I. Troxler, Pastor
Glenna Tasedan - Children's Church

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 TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

GRANT SPARKS

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

"Thy Word is a Lamp"

UMH 601

^Prayer of Confession

(Invitation to Prayer and Time of Silent Confession)

Let us pray together:

Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned.

We confess the sins that no one knows, and the sins that everyone knows:

the sins that are a burden to us,

and the sins that do not bother us because we have got used to them.

We confess our sins as a church:

we have not loved one another as Christ loved us,

and we have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us.

Father, forgive us.

Send your Holy Spirit to us,

**to give us power to live, as, by your mercy, you have called us to live;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ: not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us.

Receive his pardon and peace, to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore.

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** “**I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord**” UMH 540

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God: Honoring Our Veterans

Offertory “**A Mighty Fortress**” MICHAEL MURPHY, TUBA

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

Children’s Message MELANIE MURPHY

Children’s Change Offering CENTRO LATINO HISPANIC OUTREACH

(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 “**I Need Thee Every Hour**” UMH 397

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Anthem “**A Time for All Things**” CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Scripture Reading** **Matthew 25:1-13** NT 26

Proclamation of the Word “**What the Roads Are Paved With**” REV. JEREMY TROXLER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

^ **Sending Hymn** “**We Are God’s People**” TFWS 2220

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response** “**Let There Be Light**” 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. Contact our nursery coordinator Glenna Tasedan at 336-908-8075.

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRY TODAY, BUT NO HILLTOPPERS!** All youth (6th-12th grades) are invited to meet at the church from 5:30 - 7:30pm for a time of food, fun, fellowship, and faith. Our kids program, Hilltoppers, will not meet today because Pastor Jeremy will be away on the Lumberton mission trip.
- **LUMBERTON MISSION TRIP THIS WEEK** - A team from our church will be travelling to Lumberton, NC this week to help with the continuing rebuild following Hurricane Matthew. Thank you for your prayers for them.
- **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NIGHTINGALE CIRCLE FALL MEAL** - This Monday Night at 6:00 pm at Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse. All of our women are welcome.
- **ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH AT 5:00PM @ CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH.** We will be joining together with our brothers and sisters from First Presbyterian, Trinity Episcopal, and Central Baptist in a special service of thanksgiving that also celebrates our unity in Christ. Pastor Jeremy will be the preacher.
- **CAN YOU HELP SUPPLY FOOD, MAKE DELIVERIES, OR HELP CLEAN UP FOR A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL FOR "MEALS ON WHEELS" RECIPIENTS?** Trinity Episcopal Church has asked us to help in this effort by supplying food for 25 people, including two fully cooked turkeys or hams, along with side dishes. A sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center. Food would need to be brought to Trinity Episcopal on Thanksgiving morning between 8am and 9am.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP** - Every Wednesday Morning at 9:30 am.
- **LEFT BEHIND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY - SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS** - Meets at 6:30pm every other Thursday starting November 2nd in the Oak Room, Sloop Medical Offices Building, Cannon Hospital, Linville, NC. Contact Bob at 321-243-1640 or Jane at 828-504-0155.
- **SONS OF THE SON & BRIDGE OF HOPE HOMELESS MINISTRY** - Winter is coming. We need: 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.
- **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
11/19	Janie DeVos	Glenna Tasedan	Lloyd & Nelle Glenn	Rachelle Shock / Brandy Miller
11/26	Tracy Deyton	Greg Hoilman	Mary Robinson / Donnie Peters	Meredith Hoilman / Emree Hoilman
12/3	Kathey Hollifield	Tracy Carroll	Tony Woodby / Frank Baskin	Chelsea Thayer / Quincy Sparks
12/10	Aaron Buchanan	Bruce Ikard	Bill & Judy Sears	Katie Willett / Tracy Deyton
12/17	Mike Murphy	Glenna Tasedan	Jack Riley / Ima Conroy	Grace Buchanan / Margaret Troxler
12/24	Chelsea Thayer	Mike Murphy	Wayne & Rachel Hoilman	As Needed / Becky Nance on call
12/31	Randy Hembree	Kathey Hollifield	Bert & Diane Sheeley	Rachelle Shock / Brandy Miller

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; for those seeking employment; for all teachers and educators; Those who suffer from racism
- **SUSTAINING PRAYERS:** Our homebound members (Ruth Buchanan, Shirley McManus, Barbara Henline); Brian Center, Smoky Mountain, and Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (Mabel Whiton, Audrey Davenport, Anna Baird, Bea White, June Wilson); M-Y Parish Food Bank, Bridge of Hope Homeless Ministries; Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; for those in addiction, for recovery & sobriety in 2017; *Bretta Walker; Charles Hale*; All expectant mothers and unborn children; victims of child abuse; *Beth Wyatt*; Blue Ridge Regional Hospital; Laura Curtis Hodges; *Chelsea & Bryan Thayer (new baby Stokes)*; Jason & Anna Wilson (new baby Jesse Ray); *Nancy Moody (hospice)*; Joy Chissolm; Anna Katherine Chambers; *Jon & Melanie Jirka*; Angelina Ball; Aubree (infant); un-named struggling teenager
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Ben Bonner; the family of Mike Queen; the family of Mary Sue Wilson; the family of Chris McClintick; the Hamlyn family; the family of Wilma Autry; the family of Elizabeth Woody
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Bruce Ikard (heart cath.); Judy Broadway (hip surgery); Jay Sullivan (surgery); Melanie Murphy (gallbladder)*
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** *Nora Murray (Neil Brown's sister); Shirley Hise; Jim Smith (chemo); Ava Hollifield (cancer surgery); Judy Rinard; Marty Kind (Paul Kind's father); Maggie Snyder (breast cancer); Janie Brown; Parks Griffith (brain cancer); Diane Meatyard; Tom Wilson (stomach tumor)*
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** *Sandra Woodard; David Hoepfner (vision); Wayne Hoilman; Evelyn Hughes (leg), Reg Bezzola (infection); Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Don Gordon; Bobby Boone (heart failure); James Burleson (leg injury)*
- **FOR VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Refugees from ISIS; Persecuted Christians in the Middle East; Wayne & Rachel Hoilman (Home fire); Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma & Maria; victims of the Earthquake in Mexico; Wildfires in California; Truck attack in New York; Sutherland Springs First Baptist Church and community
- **FOR AREA CHURCHES:** 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)
- **FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard)

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	
13 th - Louis Woodard, Greg Hoilman	15 th - Jack Chandler	16 th - Eva Jobin, Stephanie Drum	17 th - Peter King, Deb Stanbery	18 th - Ima Conroy	11/17 - Peter & Susann King
PRESENCE:		November 5th, 2017		11:00 - 123	
GIFTS	November 5th, 2017	General Fund - \$4,930.00		Weekly budget need: \$4,310.22	
		Year to Date - \$191,263.29		YTD Budget Need: \$189,659.68	
		Children's Offering - \$86.75		Centro Latino	
		Mission Trip - \$255.00		Mission Trip Meal - \$274.00	
		Community Assistance - \$141.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 28	

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

Lector: Grant Sparks Greeters: Ed & Jan Banta Children's Time: Melanie Murphy
Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Katie Willett/Tracy Deyton Offertory: Michael Murphy

WITNESS: JESUS' PARABLE OF THE WISE AND FOOLISH BRIDESMAIDS IS IN SOME WAYS A STORY ABOUT PLANNING AND BEING PREPARED. SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST ALSO INVOLVES SOME PLANNING AND PREPARATION: THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE BELIEVE AND HOW TO BEST EXPRESS IT TO OTHERS, AND PRAYING FOR THEM. HOW HAVE YOU PREPARED TO SERVE AS A WITNESS TO CHRIST IN THE WORLD?

****Next Week's Scripture - November 19th, 2017****

Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123 or 76, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30