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November 19th, 2017

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremy I. Troxler, Pastor

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director

Glenna Tasedan - Children's Church

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

JANE DEVOS

Prelude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

JOHANN CRUGER

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

"Give Thanks"

TFWS 2036

^Prayer of Confession

**Our Heavenly Father,
Who by Your love has made us,
and through your love has kept us,
and in your love would make us like your Son,
We humbly confess that we have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and
strength,
and that we have not loved one another as Christ has loved us.
Your life is within our souls, but our selfishness has hindered your grace. We have
resisted your spirit.
We have neglected your callings.
Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are;
and in your Spirit direct what we shall be;
so that we may see the full glory of your new creation in us
and on earth as it is in heaven: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Time for silent prayer and confession)

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and saved.

Thanks be to God!

^ **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** **“Come Ye Thankful People, Come”** UMH 694

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory **“Canticle of the Turning”** *THE OCCASIONAL QUARTET*
“MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT” - ANNE KRENTZ ORGAN

Doxology **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** UMH 94

Children’s Message GLENNA TASEDAN

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 **“All I Need Is You”** TFWS 2080

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Anthem **“A Celebration of Thanks”** CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Scripture Reading** **Matthew 25:14-30** NT 26-27

Proclamation of the Word REV. JEREMY TROXLER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

^ **Sending Hymn** **“We Gather Together”** UMH 131

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response** **“Thank You, 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. Contact our nursery coordinator Glenna Tasedan at 336-908-8075.

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HILLTOPPERS AND SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRY TODAY!** All kids (K-5th grades) and 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. If there is a change to the schedule, it will be announced.
- **ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: TODAY, NOVEMBER 19TH AT 6:00PM @ 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.

DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS** - The local chapter of The Compassionate Friends will be holding their Annual Candlelight Memorial Service on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 3pm at the Spruce Pine United Methodist Church. The Compassionate Friends is a support group for parents, siblings and grandparents who have experienced the loss of a child of any age from any circumstance. Families are welcome to participate in this service even if they are not able to attend the monthly group meetings. Please bring a picture and/or memento to be placed on the memorial table during the service. There will be a time for refreshments and fellowship following the candlelight service. Please contact Tressa Dayton 828-765-4889 or Teresa Emory 828-284-2287 if you are interested in attending or need more information.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP** - will not meet this Wednesday, November 22nd. They will resume on November 29th.
- **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
11/26	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 & Reg Bezzola*; 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; Joe Joyner
 - **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; the family of Mark Callahan, the family of Charlie Riddle (Gary Curtis' uncle)
 - **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Bruce Ikard*; Judy Broadway (hip); Jay Sullivan (surgery); *Melanie Murphy, Bretta Walker (surgery)*; Matt Sanders (upcoming surgery)
 - **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Nora Murray (*Neil Brown's* sister); Shirley Hise; *Jim Smith (radiation)*; 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 (tumor); Susan Wilson; Patricia Hollifield
 - **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** *Sandra Woodard*; David Hoepfner (vision); Wayne Hoilman; *Evelyn Hughes (leg)*, Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Don Gordon; Bobby Boone (heart failure); James Burleson (leg injury); Lecil Pittman; Nancy Burleson (broken elbow)
 - **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); those on Mission Trips
- 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						ANNIVERSARIES
19 th - Rob Nance	20 th - Brimleigh Buchanan	21 st - Todd Dunn	22 nd - Amber Henline	24 th - Jack Riley, Marina Woodby	25 th - Jack Jones	24 th - Jack & Carolyn Riley
PRESENCE:		November 12th, 2017			11:00 - 121	
GIFTS	November 12th, 2017	General Fund - \$4,524.00			Weekly budget need: \$4,310.22	
		Year to Date - \$195,787.29			YTD Budget Need: \$193,969.49	
		Children's Offering - \$74.48			Centro Latino	
		Mission Trip - \$320.00			M-Y Parish Food Bank - \$500.00	
		Community Assistance - \$1,105.00			Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 56	

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

Lector: Jane DeVos Greeters: Lloyd & Nelle Glenn Children's Time: Glenna Tasedan
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Rachelle Shock / Brandy Miller Offertory: *The Occasional Quartet*

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 26th, 2017****

Ezekiel 34:11-1, 20-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46