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November 26th, 2017

Christ the King Sunday

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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 TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

TRACY DEYTON

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

"King of Kings"

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^Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
Your risen Son wears the disguise of weakness and need.
We confess that we have not recognized His presence in those around us.
We have not loved Him in others, as He has loved us.
Our shelves are full, and yet we have not fed the hungry.
We have access to clean water at the turn of a knob, but we have not given drink to the thirsty.
We have plenty of room, but we have not welcomed the stranger or the foreigner.
Our closets overflow, but we have not clothed those who are cold.
We have received gifts of health and medicine, but we have not cared for the sick.
We live nearby two prisons, but have not visited those behind bars.
In your mercy, forgive us, we pray;
In your power, change us, we pray:
make us more like the righteous who love You in the least of your brothers and sisters.
In Christ's name. Amen.

(Time for silent prayer and confession)

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you,

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

- **NO SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRY OR HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TODAY** we are taking a break for Thanksgiving weekend. Our youth and children's ministry will resume next Sunday at 5:30pm.
- **THE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE WILL MEET THIS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH** at 6:00 pm at the church.
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP** - will resume on Wednesday, November 29th.

DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEXT SUNDAY OUR CHURCH IS PROVIDING THE MEAL FOR SUMMIT (OUR YOUTH) AND HILLTOPPERS (OUR KIDS)** - could you sign up in the Welcome Center to help bring food?
- **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.
- **SPUMC BOOK CLUB** - will meet on Tuesday, December 5 at 10:00 am in the church parlor.
- **BABY SHOWER** The women of the church are invited to a shower for Katie Willett on Saturday, December 9th from 5 pm until 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **DECEMBER CATERED MEAL** - Our traditional Christmas season Catered meal will be in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00 pm. Donations to defray the cost of the meal will be gratefully accepted. The meal will be catered by Sue Lanier. Please let us know if you are attending by Sunday, December 11th.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 |
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| 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); 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); the family of Connie Thatcher; the family of Edward Wilke; the family of Helen Haberneck; the family of Nancy Moody
- **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); Betty Pafford (open heart 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; Bob Owens (esophagus)
- **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); Cecil 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 | | | |
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| 11/27 - Sandy Singleton | 11/30 - Woodrow Buchanan | 12/1 - Sam Deyton | 12/2 - Larry Hutchinson |
| PRESENCE: | | November 19th, 2017 | 11:00 - 117 |
| GIFTS | November 19th, 2017 | General Fund - \$3,491.00 | Weekly budget need: \$4,310.22 |
| | | Year to Date - \$199,228.29 | YTD Budget Need: \$198,279.71 |
| | | Children's Offering - \$57.11 | Centro Latino |
| | | Community Assistance - \$125.00 | Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 22 |

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

Lector: Tracy Deyton Greeters: Mary Robinson / Donnie Peters Children's Time: Greg Hoilman
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Meredith & Emree Hoilman Offertory: Chelsea Thayer

WITNESS: JESUS' PARABLE OF THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS SHOWS THAT THE TRUE CHARACTER OF HIS FOLLOWERS IS REVEALED BY HOW THEY TREAT "THE LEAST OF THESE." AT THE HEART OF WITNESSING TO THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST IS FEEDING THE HUNGRY, GIVING DRINK TO THE THIRSTY, WELCOMING THE STRANGER, CLOTHING THE NAKED, CARING FOR THE SICK, AND VISITING THOSE IN PRISON. HOW MANY OF THESE THINGS ARE YOU DOING REGULARLY IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW? HOW COULD YOU STRUCTURE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY'S LIFE IN SUCH A WAY THAT YOU ARE REGULARLY ENCOUNTERING THE LEAST OF THESE.

****Next Week's Scripture - December 3rd, 2017****

Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37