

# Spruce Pine United Methodist Church

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October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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Jeremy I. Troxler, Pastor

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director

Glenna Tasedan - Children's Church

Kathy Miller, Organist

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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**

MARVIN WALKER

**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, & PRAYERS

^**Song of Praise**

*"Grace Alone"*

TFWS 2162

^**Prayer of Confession**

Let us pray together.

**Have mercy on me, life-giving God, through your goodness.**

**Cleanse me of my guilt.**

**Soak my darkness in your light.**

**Pour your mercy into my madness and your Spirit into my will.**

**Do not hold my failures against me:**

**for I have come to see how completely I fail you and forget you.**

**I have not walked in your ways; I have sinned against you and against others.**

**Hear my silent confession:**

*(time for silent confession and prayer)*

We continue to pray together:

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Gracious God, You are love and truth itself, and seek sincerity of heart;  
teach me the secrets of true wisdom.**



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.

## OCTOBER 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.
- **MIGHT GOD BE CALLING YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER OF SPUMC?** We will be holding a new members class in October: if you might be interested in formally joining the congregation, please speak with Pastor Jeremy, email him at spumcpastor@bellsouth.net, or call him at 828-467-8743.
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Wednesday, October 18 at 5:00 pm in the FaithLink Classroom.
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL** - Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a casserole to share. Salad and desserts will be provided. This meal is sponsored by the Mission Team. Come and hear about our Mission Trip and sign up to go!

## NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HURRICANE RELIEF MISSION** - November 12-17<sup>th</sup> we are sponsoring a building team to Lumberton, NC due to the October 2016 Hurricane Matthew. We will be working to get families from temporary housing into their own homes through UMCOR. We will be staying at Chestnut Street UMC. No experience is required. There are still hundreds of families in temporary housing in Lumberton alone. For more information contact Marvin at 765-0663.

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

<b>WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE:</b>				
(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
10/22	Jack Riley	Bruce Ikard	Grant & Quincy Sparks	Meredith & Emree Hoilman
10/29	Sharon Drum	Sharon Drum	Joe & Lorraine Campbell	Grace Buchanan / Margaret Troxler
11/5	Greg Hoilman	Michael Murphy	Beth Ziemba / Bill Dailey	Chelsea Thayer / Quincy Sparks
11/12	Grant Sparks	Melanie Murphy	Ed & Jan Banta	Katie Willett / Tracy Deyton
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; Kairos #2 at MVCI
- **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*; Joy Chissolm; Anna Katherine Chambers; *Jon & Melanie Jirka*; Angelina Ball
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Ben Bonner; the family of Mike Queen; the family of Doris Terrell, the Wright Family
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Bruce Ikard (heart cath.); Alan Beaver (heart procedure); Sue Lanier (Heart); Marie Davis Henson (kidney failure); George Wray (hip surgery); Judy Broadway (hip surgery); Jay Sullivan (surgery); Jack Chandler (tests); Melanie Murphy, Jim Sockwell; Derek Sowkwell*
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Nora Murray (*Neil Brown's sister*); Shirley Hise; Hal Harrison; Ken Hall; Butch Hoyle; Ken Ellis; Gib Barris (prostate); Steve Murphy; *Jim Smith (chemo)*; Ava Hollifield (cancer surgery); Judy Rinard; Evangeline Wyatt (friend of Lorraine Campbell); Russell Carroll; Marty Kind (Paul Kind's father); Carmen Finkle (cancer gene); Maggie Snyder (breast cancer); Jamie Brown; Diane Wayard
- **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); *Ken & Sue Phillips*; Suzie (broken hip); Sandra Sherwood (broken hip); 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; Gloria's Cousin Lucy; Wildfires in California
- **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	
15 <sup>th</sup> - Sheilah Sockwell	17 <sup>th</sup> - Rachel Hoilman	17 <sup>th</sup> - Melanie Murphy	17 <sup>th</sup> - Jenelle Young	20 <sup>th</sup> - Ernie Wells, Jr.	15 <sup>th</sup> - Deidre & James Nipper
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>		<b>9:00 - 26 11:00 - 114</b>	
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>	General Fund - \$3,855.45		Weekly budget need: \$4,310.22	
		Year to Date - \$171,757.29		YTD Budget Need: \$172,418.80	
		Children's Offering - \$28.48		Shepherd's Staff	
		Children's Offering - \$48.48		M-Y Parish Food Pantry	
		Community Assistance - \$675.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 12	

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

Lector: Marvin Walker      Greeters: Jon & Melanie Jirka      Children's Time: Glenna Tasedan  
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter      Nursery: Rachele Shock / Brandy Miller      Offertory: Randy Hembree

**WITNESS** THE WILLINGNESS TO FORGIVE THOSE WHO HAVE WRONGED US IS ONE OF THE HALLMARKS OF THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS. CHRISTIANS ARE THOSE WHO CAN FORGIVE THE "MOLEHILLS" IN OTHERS BECAUSE GOD HAS FORGIVEN A "MOUNTAIN" WITHIN US. SEARCH YOUR HEART THIS WEEK: ARE YOU HARBORING UNFORGIVENESS IN ANY WAY? WHOM DO YOU NEED TO FORGIVE? HOW CAN YOU BE A WITNESS TO THE MERCY OF CHRIST?

**\*\*Next Week's Scripture - October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017\*\***

Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22