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October 22nd, 2017

20th 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

JACK RILEY

Prelude

"Pastorale"

ROBERT LAU

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

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

TFWS 2023

^Opening Prayer

Let us each pray together:

Gracious God,

teach me to trust the Spirit You have breathed into me.

Give me grace to believe Your Word, by which I am made Your child.

Help me to understand that I belong to You, even though I am undeserving of Your love.

Help me to see your judgment and mercy in Your suffering, death, and resurrection.

Cause me to accept again the new life which You have given me by faith.

Enable me to live without despair and without pride.

Lead me to know with joy that you accept me as a whole human being.

And Father, teach me one more thing:

Show me that in this new life You give,

I no longer have to build walls of fear to protect myself from others.

Help me to live cheerfully and generously,

so that others may receive You through Christ's Word.

Work in me that they may begin to live in You.

Bless me and keep me for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

(from the Kairos Prison Ministry Freedom Guide)

^ **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** **“Be Thou My Vision”** UMH 451

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory **“Servant Song”** BRENDA SPARKS

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

Children’s Message BRUCE IKARD

Children’s Change Offering SHEPHERD’S STAFF / M-Y PARISH FOOD PANTRY
(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 **“Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying”** TFWS 2193

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING & HEARING GOD’S WORD

Special Music TBA

^ **Scripture Reading** **Matthew 13:44-46** NT 14

Proclamation of the Word **“Treasure Hunt”** REV. DR. LOUIS WOODARD

RESPONSE TO THE WORD & SENDING FORTH

^ **Sending Hymn** **“Wonderful Words of Life”** UMH 600

^ **Benediction**

^ **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.

OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PASTOR JEREMY IS AWAY TODAY SERVING AT THE KAIROS #2 PRISON MINISTRY WEEKEND AT MOUNTAINVIEW CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, AND OUR CHOIR IS PARTICIPATING IN CHOIR MUSIC WEEKEND AT LAKE JUNALUSKA.** We are grateful to Rev. Dr.

Louis Woodard for preaching the Word today, and to Bruce Ikard, Brenda Sparks and others for leading us in worship and song.

- **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.
- **OUR 9AM EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE WILL CONCLUDE FOR THE SEASON NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH.** The early service will resume in May.
- **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH FOLLOWING THE 11 O'CLOCK WORSHIP SERVICE** - At this important meeting our Council will vote on our church budget and leadership for the next year. A light lunch will be served.

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALL-SAINTS SERVICE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH** - At this special worship service we will remember those in our lives who have died in the last year. If you would like to have the name of someone read aloud during the service, please share his or her name with our church office.
- **ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH AT 4PM AT BAKERSVILLE UMC** - At this annual meeting we will join with Bakersville and Red Hill/Deyton Bend UMC to look back at the past year and to look forward to the year ahead.
- **HURRICANE RELIEF MISSION** - November 12-17th 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.

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
10/29	Sharon Drum	Sharon Drum	Joe & Lorraine Campbell	Grace Buchanan / Meredith Hoilman
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; the family of Mary Sue Wilson
- **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); Jim Sockwell; Derek Sockwell; Melanie Murphy (gallbladder)*
- **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; Janie Brown; Parks Griffith (brain cancer)
- **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); 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			
22 nd - Glen DeVos	22 nd - Jo Anne Prendergast	23 rd - Savannah Stanbery	24 th - Aaron Buchanan
PRESENCE:		October 15 th , 2017	
GIFTS	October 15th, 2017	9:00 - 35	11:00 - 105
	General Fund - \$5,278.00	Weekly budget need: \$4,310.22	
	Year to Date - \$177,035.29	YTD Budget Need: \$176,729.02	
	Children's Offering - \$33.27	Shepherd's Staff	
	Children's Offering - \$33.27	M-Y Parish Food Pantry	
	Community Assistance - \$125.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 15	

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

Lector: Jack Riley Greeters: Grant & Quincy Sparks Children's Time: Bruce Ikard
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Margaret Troxler Offertory: Brenda Sparks

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 29th, 2017****

Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46