

# Spruce Pine United Methodist Church

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October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Reformation Sunday (500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

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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. TODAY AS PART OF WORSHIP WE COMMEMORATE THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHAT IS CALLED THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION. ON OCTOBER 31ST, 1517, A GERMAN MONK NAMED MARTIN LUTHER POSTED A LIST OF 95 PROPOSITIONS ON THE DOOR OF WITTENBERG CATHEDRAL PROTESTING THE PRACTICES OF THE CHURCH IN HIS DAY. HIS ACT STARTED A KIND OF REVOLUTION THAT EVENTUALLY RESULTED IN THE REFORM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE DIVISION OF CHRISTENDOM, AND THE EVENTUAL CREATION OF THE LUTHERAN, PRESBYTERIAN, ANGLICAN, METHODIST, AND BAPTIST BRANCHES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome and Announcements

SHARON DRUM

### Prelude

**"Morning Has Broken"**

ARR. MARK HAYES

### 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

***"Love the Lord Your God"***

TFWS 2168

### ^Opening Prayer

Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's mercy and calling for God's transforming power:

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Source of all life,

**we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.**

**We fear that we are not good enough.**

**We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.**

**Forgive us. Stir us.**

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,**

**willing to speak for what is right,**

**act for what is just,  
and seek the healing of your whole creation.  
Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world.  
Our sins are forgiven: God's love is unconditional,  
and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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**    **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**    UMH 110

**Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**    **"Near the River"**    SHARON & TIM DRUM

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

**Children's Message**    SHARON DRUM

**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**    **"Steal Away to Jesus"**    UMH 704

**Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer**

## **PROCLAIMING & HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Anthem**    **"Plenty Good Room"**    CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Scripture Reading**    **Luke 7:36-50**    NT 63

**Proclamation of the Word**    **"Always Reforming"**    REV. JEREMY TROXLER

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD & SENDING FORTH**

^ **Sending Hymn**    **"More Love to Thee, O Christ"**    UMH 453

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response**    **"More Like You"**    CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Postlude**

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^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

- **TRUNK OR TREAT WITH 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, games, fellowship, and . . .CANDY! Come dressed in costume! Church folks who want to decorate their trunks should have their cars ready by 7:00pm.
- **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 WORSHIP SERVICE CONCLUDES FOR THE SEASON TODAY** - The early service will resume in May.
- **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - TODAY, 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

- **CHRISTMAS GIVING** - There will be a meeting to discuss and organize our focus on giving in the season of Advent on Wednesday November 1st at 5:30PM in the welcome center. Please bring your ideas and thoughts about everything from Shoe boxes to Angel trees. Ours is not a God of confusion, let's try not to overwhelm each other with opportunities to give. Marvin Walker 765-0663
- **LUMBERTON MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER - THIS SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 4TH.** - The Lumberton Team invites you to eat Spaghetti with them in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday November 4th, 5-7 in their effort to raise money for the Hurricane Matthew survivors they are planning to serve on their trip the following week. The menu will be green salad, spaghetti with meat or veggie sauce, bread, drink and dessert. We welcome donations, and prayers for the success of our team! Marvin Walker 765-0663
- **BAPTISM AND ALL-SAINTS SERVICE - NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH** - At this special worship service we will celebrate a baptism and 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.
- **SPUMC BOOK CLUB** - will meet on Tuesday, November 7th at 10:00 am in the church parlor. The selection is “The Silent Sister” by Diane Chamberlain. The book can be found at the public library.
- **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

- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP** - Every Wednesday Morning at 9:30 am.
- **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
11/5	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

# 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*; Joy Chissolm; Anna Katherine Chambers; *Jon & Melanie Jirka*; Angelina Ball; Aubree (infant)
- **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; Janie Brown; Parks Griffith (brain cancer); Diane Meatyard
- **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				ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK	
10/31 - Wanda Henline	11/1 - Sandra Woodard	11/3 -Dwight Willett	11/3 - Sam Young	11/2 - Matt & Brandy Miller	11/4 - Greg & Deb Stanbery
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017</b>		<b>9:00 - 28 11:00 - 80</b>	
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017</b>	General Fund - \$5,095.00		Weekly budget need: \$4,310.22	
		Year to Date - \$182,305.29		YTD Budget Need: \$181,039.24	
		Children's Offering - \$23.16		Shepherd's Staff	
		Children's Offering - \$23.16		M-Y Parish Food Pantry	
		Mission Meal - \$161.00		Mission Trip - \$100.00	
		Community Assistance - \$520.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 16	

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

Lector: Sharon Drum      Greeters: Joe & Lorraine Campbell      Children's Time: Sharon Drum  
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter      Nursery: Grace Buchanan/Meredith Hoilman      Offertory: Sharon & Tim Drum

**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 - November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017\*\***

Joshua 3:7-17, Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 25:1-13