

# Spruce Pine United Methodist Church

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September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

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Jeremy I. Troxler, Pastor  
Glenna Tasedan - Children's Church

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director  
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 IN WORSHIP WE CONTINUE IN OUR SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF THE BIBLE CALLED "ROMANS."

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

CHELSEA THAYER

**Prelude**

**"In Quiet Praise"**

CALLENDER

**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 & PRAYERS

**^ Song of Praise**

**"You Are My All in All"**

WORSHIP & SONG 3040

**^ Responsive Psalter Reading**

**"Psalm 46"**

UMH 780

**^ Opening Prayer**

Let us pray together:

**O Lord,**

**Open our eyes to your Presence**

**Open our minds to your grace**

**Open our lips to your praises**

**Open our hearts to your love**

**Open our lives to your healing**

**And be found among us.**

**Amen.**

**^ 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

*“Where Charity and Love Prevail”*

UMH 549

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory

*“Trust Medley”*

TIM DRUM - TRUMPET

Doxology

*“Come Join the Dance of Trinity” vs. 4*

WORSHIP & SONG 3017

Children’s Message

SHARON DRUM

Children’s Change Offering

BRIDGE OF HOPE HOMELESS MINISTRIES (TRI-CITIES)

*(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

*“Purify My Heart” - (vs. 5)*

WORSHIP & SONG 3103

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

## PROCLAIMING & HEARING GOD’S WORD

Anthem

*“Lord Plant My Feet on Higher Ground”*

CHANCEL CHOIR

^Scripture Reading

Romans 13: 1-14

NT 152/153

Proclamation of the Word

“IOU”

REV. JEREMY TROXLER

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD & SENDING FORTH

^Sending Hymn

*“We Are Called”*

TFWS 2172

^Benediction

^Choral Response

*“Bind Us Together”*

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.

## SEPTEMBER 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.
- **PERSON OF JESUS BIBLE STUDY** - This study will be held at 5 PM on Tuesdays in the Welcome Center of Spruce Pine UMC starting on September 5, 2017. All are invited to attend this study of Jesus as a person and how he interacted with the people we have heard about in various New Testament stories. This is an interactive study with no homework. If you need any further information please call Nancy Ball at (843-507-1196).

- **WILL YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD? OUR LAMPLIGHTERS AFTERSCHOOL READING PROGRAM BEGINS IN OCTOBER, AND WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEER READING BUDDIES** who are willing to bless and be blessed by wonderful group of children. Volunteers are needed for one and a half hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. Please contact Pastor Jeremy, Rachel Hoilman, or the Church Office for more details.
- **UMW NIGHTINGALE CIRCLE** - will meet Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Welcome Center.
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - THIS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00 PM** in the FaithLink Classroom. We will be doing the important work of drafting our church's 2018 budget.
- **VARSITY FOOTBALL MEAL** - The UMW will be feeding the Varsity football team on Friday, September 15 at 3:15 pm in the Fellowship hall. We are requesting monetary donations to purchase 13 family sized Lasagnas. There will be a sign-up sheet for other items on Sunday, after church. Please make checks out to UMW-Nightingale Circle or cash to Ima, Marie, or Sharon. God Bless You.
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL** - September 20, 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the Chancel Choir.
- **THE NEW STOP HUNGER NOW** - On Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event at Higgins UMC beginning at 9:00 AM. Those of you who have been a part of one of these know what a special time this is. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. We have funds for more than one table of workers, and can always do more. The meals cost 29 cents for the ingredients, specifically designed to nourish the malnourished, including shipping and delivery. Please contribute as you can, time, materials to package or both! Contact Marvin at 765-0663 for more information.

## OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SPUMC BOOK CLUB** - Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am in the parlor. They will discuss "The Last Bus to Wisdom" by Ivan Doig.

## 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. **No more Campbell's soup labels, as they have discontinued that program.** 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 |
|------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 9/17 | Sharon Drum    | Glenna Tasedan  | Marvin Walker / Frank Baskin    | TBA     |
| 9/24 | Dwight Willett | Melanie Murphy  | Evelyn Hughes / Betty Sparks    | TBA     |
| 10/1 | Tim Drum       | Greg Hoilman    | Wayne & Wanda Henline           | TBA     |
| 10/8 | Bruce Ikard    | Tracy Carroll   | Margarett McGraw / Freddy Jones | TBA     |

**\*\*Next Week's Scripture - September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017\*\***

Exodus 14:19-31, Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

# 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; 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; Angelina (Nancy Ball's Granddaughter); *Shirley McManus (hospitalized/infection)*; Mary John Dye (recovering); *Chelsea & Bryan Thayer (new baby Stokes)*; Jason & Anna Wilson (new baby Jesse Ray); Grace's friend (struggles with pregnancy and marriage), Amanda (struggling friend); *Nancy Moody*; Norega Family; New-to-area Single Mom; Joy Chissolm
  - **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Vicki Elliott; the family of Jack Swofford; the family of Ted Buchanan; the family of Ben Bonner
  - **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Bruce Ikard (heart cath); Frank Baskin; Alan Beaver (Heart tests); Sue Lanier (Heart); Marie Davis Henson (kidney failure/surgery); David Hamlyn (recovery); Sheilah Sockwell; George Wray (hip surgery); Judy Broadway (hip surgery)*
  - **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** *Nora Murray (Neil Brown's sister); Shirley Hise; Jim Sockwell (prostate); Hal Harrison; Ken Hall; Butch Hoyle; Ken Ellis; Gib Barris (prostate); Steve Murphy; Jim Smith (more chemotherapy); Ava Hollifield (cancer surgery); Judy Rinard; Mike Queen; Evangeline Wyatt (friend of Lorraine Campbell); Russell Carroll; Jennifer Martin*
  - **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** *Sandra Woodard; Ruth Buchanan (Louise Hembree's mother); David Hoepfner (vision); Wayne Hoilman; Barbara Henline; Evelyn Hughes (leg), Reg Bezzola (infection); Mike Snyder (Parkinsons); Ken & Sue Phillips (Ken/fall - Sue/Parkinsons); Melissa Johnson (stress fracture); Suzie (broken hip)*
  - **FOR VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Refugees from ISIS; Persecuted Christians in the Middle East; Wayne & Rachel Hoilman (Home fire); Victims of Charlottesville violence; Victims of Hurricane Harvey & Irma
  - **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 (Marine Corps); Jeff Howell (Army); Sam Howell, Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Tim & Laurie Cahill and Baby (sick child)
- 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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| 10 <sup>th</sup> - Diane Sheeley | 12 <sup>th</sup> - Diane Walker  | 15 <sup>th</sup> - Susan Curtis      | 16 <sup>th</sup> - Martha Long       |
| PRESENCE:                        |                                  | September 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2017     |                                      |
|                                  |                                  | 9:00 - 39 11:00 - 106                |                                      |
| GIFTS                            | September 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2017 | General Fund - \$3,616.25            | Weekly budget need: \$4,310.22       |
|                                  |                                  | Year to Date - \$150,979.84          | YTD Budget Need: \$150,867.70        |
|                                  |                                  | Children's Offering - \$89.29        | Bridge of Hope Homeless Ministries   |
|                                  |                                  | Hurricane Harvey Relief - \$4,277.00 | UMCOR Advance #901670                |
|                                  |                                  | Stop Hunger Now - \$350.00           | Mission Trip - \$500.00              |
|                                  |                                  | Community Assistance - \$144.00      | Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 11 |

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

Lector: Chelsea Thayer      Greeters: Jerry & Phyllis Currie      Children's Time: Sharon Drum  
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter      Nursery: Sparks Family / Glenna Tasedan      Offertory: Tim Drum

**WITNESS:** ROMANS 12:21 TELLS US, "DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD." OFTEN THE BEST PROTEST AGAINST THE BAD IS THE PRACTICE OF THE GOOD. AMID THE RACIAL AND POLITICAL DIVISIONS IN OUR COUNTRY AND OUR COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW, WHAT IS ONE GOOD, CONSTRUCTIVE THING THAT YOU (AND OUR CHURCH) CAN DO TO BUILD A BRIDGE OF UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE BETWEEN PEOPLE? HOW CAN YOU NOT ONLY PROTEST OR STAND AGAINST THAT WHICH IS EVIL, BUT CREATE A POSITIVE SOMETHING BETTER? HOW CAN YOU WITNESS TO CHRIST BY OVERCOMING EVIL WITH GOOD?