

# Spruce Pine United Methodist Church

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September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

15<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**

SHARON DRUM

**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 & PRAYERS

^**Song of Praise**

*"We All Are One in Mission"*

TFWS 2243

^**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,  
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
we have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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/bleed them with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you.")*

^Hymn of Praise "God Is Here" UMH 660

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory "You Make Me Brave" BRENDA SPARKS

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

Children's Message GLENNA TASEDAN

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 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" CHANCEL CHOIR

^Scripture Reading Romans 14: 1-15, 19, 15:1-2 NT 153/154

Proclamation of the Word "Builder Not Judge" REV. JEREMY TROXLER

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD & SENDING FORTH

^Sending Hymn "Servant Song" TFWS 2222

^Benediction

^Choral Response "He Is Lord" 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.
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP** - Every Wednesday Morning at 9:30 am.
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL** - September 20, 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The menu includes soups, sandwiches, crackers, desserts and drinks. Sponsored by the Chancel Choir.
- **THE NEW STOP HUNGER NOW** - On **Saturday September 23rd** 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 / NOVEMBER 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.
- **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. **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.

<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
9/24	Dwight Willett	Gloria Hoepfner	Evelyn Hughes / Betty Sparks	Meredith & Emree Hoilman
10/1	Tim Drum	Greg Hoilman	Wayne & Wanda Henline	C. Thayer / Q. Sparks / M. Troxler
10/8	Bruce Ikard	Tracy Carroll	Margarett McGraw / Freddy Jones	Katie Willett / Tracy Deyton
10/15	Marvin Walker	Glenna Tasedan	Jon & Melanie Jirka	Rachel Shock / Brandy Miller
10/22	Jack Riley	Bruce Ikard	Grant & Quincy Sparks	Meredith & Emree Hoilman
10/29	Sharon Drum	Mike Murphy	Joe & Lorraine Campbell	Grace Buchanan / Margaret Troxler
11/5	Greg Hoilman	Sharon Drum	Beth Ziemba / Bill Dailey	Chelsea Thayer / Quincy Sparks
11/12	Grant Sparks	Melanie Murphy	Ed & Jan Banta	Katie Willett / Tracy Deyton
11/19	Jane DeVos	Glenna Tasedan	Lloyd & Nelle Glenn	Rachel Shock / Brandy Miller
11/26	Tracy Deyton	Greg Hoilman	Mary Robinson / Donnie Peters	Meredith & Emree Hoilman

# 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)*; Mary John Dye (recovery); *Chelsea & Bryan Thayer (new baby Stokes)*; Jason & Anna Wilson (new baby Jesse Ray); Grace's friend (struggles with pregnancy & marriage), Amanda (struggling friend); *Nancy Moody*; Norega Family; New-to-area Single Mom; Joy Chissolm
  - **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the families of: Vicki Elliott; Jack Swofford; Ted Buchanan; 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); 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 (chemo.)*; 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*; Melissa Johnson (stress fracture); Suzie (broken hip); Sandra Sherwood (broken hip); Don Gordon
  - **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; victims of the Earthquake in Mexico
  - **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); 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		ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK	
18 <sup>th</sup> - Gary Curtis		20 <sup>th</sup> - Matt Miller	
		22 <sup>nd</sup> - Paul & Sherry Sherman	
PRESENCE:		September 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	
GIFTS	September 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	9:00 - 29 11:00 - 76	
	General Fund - \$2,940.00	Weekly budget need: \$4,310.22	
	Year to Date - \$153,919.84	YTD Budget Need: \$155,177.92	
	Children's Offering - \$48.86	Bridge of Hope Homeless Ministries	
	Stop Hunger Now - \$150.00	Hurricane Relief - \$70.00	
	Community Assistance - \$105.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 19	

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

Lector: Sharon Drum      Greeters: Marvin Walker / Frank Baskin      Children's Time: Glenna Tasedan  
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter      Nursery: Rachel Shock / Brandy Miller      Offertory: Brenda Sparks

**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?

**\*\*Next Week's Scripture - September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017\*\***

Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16