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April 22nd, 2018

4th Sunday of Easter

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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. LAST SUNDAY WE CELEBRATED CHRIST’S RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, THE ULTIMATE SIGN OF GOD’S VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH. TODAY IS THE 4TH SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF EASTER. THE MEANING OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST IS FAR TOO BIG TO BE CELEBRATED ON ONLY ONE DAY: IN A WAY, EVERY SUNDAY IS A LITTLE EASTER, A REMINDER OF CHRIST’S RESURRECTION ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK. WITHIN THE CHURCH, EASTER IS NOT JUST ONE DAY, BUT A SEASON OF 50 DAYS (7 SUNDAYS) IN WHICH WE CELEBRATE THE WAYS THAT CHRIST LIVES AMONG US, AROUND US, AND IN US THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE STORY OF CHRIST’S LIFE HAS NOT ENDED: WE ARE LIVING ITS NEXT CHAPTER. PRAISE GOD!

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

SHARON DRUM

Prelude

“O, When Will I See Jesus?”

ARR. LANI SMITH

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, AND PRAYERS

^Song of Praise

“His Name is Wonderful”

UMH 174

^Easter Greeting

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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^The World Methodist Social Affirmation

UMH 886

^ 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 *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* UMH 138

Offering our Praises and our Gifts / Children’s Church Graduation (6 year old and older)

Offertory *“As the Deer”* MICHAEL MURPHY

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

Children’s Message AARON BUCHANAN

Children’s Change Offering TARBORO MISSION TRIP

(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 *“Make Us One”* TFWS 2224

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

Choral Anthem *“Do Lord, Remember Me”* CHANCEL CHOIR

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

^Scripture Reading 1 John 3:16-24 NT 223

Proclamation of the Word *“Angels All Around”* REV. JEREMY TROXLER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

^Sending Hymn *“They’ll Know We Are Christians”* TFWS 2223

^Benediction

^Choral Response *“Bind Us Together”* CHANCEL CHOIR

^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.

APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE** - will meet today immediately after the worship service. Location to be announced.

- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES & HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - TODAY!** at 5:30pm at SPUMC. All kids (Hilltoppers) and all 6th-12th graders (Summit) are invited to enjoy a meal, fun activities, and time to grow in faith together.
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP - THIS WEDNESDAY, AT 9:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY.** All are invited to welcome and join us as we pray for the needs of our congregation and world: we especially welcome those who are new to prayer.
- **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TODAY!** - Sunday, April 22nd at 4 PM. Committee chairs are asked to submit notes from their meetings in February. Be prepared to discuss goals for your committees.

MAY / JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SPUMC BOOK CLUB** - The May selection for the book club is *The Whistling Season* By Ivan Doig. We will meet May 1st at 10:00 am in the church parlor.
- **EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE RESUMES!** - The 9:00 am worship service will resume on **Sunday, May 6th.**
- **SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** - Beth Moore's *The Patriarchs*. Starting June 7th here at Spruce Pine UMC. The course is 10 weeks and requires a book (\$17.00). If interested, let Nancy Ball know (843) 597-1196 or by email at hslabsnancy@gmail.com

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **AL-ANON MEETING** - Every Thursday evening here at the church at 7:00 pm in the youth room. Contact numbers for more information are 467-1193 and 704-609-3360.
- **LEFT BEHIND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY - SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS** - Meets at 6:30 pm the 1st Wednesday every month in the Oak Room, Sloop Medical Offices Building, Cannon Hospital, Linville, NC. Contact Bob at 321-243-1640 or Sandy at 828-467-5379.
- **SONS OF THE SON & BRIDGE OF HOPE HOMELESS MINISTRY** - Needs: 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
4/29	Bruce Ikard	Sharon Drum	Neil & Marie Brown	Rachelle Shock / Chris Nash
5/6	Marvin Walker	Mike Murphy	Framton & Danna Gibson	Quincy Sparks / Brandy Miller
5/13	Jack Riley	Bruce Ikard	Bryan & Chelsea Thayer	Jessica Hoyle / Chelsea Thayer
5/20	Dwight Willett	Sharon Drum	Dottie Myers / Becky Nance	TBA
5/27	Jane DeVos	Kathey Hollifield	Greg & Meredith Hoilman	TBA
6/3	Randy Hembree	Melanie Murphy	Martha Long / Evelyn Hughes	TBA
6/10	Kathey Hollifield	Greg Hoilman	LeeRoy & Sue Ledford	TBA

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
- **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, Bea White, Grace Buchanan - Audrey's roommate*); M-Y Parish Food Bank; Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; *Bretta Walker; Charles Hale*; All expectant mothers and unborn children (*Jessica Hoyle, Carolyn Boles, Taylor Byrd - high risk pregnancy*); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola; Laura Curtis Hodges*; Nichole Hoyle; Luke Dayton; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2018; Jo Thomas; Van McClintick; Gary Baskin; *Sandra & Louis Woodard*; Karen Wright; Wilma Garland; *Ginny Downs' father*; June Wilson
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Jeremy Swofford; Lanning family; the *Dailey* family; the family of Robert Dale
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Howard Hoilman (lung transplant); Joe Stanton (heart surgery); *Tim Hollifield*
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Nora Murray (*Neil Brown's sister*); *Jim Smith (radiation)*; Judy Rinard; Maggie Snyder (breast cancer); Diane Meatyard; Tom Wilson (tumor); Susan Wilson; Chip Smith (colon cancer); Barbara Miller; Joyce Woody; Carol Batton (breast cancer); Laurie Norman (esophageal); Susan Wilson; Holly (brain tumor); Randy Chambers (chemo); Jada Daniels (lung cancer); Larry Metcalf (liver); Debra Geer (Stage IV lung cancer); Ken Anderson (prostate); Oswaldo Hernandez (thyroid cancer); Marcia Huskins Murphy; Jane Glass; Tom Collis (lung cancer); Julian Jones (brain cancer); Natasha Hewlitt (brain cancer)
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** David Hoepfner; Wayne Hoilman; Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Kent Brock (Parkinson's, Pneumonia); Bruce McKinney (Parkinson's); Mary Hampton (fibromyalgia); Aubree (encephalitis); Jesse Wray (accident); Brandon Thomas (car accident); Pastor Don Sneller (fall); Suzanne Dayton, *Tracy Carroll; Jack Jones (fall)*
- **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma & Maria; Victims of Human Trafficking; Survivors of Parkland School Shooting; Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment; Survivors of child abuse
- **FOR AREA CHURCHES:** The Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove); Bakersville UMC, Red Hill - Dayton Bend UMC; The Newdale UMC Charge (Celo-Martin's Chapel-Windham); SPUMC (Pastor, Staff & Members)
- **FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Ben Potter (Army); those on Mission Trips; Tarboro Mission Team
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 - Glenn Nance		22 - Mary Robinson	
		23 - Bretta Walker	
		24 - Scott Wray	
PRESENCE:		April 15 th , 2018	
GIFTS		11:00 - 112	
April 15th, 2018		General Fund - \$1,989.60	
		Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00	
		Year to Date - \$65,939.22	
		YTD Budget Need - \$65,955.00	
		Children's Offering - \$65.78 - Mission Trip	
		Tarboro Mission Trip - \$300.00	
		Community Assistance - \$1,155.00	
		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 12	

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

Lector: Sharon Drum Greeters: Lloyd & Nelle Glenn Children's Time: Aaron Buchanan
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Meredith Hoilman / Jen or Josh Newton Offertory: Mike Murphy

WITNESS: THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEATH MEANS THAT CHRISTIANS MUST NEVER DESPAIR. EASTER IS A PROMISE THAT JOY AND LIFE WILL HAVE THE LAST WORD, NO MATTER HOW DARK LIFE APPEARS. YOU COULD ALMOST SAY THAT, AFTER EASTER, CHRISTIANS HAVE A *DUTY* TO REJOICE. WHERE ARE YOU TEMPTED TO DESPAIR IN YOUR LIFE? HOW MIGHT YOU SHOW YOUR EASTER FAITH BY LIVING INTO JOY INSTEAD?

****Next Week's Scripture - April 29th, 2018****

Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 34:7-21, John 15:1-8