

# Spruce Pine United Methodist Church

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February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

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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. THE COLOR PURPLE IN THE SANCTUARY REMINDS US THAT WE ARE IN THE CHURCH SEASON CALLED "LENT." LENT IS A PERIOD OF ROUGHLY 40 DAYS (AND 6 SUNDAYS) IN WHICH WE PREPARE FOR THE MYSTERY AND JOY OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER THROUGH A TIME OF INTENTIONAL REMEMBERING, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION. CHRISTIANS OFTEN OBSERVE THIS SEASON BY EITHER GIVING UP SOMETHING DEAR TO THEM OR BY ADDING A NEW DISCIPLINE OR ROUTINE TO THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE, SUCH AS GIVING ALMS, PRAYER, OR FASTING. AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP, ASK YOURSELF, "HOW MIGHT THIS SEASON OF LENT TO BE A TIME OF SPIRITUAL REVIVAL IN MY LIFE?" TODAY WE CONTINUE A LENTEN SERMON SERIES ON "THE CALL OF SIMON PETER."

## GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

MICHAEL MURPHY

**Prelude**

**Meditation on "The Lord is My Shepherd"**

ARR. MARY McDONALD

**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**

*"I Will Call Upon the Lord"*

TFWS 2002

^**Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness**

We cannot earn God's grace or favor.

It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given

Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith together:

**Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace.**

**We have hurt others; we have hurt ourselves; we have hurt you.**

**You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not.**

**We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.**

**We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require.**

**We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**  
**Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,**  
**trusting that you have included us by grace into the family of faith.**  
**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**  
*(Time for silent prayer and confession)*

God hears the confession of our hearts and lips.  
Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins,  
and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.  
**We trust the good news of Jesus Christ!**

^ **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**    **“My Hope Is Built”**    UMH 368

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

**Offertory**    **“Musette”**    BLAKE THAYER - PIANO

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

**Children’s Message**    BRUCE IKARD

**Children’s Change Offering**    COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND  
*(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**    **“Move Me”**    UMH 471

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

## **PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD**

**Choral Anthem**    **“Not My Will, But Yours, Father”**    CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Scripture Reading**    **Matthew 14: 22-33**    NT 15

**Proclamation of the Word**    **“The Sinker and the Savior”**    REV. JEREMY TROXLER

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

^ **Sending Hymn**    **“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”**    UMH 179

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response**    **“Praise 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.

## FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES AND HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN’S MINISTRY - TODAY!** - at 5:30pm at SPUMC. All kids (Hilltoppers) and all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders (Summit) are invited to enjoy a meal, fun activities, and time to grow in faith together.
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP - THIS WEDNESDAY, AT 9:30AM 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.
- **CHURCH "MEETING NIGHT" - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH AT 6:00PM AT THE CHURCH.** This will be the first of our quarterly meeting nights, where we ask all the church's committees and ministry teams to meet at the same time to discuss and carry forward their work. Childcare will be provided. All who feel led to help out our ministry teams in the areas of Worship, Fellowship, Nurture, and Missions are invited to come and participate.

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW ADDRESS** - for Judy Rinard - 6161 East Pima St., Apt. 2120, Tucson, AZ 85712
- **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** - in the offering envelope slots behind the pews. If needed, fill one out and drop it in the offering plate.
- **WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE HELP TO MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY?** - We have a great church family. We have a sign up list for folks willing to provide assistance for our church family. This could involve food, transportation, or any other need.
- **LEFT BEHIND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY - SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS** - Meets at 6:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 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** - 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
3/4	Matt Miller	Mike Murphy	Betty Sparks / Martha Long	Grace Buchanan / Phil White
3/11	Grant Sparks	Kathey Hollifield	Jon & Melanie Jirka	Meredith Hoilman / Jen Newton
3/18	Tracy Deyton	Glenna Tasedan	Beth Ziemba / Bill Dailey	Brandy Miller / Nash Family
3/25	Aaron Buchanan	Chelsea Thayer	Wayne & Wanda Henline	Chelsea Thayer / Jessica Hoyle / Emree Hoilman
4/1	Chelsea Thayer	Greg Hoilman	Mary Robinson & Donnie Peters	Glenna Tasedan / Debprah Verla
4/8	Dwight Willett	Melanie Murphy	Susan Basini / Clara Ahlquist	Tracy Deyton / Ginny Downs
4/15	Meredith Hoilman	Tracy Carroll	Marvin Walker / Frank Baskin	Grace Buchanan / Joey Stout
4/22	Tim Drum	Glenna Tasedan	Lloyd & Nelle Glenn	Meredith Hoilman / Jen or Josh Newton
4/29	Bruce Ikard	Sharon Drum	Neil & Marie Brown	Rachel Shock / Chris Nash

# 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; Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment
- **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*, *June Wilson*; *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 (*Katie Willett*, *Jessica Hoyle*, *Carolyn Boles*, *Taylor Byrd* - high risk pregnancy); *Larry Boone*; victims of child abuse; *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola*; *Laura Curtis Hodges*; *Nichole Hoyle*; *Grace Buchanan (adrenal fatigue)*; *Libby Miller & husband*; *Luke Deyton*; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2018; *Jim Begley (Alzheimer's)*; *Jonathan*; *Katie*, *Dwight*, *Lila and Paul Marshall Willett*; *Jo Thomas*; *Mike (at AMCI)*; *Grace's Friend (pregnancy, separation)*
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN** the family of *Trina Law*; the family of *Karen Buchanan*; the family of *Sharon Deyton*; the family of *Scott Sparks*
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Bruce Ikard*; *Melanie Murphy*; *Judy Hampton (quad bypass)*; *Teresa Lewis*
- **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)*
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** *Sandra Woodard*; *David Hoepfner*; *Wayne Hoilman*; *Mike Snyder (Parkinson's)*; *Kent Brock (Parkinson's, Pneumonia)*; *Bruce McKinney (Parkinson's)*; *Bobby Thompson (Doris Thompson's son - heart)*; *Becky Nance*; *Sheilah Sockwell*; *Mary Hampton (fibromyalgia)*; *Hoyle family*; *Evelyn Hughes (hip)*; *Clarence Deyton (hand)*
- **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma & Maria; *Wayne & Rachel Hoilman (house fire)*; Victims of Human Trafficking; Survivors of Parkland School Shooting
- **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) ; *SPUMC (Pastor, Staff & Members)*
- **FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** *Dallas Martin (Marines)*; *Tucker McElrath*; *Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard)*; those on Mission Trips; *Jacob Potter*  
*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			
2/25 - Vernon Coulter, Sue Ledford		2/28 - Pat Paton	3/3 - Susan Basini, Cassidy, Gideon & Kenton Broome
PRESENCE:		February 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	11:00 - 106
GIFTS	February 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	General Fund - \$7,113.12	Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00
		Year to Date - \$35,503.62	YTD Budget Need - \$30,779.00
		Children's Offering - \$63.01	Community Assistance Fund
		Ramp Construction - \$50.00	
		Community Assistance - \$150.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 7

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

Lector: Mike Murphy    Nursery: Tracy Deyton / Joey Stout    Children's Time: Bruce Ikard  
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter    Greeters: Frank Baskin / David Goodnight    Offertory: Blake Thayer

**WITNESS:** WHEN SIMON PETER WANTS TO BE SURE IT IS JESUS WALKING OUT ON THE WATER, HE ASKS JESUS TO COMMAND HIM TO DO SOMETHING OUTRAGEOUS AND SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE: SIMON PETER KNEW ONLY JESUS WOULD ASK HIM TO DO SOMETHING SO OUT OF THE ORDINARY. FOLLOWING JESUS MEANS ALLOWING HIM TO CHALLENGE US TO DO THINGS THAT ARE WAY OUT OF OUR "COMFORT ZONE." WHAT RISKY THING IS JESUS ASKING YOU TO DO THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO DO ON YOUR OWN, BUT THAT JUST MIGHT BE POSSIBLE WITH HIM?

**\*\*Next Week's Scripture - March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018\*\***

Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22