

# Spruce Pine United Methodist Church

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February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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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 A NEW SERMON SERIES ON THE APOSTLES' CREED (YOU CAN FIND THE CREED IN YOUR RED UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL ON PAGE #881) CALLED "I BELIEVE . . ." TODAY WE ALSO CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF DANNA GIBSON, AND THE RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP OF FRAMTON GIBSON.

## GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION 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, GIFTS, AND PRAYERS

**^ Song of Praise**

*"Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"*

TFWS 2119

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

(SEE INSERT)

**^ 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.")*

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

**Offertory**

AARON & GRACE BUCHANAN

**Doxology**

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH 95

**Children's Message**

MELANIE MURPHY

**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.)*

# PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

^Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 2:6-16; 3:16-17	NT 157 - 158
Proclamation of the Word	"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints..."	REV. JEREMY TROXLER
Choral Anthem	"I Will Dwell in You"	CHANCEL CHOIR

## HOLY COMMUNION AND SENDING FORTH

Invitation to the Lord's Table / Prayers of Silent Confession

^The Great Thanksgiving / The Lord's Prayer UMH 15-16

Sharing Holy Communion

*The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during Holy Communion:*

*"Here is Bread, Here is Wine" - TFWS 2266*

*"Come, Share the Lord" - TFWS 2269*

Prayers of the People

^Sending Hymn "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" UMH 465

^Benediction

^Choral Response "Spirit of God" 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 WILL BE HAVING A SUPER BOWL PARTY TODAY** - at the home of Greg and Meredith Hoilman (175 Watson Drive, Spruce Pine) starting at 6 PM and ending at halftime. We will be meeting at 5:45 at the church to drive over together.
- **SPUMC BOOK CLUB** - Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 10:00 am in the Parlor (Hickey Memorial Classroom).

- **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.
- **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH @ 6:00PM** - Our Ash Wednesday service marks the beginning of the Christian season of Lent, a time of repentance, prayer, and preparation for the celebration of Easter. Childcare will be provided.
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the FaithLink classroom.
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY** - Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Sponsored by the Finance Committee.
- **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 carry out their work. Childcare will be provided.

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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
2/11	Jane DeVos	Tracy Carroll	Bill & Judy Sears	Rachelle Shock/Chris Nash/Emree Hoilman
2/18	Kathey Hollifield	Glenna Tasedan	Margarett McGraw/Freddy Jones	Chelsea Thayer / Ginny Downs
2/25	Mike Murphy	Bruce Ikard	Frank Baskin/David Goodnight	Tracy Deyton / Joey Stout
3/4	Matt Miller	Mike Murphy	Betty Sparks / Martha Long	Grace Buchanan / Phil Whier
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

## 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*; Amanda Drum; Nevada Jones; Nichole Hoyle; Struggling College Student; *Grace Buchanan (adrenal fatigue)*; Libby Miller & husband; Luke Deyton (decisions); for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2018; *Gary Baskin (job)*; Jim Begley (Alzheimers)
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Betty Pafford; the family of Margret Jenkins (*Sandra Woodard's Mother*); the family of Anna Baird; the family of Joe Phelps; the family of Pat Cadell; TJ and family (death of fiancée & child); the family of Jeff Hollifield; the family of Lela Wilson, the family of Sadie Dixon; the family of Garland Wheeler
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Bruce Ikard; Melanie Murphy; Theresa Conley (gallbladder); Jack Chandler (gallbladder)*; Brian McKinney (shoulder)
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Nora Murray (*Neil Brown's sister*); Shirley Hise; *Jim Smith (radiation)*; Ava Hollifield (cancer surgery); 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)
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** *Sandra Woodard*; David Hoepfner (vision); Wayne Hoilman; Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Kent Brock (Parkinson's, Pneumonia); Bruce McKinney (Parkinsons); Bobby Thompson (Doris Thompson's son - heart); *Becky Nance; Sheilah Sockwell*; Mary Hampton (fibromyalgia); Hoyle family
- **FOR VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma & Maria; Wayne & Rachel Hoilman (house fire)
- **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); those on Mission Trips; Tamera Robinson (India)  
*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					
5 <sup>th</sup> - Joyce Alvarez	6 <sup>th</sup> - Nancy Lopeman	6 <sup>th</sup> - Sadie Struble	8 <sup>th</sup> - Della Troxler	9 <sup>th</sup> - Beckett Thayer	10 <sup>th</sup> - Marie Brown
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b>		<b>11:00 - 96</b>	
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b>	General Fund - \$9,353.00		Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00	
		Year to Date - \$19,270.00		YTD Budget Need - \$17,588.00	
		Children's Offering - \$54.90		Mitchell County SafePlace	
		Fellowship Committee Meal - \$285.00		Community Assistance	
		Community Assistance - \$5,900.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 15	

**SERVICE:** Thanks to those who are serving in special ways throughout the past week and today ...  
 Lector: Sharon Drum    Nursery: Meredith Hoilman/Jennifer Newton    Children's Time: Melanie Murphy  
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter    Greeters: Matt & Brandy Miller    Offertory: Aaron & Grace Buchanan

**WITNESS:** THE APOSTLE'S CREED IS AN ANCIENT SUMMARY OF SCRIPTURE THAT ALLOWS CHRISTIANS TO TOGETHER REAFFIRM WHAT WE BELIEVE. TO BE A WITNESS TO CHRIST MEANS NOT ONLY BELIEVING BUT KNOWING WHAT YOU BELIEVE, AND BEING ABLE TO SPEAK ABOUT IT WITH OTHERS WHEN NEEDED. IF SOMEONE WERE TO ASK YOU WHO WHAT THE CHURCH IS, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO THEM?

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**\*\*Next Week's Scripture - February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018\*\***  
 2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9