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2<sup>nd</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 . . ."

## GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome and Announcements

BRUCE IKARD

### Prelude

"Lord, Be Glorified"

KILPATRICK

### 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

"God Is Here Today"

TFWS 2049

### ^Responsive Psalter Reading

Psalm 104: 1-13, 24

UMH 826

### ^Prayer of Confession

(from a prayer written by Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Let us pray responsively:

Thou Eternal God,  
out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence  
the whole universe has come into being,  
**we humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds,  
and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us.**  
We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses  
rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ.  
**We often give in order to receive.**  
**We love our friends and hate our enemies.**  
**We go the first mile but dare not travel the second.**  
**We forgive but dare not forget.**  
And so as we look within ourselves,

we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you.

**But thou, O God, have mercy upon us.**

**Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be.**

Give us the intelligence to know your will.

Give us the courage to do your will.

**Give us the devotion to love your will.**

Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars and to live on through all eternity.

Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace.

**Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together**

**until that day when all your children -- Black, White, Red, Brown and Yellow --**

**will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the reign of our Lord and of our God.**

**In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray. 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**                      **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**                      UMH 110

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

**Offertory**                      **“Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land”**                      TIM DRUM - TRUMPET

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

**Children’s Message**                      KATHEY HOLLIFIELD

**Children’s Change Offering**                      MITCHELL COUNTY SAFEPLACE

*(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**                      **“You Are My Hiding Place”**                      TFWS 2055

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

## PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

**Choral Anthem**                      **“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**                      CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Scripture Reading**                      **Psalm 103:1-18**                      OT 531/532

**Proclamation of the Word**                      **“I Believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of Heaven and Earth”**                      REV. JEREMY TROXLER

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

^ **Sending Hymn**                      **“God the Sculptor of the Mountains”**                      TFWS 2060

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response**                      **“Awesome 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.

## JANUARY 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.
- **GRIFFITH CHAPEL MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION - TODAY @ 3PM AT GRIFFITH CHAPEL ON LESTER LANE IN LINCOLN PARK IN BURNSVILLE.** The celebration will include the MLK Community Choir led by Roberta Whiteside, and speakers Rev. William Whiteside and Rev. Travis Wynkoop. Coffee and refreshments will be served. For more information contact Sam Maren at 284-4889 or at [micsamann@gmail.com](mailto:micsamann@gmail.com).
- **UMW MEETING** - at church on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Welcome Center. We will discuss our future fundraisers and prepare packages for the homeless for Phil White's Sons of the Son and Bridge of Hope Homeless Ministry.
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL** - Wednesday, January 17 at 6 pm. Thanks to the Fellowship Team for preparing this meal. The menu is soups, bread, salad, and desserts. Funds raised go to Community Assistance. All are welcome. Donations appreciated but not required.
- **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST @ 4:00PM.** We hope to get a start on our plans for 2018.

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP** - meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to participate.
- **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
1/21	Marvin Walker	Glenna Tasedan	Phil White / Frank Baskin	Tracy Deyton / Jessica Hoyle
1/28	Jack Riley	Greg Hoilman	Carolyn & Jack Burseson	Grace Buchanan / Brandy Miller

# 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, Anna Baird, Bea White, June Wilson*); M-Y Parish Food Bank; 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 & Reg Bezzola*; Laura Curtis Hodges; Amanda Drum; Carole Baten; Nevada Jones; Nichole Hoyle; George Smith; Struggling College Student; Joe Thomas (chronic illness); *Grace Buchanan (adrenal failure)*
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Betty Pafford; the family of Margret Jenkins (*Sandra Woodard's Mother*) the family of Russell Carroll; the family of Parks Griffith; the family of Bud Atkins; the family of Chris Hoilman; the family of Tom Murphy; the family of Gene Hollifield; the family of Anna Baird; the family of Joe Phelps
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Bruce Ikard; Melanie Murphy; John and Jo Lacey; Charles Sproles; Lisa Hoilman*
- **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; *Jack Riley (skin cancer)*
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** *Sandra Woodard; David Hoepfner (vision); Wayne Hoilman; Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Elijah Gregory; Susan Curtis; Kent Brock (Parkinson's, Pneumonia); Gloria Hoepfner (knee)*
- **FOR VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma & Maria; Congregation of Rose Hill UMC (fire); 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; *Julianna Walker (China)*  
*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	
17 <sup>th</sup> - Janie DeVos, Sherry Sherman		19 <sup>th</sup> - Glenna Tasedan	
17 <sup>th</sup> - Janie DeVos, Sherry Sherman		17 <sup>th</sup> - Glen & Janie DeVos	
PRESENCE:		January 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	
GIFTS	December 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	11:00 - 103	
	General Fund - \$3,422.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00	
	Year to Date - \$3,422.00	YTD Budget Need - \$4,397.00	
	Children's Offering - \$80.72	Mitchell County SafePlace	
	Community Assistance - \$150.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 14	

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

Lector: Bruce Ikard

Greeters: Glen & Janie DeVos

Children's Time: Kathey Hollifield

Head Usher: Vernon Coulter

Nursery: Chelsea Thayer / Quincy Sparks

Offertory: Tim Drum

**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 YOU WERE TO CREATE YOUR OWN SHORT PERSONAL "CREED" THAT EXPRESSES WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT CHRIST, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY? IF SOMEONE WERE TO ASK YOU WHAT "I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH" MEANS, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

**\*\*Next Week's Scripture - January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018\*\***

Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20