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4th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremy I. Troxler, Pastor
Glenna Tasedan - Children's Church

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Kathy Miller, Organist

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

JACK RILEY

Prelude

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

BACH

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

"Jesus, the Light of the World"

WORSHIP & SONG 3056

^Prayer of Confession

Let us pray together:

**Almighty and merciful God, our heavenly Father,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors or ourselves
as our Savior Christ loves us.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
and we have rebelled against your way.
We are truly sorry and repent of our sins.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;**

that we may delight in your will
and walk joyfully in your abundant life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time for silent prayer and confession)

Amen. Hear now the good news:
Christ lived, died, and rose again for us while we were yet sinners:
that proves God's love for us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Glory to God! 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** “**Glory in the Cross**” **WORSHIP & SONG 3075**

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory “**The Servant’s Song**” **BRENDA SPARKS**

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

Children’s Message **SHARON DRUM**

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 “**Gentle Shepherd**” **WORSHIP & SONG 3096**

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Choral Anthem “**Lord, Lead Me, Lord**” **CHANCEL CHOIR**

^ **Scripture Reading** **Philippians 2:5-11** **NT 185**

Proclamation of the Word “**I Believe in Jesus Christ...who was...**” **REV. JEREMY TROXLER**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

^ **The Apostles’ Creed** **UMH 881**

^ **Sending Hymn** “**Where He Leads Me**” **UMH 338**

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response** “**Let Our Earth Be Peaceful**” **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. Contact our nursery coordinator Glenna Tasedan at 336-908-8075.

JANUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THERE WILL BE NO SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES AND HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TODAY** - our youth are just returning from a retreat at Lake Junaluska this weekend. Summit and Hilltoppers will resume with a Super Bowl party next Sunday at the home of Greg and Meredith Hoilman (175 Watson Drive, Spruce Pine) starting at 6 PM and ending at halftime.
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP - THIS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST 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.
- **NEW MEMBERS CLASS - TODAY, JANUARY 28TH @ 12:30PM FOLLOWING WORSHIP.** All who feel led to explore joining the congregation are invited. A simple lunch will be provided.
- **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.

FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SPUMC BOOK CLUB** - Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 10:00 am in the Parlor (Hickey Memorial Classroom).
- **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.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **LEFT BEHIND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY - SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS** - Meets at 6:30pm 1st & 3rd 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 |
|------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 2/4 | Sharon Drum | Melanie Murphy | Matt & Brandy Miller | Meredith Hoilman / Jennifer Newton |
| 2/11 | Jane DeVos | Tracy Carroll | Bill & Judy Sears | Rachelle Shock/Chris Nash/Emeree Hoilman |
| 2/18 | Kathy 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 |

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*); 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*); 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)
- **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
- **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)
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** *Sandra Woodard; David Hoepfner (vision); Wayne Hoilman; Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Kent Brock (Parkinson's, Pneumonia); Gloria Hoepfner (knee); Bruce McKinney (Parkinsons); Bobby Thompson (Doris Thompson's son - heart); Becky Nance; Sheilah Sockwell; Mary Hampton (fibromyalgia)*
- **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; *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.

| ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK | | | |
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| 3 rd - Bill & Jo Ann Prendergast | | | |
| PRESENCE: | | January 21 st , 2018 | 11:00 - 107 |
| GIFTS | January 21st, 2018 | General Fund - \$2,319.00 | Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00 |
| | | Year to Date - \$9,717.00 | YTD Budget Need - \$13,191.00 |
| | | Children's Offering - \$71.00 | Mitchell County SafePlace |
| | | Community Assistance - \$140.00 | Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 15 |

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

Lector: Jack Riley Greeters: Carolyn & Jack Burleson Children's Time: Sharon Drum
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Grace Buchanan / Brandy Miller Offertory: Brenda Sparks

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 JESUS WAS AND WHAT JESUS DID, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO THEM?

****Next Week's Scripture - February 4th, 2018****

Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39