

# Spruce Pine United Methodist Church

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January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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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 IS BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY, A DAY WHEN WE REMEMBER JESUS' BAPTISM IN THE JORDAN RIVER, AND WHEN WE REMEMBER (OR LOOK TOWARDS) WHAT OUR OWN BAPTISMS MEAN FOR US. BAPTISM IS AN EXPERIENCE THAT DEFINES OUR IDENTITY AS CHRISTIANS AND AS HUMAN BEINGS: THROUGH BAPTISM GOD CLAIMS US AS GOD'S OWN CHILDREN THROUGH CHRIST, THE CHURCH EMBRACES US AS A SISTER OR A BROTHER IN CHRIST, AND WE VOW TO FOLLOW CHRIST WITH OUR LIVES. TODAY WE WILL ALSO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION AND BEGIN A NEW SERMON SERIES ON THE APOSTLES' CREED CALLED "I BELIEVE."

## GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

TIM 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**

***"Water, River, Spirit, Grace"***

TFWS 2253

**^ 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.")*

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

**Offertory**

***"Look-a-That Star"***

THE OCCASIONAL QUARTET

**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.)

## PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

Choral Anthem

"March of the Three Kings"

CHANCEL CHOIR

^Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-11, 14-15

NT 33

Proclamation of the Word

"I Believe"

REV. JEREMY TROXLER

## REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM AND HOLY COMMUNION

Reaffirmation of Baptism: Baptismal Vows and Apostles' Creed

UMH 50/51

Thanksgiving Over the Water, The Bread, and the Cup / The Lord's Prayer

Reaffirmation of Baptism and Sharing of Holy Communion

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

*"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" - UMH 614*

*"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" - UMH 616*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

Prayers of the People

^Sending Hymn

"Come, Be Baptized"

TFWS 2252

^Benediction

^Choral Response

"Take Me to the Water"

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.
- **UMW MEETING** - at church on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Welcome Center. We will discuss our future fundraisers and prepare homeless packages for Phil White's Sons of the Son Organization.
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the FaithLink Classroom.
- **FELLOWSHIP TEAM MEETING** - Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> in the church parlor. If you are interested in joining the Fellowship Team, contact Ima or Jack on Sunday, or simply come to this meeting.
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL** - Wednesday, January 17 at 6 pm. Sponsored by the Fellowship Team. Menu to be announced.

# ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP** - meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.
- **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.
- **NEW ADDRESSES**
  - Reg & Beth Bezzola - Lifestream Assisted Living, 13617 N 55<sup>th</sup> Ave., Glendale, AZ 85304
  - Judy Rinard - 5366 N. Strada de Rubino, Tucson, AZ 85750

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- *In Memory of Margaret Jenkins (Sandra Woodard's mother, a donation to the Community Assistance Fund from the Hickey Memorial Class.*
- *To the Community Assistance Fund, a donation from the Smith Family (Lila Baskin).*

### 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
1/14	Bruce Ikard	Kathey Hollifield	Glen & Jane DeVos	Chelsea Thayer / Quincy Sparks
1/21	Marvin Walker	Glenna Tasedan	Phil White / Frank Baskin	To Be Announced
1/28	Jack Riley	Greg Hoilman	Carolyn & Jack Burlson	To Be Announced

# 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
  - **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
  - **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
  - **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** *Sandra Woodard*; David Hoepfner (vision); Wayne Hoilman; Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Elijah Gregory; *Susan Curtis*
  - **FOR VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma & Maria; Congregation of Rose Hill UMC (fire)
  - **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)
  - **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			
7 <sup>th</sup> - Jane Lewis		10 <sup>th</sup> - Theresa Conley	
PRESENCE:		December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2017	
GIFTS	December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2017	General Fund - \$4,334.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,310.22
		Year to Date - \$231,776.51	YTD Budget Need - \$224,814.03
		Children's Offering - \$53.75	Single Mother Christmas Project
		Community Assistance - \$860.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 8

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

Lector: Tim Drum      Greeters: Joe & Lorraine Campbell      Children's Time: Sharon Drum  
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter      Nursery: Meredith & Emree Hoilman      Offertory: The Occasional Quartet

**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?

## **\*\*Next Week's Scripture - January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018\*\***

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20), Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51