

# Spruce Pine United Methodist Church

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March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Fifth 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**

TRACY DEYTON

**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

*"Come and Fill Our Hearts"*

TFWS 2157

^Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Even in our faithlessness,  
God loves us still, and waits in mercy to forgive.  
Trusting in God's mercy,  
Let us confess our sins before God and one  
another together:

**Holy God,  
you promise us a life full of blessing,  
but we do not always believe.  
You call invite us to hope,  
but we fall back into fear.**

**You urge us to give freely,  
but we cling to what we have.  
You call us to watch at all times for you,  
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.  
Forgive us.  
Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,  
and keep us alert to the wonders you  
work in the world every day.  
For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

*(Time for silent prayers of confession)*

Hear the good news!  
By faith in Christ we have been saved,  
our guilty hearts washed clean.  
God offers to refresh us, revive us, renew us,  
and empower us by the Holy Spirit:

Live as those who are forgiven and freed,  
giving thanks 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**    **“Great is Thy Faithfulness”**    **UMH 140**

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

**Offertory**    **“Why Do They Mock You, Lord?”**    **WOMEN’S ENSEMBLE**

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

**Children’s Message**

**GLENNA TASEDAN**

**Children’s Change Offering**

**M-Y MEDS MEDICATION MINISTRY**

*(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**    **“God Is So Good”**    **TFWS 2056**

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

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

**Choral Anthem**    **“God So Loved the World”**    **CHANCEL CHOIR**

^ **Scripture Reading**    **Matthew 17: 1-9**    **NT 17**

**Proclamation of the Word**    **“Transfiguration”**    **AARON BUCHANAN**

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

^ **Sending Hymn**    **“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”**    **UMH 382**

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response**    **“A Blessing”**    **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.
- **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES at 10 am** - We currently have two adult Sunday School classes. The Hickey Memorial class meets in the church parlor and the FaithLink Class meets in the last room on the left near the bell tower.

## MARCH / APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PASTOR JEREMY AND HIS FAMILY ARE AWAY THIS SUNDAY VISITING FAMILY IN THE GREENSBORO AREA.** Thanks to Aaron Buchanan of our congregation for proclaiming the Word today.
- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES** (All 6th-12th graders) will be meeting today at 5:30pm at SPUMC, but **HILLTOPPERS (K-5TH GRADERS) WILL NOT BE MEETING TODAY.**
- **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.
- **MISSION TRIP**- Hurricane Matthew devastated several communities in eastern NC in October 2016. We are sending a team to Tarboro, NC from April 15 to April 20 to help rebuild homes in that community. As our previous trips have proven, building skills are not required. We are provided with a place to sleep and cook. United Methodist Committee on Relief provides case management and construction coordination. Please prayerfully consider joining this team for part or all of this week of service. For more information contact Aaron 467-5130 or Marvin 766-5379
- **MISSION TEAM** - will meet briefly after the service today to discuss this month's Fellowship meal scheduled on 3/21.
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY** - March 21 at 6:00 PM the Missions Team will provide the meal and information on their upcoming trip for Hurricane Matthew relief. Contributions will help fund that trip, Come enjoy the food and fellowship!
- **NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY, THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK.** Holy Week is a sacred time when we remember what Jesus experienced for us in the last week of his human life: his entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), his Last Supper with his disciples and betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane (Maundy Thursday), his death on the Cross (Good Friday), and his joyous resurrection (Easter Sunday). Bring a friend and please join us during Holy Week for the year's most powerful experiences of worship:
 

<b>PALM/PASSION SUNDAY</b>	Sunday, March 25th, 11:00am
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> ( <i>w/ Holy Communion</i> )	Thursday, March 29th, 7:00pm
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	Friday, March 30th, 7:00pm
<b>EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE</b> ( <i>the Orchard</i> )	Sunday, April 1st, 7:00am
<b>EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE</b> ( <i>w/ new members</i> )	Sunday, April 1st, 11:00am
<i>(w/ refreshments and flowering of cross at 10:15am)</i>	
- **SPUMC BOOK CLUB** - Tuesday, April 10 at 10:00 am in the parlor. The selection is ***Force of Nature*** by Jane Harper.

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **AL-ANON MEETING** - Every Thursday evening here at the church at 7:00 pm in the youth room. Contact numbers for more information are 467-1193 and 704-609-3360.
- **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 6:30 pm 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** - Needs: 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
3/25	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

# 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
  - **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 ( *Jessica Hoyle, Carolyn Boles, Taylor Byrd - high risk pregnancy*); Larry Boone; *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; Jonathan; *Katie, Dwight, Lila and Paul Marshall Willett*; Jo Thomas; Van McClintick; Gary Baskin
  - **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN** the family of Sharon Deyton; the family of Jim Begley; Gene Lanier & family (death of mother)
  - **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Melanie Murphy*; David Woodard (foot); Ken Anderson (prostate); Howard Hoilman (lung transplant)
  - **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); Larry Metcalf (liver); Debra Geer (Stage IV colon 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); Mary Hampton (fibromyalgia); *Evelyn Hughes (hip)*; Jeff Dirk (flu); Aubree (encephalitis)
  - **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma & Maria; Victims of Human Trafficking; Survivors of Parkland School Shooting; Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment; Survivors of child abuse
  - **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					ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK
19 - Luke Deyton	19 - Zeke Deyton	20 - Jon Goldman	23 - Bill Prendergast	24 - Sharon Drum	19 <sup>th</sup> - Michela & Phillip Buchanan
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b>			<b>11:00 - 101</b>
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b>	General Fund - \$3,239.00			Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00
		Year to Date - \$46,261.62			YTD Budget Need - \$43,970.00
		Children's Offering - \$68.03			M-Y Meds Assistance Fund
		UMCOR Sunday - \$516.00			
		Community Assistance - \$150.00			Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 33

- *We gratefully acknowledge a gift to the general fund in Memory of Margaret Jenkins, Sandra Woodard's mother from Mary Helen Burns of Baton Rouge, LA.*

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

Lector: Tracy Deyton    Nursery: Brandy Miller / Chris Nash    Children's Time: Glenna Tasedan  
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter    Greeters: Beth Ziembra / Bill Dailey    Offertory: Women's Ensemble

**WITNESS:** IN TODAY'S SCRIPTURE, SIMON PETER AND TWO OTHER DISCIPLES BEHOLD JESUS' GLORY IN A FLASH OF LIGHT: THEY WITNESS THE UNIQUENESS AND GOODNESS AND BEAUTY OF CHRIST AND HIS WAY. HOW IN YOUR LIFE HAVE YOU WITNESSED OR BEHELD THE GOODNESS AND BEAUTY OF CHRIST AND HIS WAY RECENTLY? HOW MIGHT YOU SHARE THE STORY OF WHAT YOU HAVE WITNESSED WITH OTHERS?

## \*\*Next Week's Scripture - March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018\*\*

Liturgy of the Palms - Mark 11:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
 Liturgy of the Passion - Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1 - 15:47