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Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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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. AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP TODAY, THINK ABOUT YOUR OWN BAPTISM, OR SOME OF THE BAPTISMS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WITNESS TO, AND THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF BAPTISM. IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN BAPTIZED BEFORE, ASK YOURSELF IF NOW MIGHT BE THE TIME FOR YOU TO RECEIVE THIS PRECIOUS GIFT. TODAY WE ALSO CONTINUE IN A NEW SERMON SERIES WE BEGAN LAST WEEK TITLED, "CALLED"

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

BRUCE IKARD

Prelude

"Bourrée in F Major"

TELEMANN

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

"Down to the River to Pray"

WORSHIP & SONG 3164

^Responsive Opening Prayer

O Christ, you humbled yourself and received baptism
at the hands of your friend and cousin, John, showing us the way of humility.

Help us to follow you, and never to be held back by pride.

O Christ, by your baptism you took our humanity into the cleansing waters.

Give us new birth, and lead us into new life as sons and daughters of God.

O Christ, by your baptism the material world became charged with your holiness.

Make us instruments of your transformation in this our world.

O Christ, by your baptism you revealed the Trinity,
your Father calling you his beloved Son, and the Spirit descending upon you like a dove.

**Re-new our worship, re-dedicate us in the spirit of our baptism, and renew us in your image.
For your love's sake. 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** **“Down by the Jordan”** **WORSHIP & SONG 3045**

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory **“I Look to You”** **LARRY BOHANNON**

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 **“Take Me to the Water” (vs. 1)** **WORSHIP & SONG 3165**

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Choral Anthem **“Breath of God, Breath of Peace”** **CHANCEL CHOIR**

^ **Scripture Reading** **Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 / Acts 2:37-42** **NT 57 & 114**

Proclamation of the Word **CALLED: “To the Water”** **REV. JEREMY TROXLER**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

Reaffirmation of Baptism: Baptismal Vows and Apostles’ Creed **UMH 50-51**

Remembrance of Baptism

(Those in the congregation who are baptized will be invited to come forward to the baptismal fount as they feel led: the ministers will make a sign of the cross on their foreheads and encourage them to remember their baptism with gratitude.)

^ **Sending Hymn** **“When Jesus Came to Jordan”** **UMH 252**

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response** **“Wade in the Water”** **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.

JANUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES AND HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN’S MINISTRY TODAY!** -at 5:30pm at SPUMC. All K-5th kids (Hilltoppers) and all 6th-12th graders (Summit) are invited to enjoy a meal, fun activities, and time to grow in faith together.
- **JANUARY FELLOWSHIP MEAL - THIS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16th at 6:00pm.** All are welcome to come and eat together. Fellowship committee is in charge. Menu is soups, salads, & desserts. A short program on the emergency plan will be after the meal.
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - This Thursday, January 17th at 5:00pm
- **IS GOD CALLING YOU TO EXPLORE BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST AT SPUMC?** Pastor Jeremy will be leading a three-part new members class on Sunday, January 27th, Sunday, February 3rd, and Sunday, February 10th. If you are interested in exploring this step of commitment, please let him know after worship or contact him at 828-467-8743 or spumcpastor@bellsouth.net, and please plan join the class on all three of those dates.
- **HOLY CONVERSATIONS FOR A WAY FORWARD: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH AND WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH AT SPUMC.** A specially-called General Conference of 800+ delegates from across the global United Methodist Church will be held in St. Louis, MO on February 23rd-26th to seek a way forward for the UMC amid its members' differing convictions about same-gender marriage and the ordination of LGBTQ persons. Prior to this gathering we will be holding two special sessions at SPUMC where we will be discussing together biblical passages and perspectives related to homosexuality, the history of the UMC surrounding this issue, and the potential plans that will be discussed at General Conference. Please be in prayer for the Conference (including our pastor, who will be one of the delegates), and plan to join us for these important conversations.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **COULD YOU HELP WITH OCCASIONALLY OFFERING A RIDE TO SOMEONE TO CHURCH OR TO A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT?** If so, please let Pastor Jeremy or our Office Manager Tim know. Thank you!
- **CONTACT PERSON** - Janet Ouzts is the contact person for the 1st quarter and may be calling if someone is in need of food, transportation, etc. Her phone number is 828-467-1025.
- **BRIDGE OF HOPE / SONS OF THE SON** - wants you to be part of our Ministry by Praying for us: Needs: coats, gloves, hats, socks, blankets, food and toiletries etc. 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.
- **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	PRESCHOOL
1/20	Marvin Walker	Ginny Downs	Phil White / Frank Baskin	Sherry Sherman	Brandy Miller
1/27	Jack Riley	Beverly Hale	Carolyn & Jack Burleson	Rachelle Shock	Tracy Dayton

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 (*Shirley McManus*); Brian Center, Smoky Mountain, and Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton, Audrey Davenport, Bea White; Ramona Gragg; Ruth Buchanan; Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola; Jo Thomas; June Wilson; John Ahlquist; David Hoepfner; Bretta Walker; Charles Hale;* All expectant mothers and unborn children (*Carolyn Boles*); *Laura Curtis Hodges*; for those in addiction: for recovery and

sobriety in 2018; *Sandra & Louis Woodard*; Maggie Snyder (caregiver); Troubled Teenager; Lynda Briggs; Jan Hamilton's family, Weston Stout; Jordan, Meredith & Keziah Nance; Rosemary; Jane Greenwood; Heather Boone; Irene Poteat & Cody; Rachel Jones; *Tim Hollifield*; Guy Hoilman (dementia); Jack Byrd; Laura Richmond; Amanda Hasty; Larry & Julia Deyton; Jean Willis; Becket Peterson, Barbara McCloud; Adam (homeless); Olivia Silver; Georgie Mae & the Buchanan family (pneumonia)

- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** family of Natasha Hullett; family of Joy Chism; family of Bill Stewart; family of Bob Downs; the family of *Jim Smith*; the family of Connie Sedberry; the family of Sam Singleton; those who have suffered miscarriage; the family of Lila Hollifield; the family of Marc White; the family of Donald Van Beck; the family of Ruth Buchanan; the family of Cary Pitman
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Luke Sherman (liver); Joyce LaFar (heart oblation); Ima Jean Metcalf; Jerry Morgan (*Quincy's* dad - back); Atlas Benton (back); Ann Stuck (back); *Diane Struble* (back); Amanda Drum; Angela Pitman; *Ann Denny*; Allan Douglas; Don Baucom (heart attack); Ed O'Connell (stem cell transplant)
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Nora Murray (*Neil Brown's* sister); Judy Rinard; Diane Meatyard; Tom Wilson (tumor); Chip Smith (colon); Joyce Woody; Carol Batton (breast cancer); Laurie Norman (esophageal); Holly (brain tumor); Randy Chambers (cancer treatment); Jada Daniels (lung); Larry Metcalf (liver); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Shirley Hise; Hal Harrison; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Brian Baker; Rev. Brenda McDaniel; Claire Spence; Becky Hoilman; Unnamed Person; Bill Hayes; Dan Whetstine; Rhonda Newman; Dick Hautala; Darren Ward
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Wayne Hoilman; Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Aubree (encephalitis); Wanda McClellan (lupus); Dan LaFar (shingles); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Warren Lewis; Heather Blackburn; Sandra Glenn; Tonya Hall Wilson; Nelda Johnson; Pete Floess (Diabetes & MS); Sam Goins (stroke); Danna Gibson
- **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY:** Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; Survivors & responders to Hurricanes Florence & Michael; Samuel Oliver Bruno family; Thacker family (house fire)
- **FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES:** 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); M-Y Parish Food Bank; Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; Shepherd's Staff
- **FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Ben Potter (Army); those on Mission Trips

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.

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK		ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK	
17 th - Jane DeVos		17 th - Glen & Jane DeVos	
PRESENCE:		January 6 th , 2019	11:00 - 130
GIFTS	January 6 th , 2019	General Fund - \$5,871.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00
		Year to Date - \$5,871.00	YTD Budget Need - \$4,583.00
		Children's Offering - \$86.05	Mitchell County SafePlace
		Mitchell County SafePlace - \$100.00	
		Community Assistance - \$650.00	Shepherd's Staff Donations - 36

We gratefully acknowledge a gift to the General Fund from Eddie Gouge in Memory of Barbara Henline Gouge.

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

Lector: Bruce Ikard Greeters: Glen & Jane DeVos Children's Time: Sharon Drum
Head Usher: Vern Coulter Nursery: Sherry Sherman Preschool: Brandy Miller Offertory: Larry Bohannon

WITNESS: OUR BAPTISM IS NOT ONLY A REMINDER OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US: IT IS A KIND OF COMMISSIONING CEREMONY THAT SENDS US OUT AS MINISTERS OF CHRIST. WHEN YOU LIVE ACCORDING TO YOUR BAPTISM, YOU ARE LIVING NOT ONLY FOR YOURSELF, BUT YOU ARE LIVING IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, WHOSE NAME HAS BEEN SPOKEN OVER YOUR LIFE AND BRANDED ONTO YOUR HEART. OUR BAPTISM WASHES US OUT INTO THE WORLD TO LIVE AND TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF WHO GOD IS AND WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US AND WHAT GOD OFFERS US THROUGH CHRIST. WE INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN US IN "LIVING WET," IN KNOWING THE GIFT OF BEING BAPTIZED. HOW ARE YOU LIVING THE PROMISES OF YOUR BAPTISM?

****Next Week's Scripture - January 20th, 2019****

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11