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2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

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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 WILL BE COMMISSIONING OUR CHURCH COUNCIL/LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2019. WE ALSO CONTINUE IN A NEW SERMON SERIES TITLED, "CALLED."

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

MARVIN WALKER

Prelude

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

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

"There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

WORSHIP & SONG 3148

^Opening Prayer of Confession (from a prayer of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Let us pray together:

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.
In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

(Time for silent prayer and confession)

Hear now the good news:
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we are being changed.

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** **“We Are the Church”** **UMH 558**

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God / Commissioning of 2019 SPUMC Leadership

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

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

Children’s Message **GINNY DOWNS**

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 **“Make Us One”** **TFWS 2224**

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** **Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16** **NT 182**

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

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

^ **Sending Hymn** **“The Servant Song”** **TFWS 2222**

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response** **“Bind Us Together”** **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 / FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRY MEETS TODAY!** at 5:30pm at SPUMC. All 6th-12th graders (Summit) are invited to enjoy a meal, fun activities, and time to grow in faith together. **HILLTOPPERS (K-5th kids) IS NOT MEETING THIS SUNDAY** because Jeremy and Margaret will be away this evening.
- **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

- **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
1/27	Jack Riley	Beverly Hale	Carolyn & Jack Burleson	Rachelle Shock	Tracy Deyton
2/3	Sharon Drum	Melanie Murphy	Matt & Brandy Miller	Becky Nance	Emree Hoilman
2/10	Jane DeVos	Tracy Carroll	Bill & Judy Sears	Katie Willett	Tracy Deyton
2/17	Kathey Hollifield	TBA	Margarett McGraw / Freddie Jones	Quincy Sparks	Kim Ledford

REGULAR MEETINGS

GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Nancy Ball
SPUMC Book Club	1 st Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
Weight Watchers	Tuesdays, 5 pm	Fellowship Hall	
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 nd Monday - 7 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey Hollifield
Al-Anon	Every Thursday	Youth Room	467-1193 & 704-609-3360

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; 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 McLoud; Adam (homeless); Olivia Silver; Georgie Mae, Brimleigh, & the Buchanan family (pneumonia)
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** family of Natasha Hullett; family of Joy Chism; family of Bill Stewart; family of Bob Downs; family of *Jim Smith*; family of Connie Sedberry; family of Sam Singleton; those who have suffered miscarriage; family of Lila Hollifield; family of Marc White; family of Donald Van Beck; family of Ruth Buchanan; the family of Cary Pitman; the family of Helen McSpadden; the family of Zoe Ellis
- **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); Wayne Whson (*Ima's brother*)
- **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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK		ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK	
23 - Jeremy Troxler		25 - Ed Banta	
21 - Tom & Kim Ledford		23 - Clara & John Ahlquist	
PRESENCE:		January 13 th , 2019	
GIFTS	January 13 th , 2019	11:00 - 58	
	General Fund - \$4,660.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00	
	Year to Date - \$10,531.00	YTD Budget Need - \$9,166.00	
	Children's Offering - \$31.40	Mitchell County SafePlace	
	Community Assistance Art Sale - \$20.00	Shepherd's Staff Donations - 10	

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

Lector: Marvin Walker Greeters: Phil White / Frank Baskin Children's Time: Ginny Downs
Head Usher: Vern Coulter Nursery: Sherry Sherman Preschool: Brandy Miller Offertory: Larry Bohannon

WITNESS: THE WITNESS THAT WE OFFER TO CHRIST IS NOT JUST AN INDIVIDUAL TESTIMONY: IT IS A COMMUNAL WITNESS. THE CHURCH IS MEANT TO LIVE AS A KIND OF "ALTERNATIVE" COMMUNITY IN THE WORLD: TO SHOW PEOPLE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE WHEN HUMAN BEINGS LIVE TOGETHER IN AND ACCORDING TO THE WAY OF CHRIST, IN PEACE AND WITH MUTUAL CARE FOR EACH OTHER. WE ARE "CALLED" TOGETHER, TO BE THE CHURCH.

****Next Week's Scripture - January 27th, 2019****

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21