

# Spruce Pine United Methodist Church

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March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Transfiguration Sunday

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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.

## GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

JANET OUZTS

Prelude

**"Offertory on Restoration"**

TUNE FROM SOUTHERN HARMONY

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

***"Help Us Accept Each Other"***

UMH 560

^Prayer of Confession

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, trusting in God's love for us,

let us confess our sin before God and one another:

**Merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have failed to be an obedient church.**  
**We have not done your will,**  
**we have broken your law,**  
**we have rebelled against your love,**  
**we have not loved our neighbors,**  
**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**  
**Forgive us, we pray.**  
**Free us for joyful obedience,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Time for silent prayer and confession)*

Hear now the good news:

Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose again for us while we were yet sinners.

That proves God's love for us, which is greater than all our failings.

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.”)*

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

**Offertory**

GRANT SPARKS

**Doxology**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

UMH 95

**Children's Message**

GREG HOILMAN

**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.)*

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

^ **Scripture Reading**

**Proclamation of the Word**

REV. JEREMY TROXLER

**Choral Anthem**

**“Jesu, Son of God Most Holy”**

CHANCEL CHOIR

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

^ **Great Thanksgiving / The Lord's Prayer**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

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

*“Let Us Be Bread” - TFWS 2260*

*“Life Giving Bread” - TFWS 2261*

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

^ **Sending Hymn**

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

UMH 451

^ **Benediction**

^ **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.

## MARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRY & 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.
- **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM** - Our Ash Wednesday service marks the beginning of the Christian season of Lent, a time of repentance, prayer, and preparation for the celebration of Easter. Childcare will be provided.
- **A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JOHN AHLQUIST** - husband of Clara Ahlquist, will be held here at the church on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.
- **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY** - Spring Forward in order to get to church on time ☺

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A SIGN UP SHEET IS AVAILABLE** on the Welcome Table - Please sign up and fill out the information if you are willing to periodically help members of our Church family. The primary focus is food and transportation requests.
- **CONTACT PERSON** - Janet Ouzts is the contact person for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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
3/10	Matt Miller	Sharon Drum	Jon & Melanie Jirka	Chelsea Thayer	Tracy Deyton
3/17	Grant Sparks	Ginny Downs	Beth Ziemba / Bill Dailey	Becky Nance	Cindy Stewart
3/24	Tracy Deyton	Beverly Hale	Wayne & Wanda Henline	Katie Willett	Kim Ledford
3/31	Aaron Buchanan	Melanie Murphy	Mary Robinson & Donnie Peters	Quincy Sparks	Meredith Hoilman

## REGULAR MEETINGS

GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Nancy Ball
SPUMC Book Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
Weight Watchers	Tuesdays, 5 pm	Fellowship Hall	
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday - 7 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathay 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, Ramona Gragg*); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola*; Jo Thomas; June Wilson; David Hoeppner; *Bretta Walker*; *Charles Hale*; All expectant mothers and unborn children (*Carolyn Boles*); *Laura Curtis Hodges*; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2019; *Sandra & Louis Woodard*; Maggie Snyder (caregiver); Troubled Teenager; Lynda Briggs; Jan Hamilton's family, Weston Stout; Jane Greenwood; *Tim Hollifield*; Olivia Silver; Amanda Drum; James Davis; J.C. Gage; Crystal Wood; Stan Elkins; Muffy Dayton; Marcia Murphy; Dakota Yelton; Kimberly Oberhammer family; *Beverly Hale*; Mike Bartlett; Dennis Chandler; Rosemary Coffin
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** those who have suffered miscarriage; family of Ruth Buchanan; the family of Cary Pitman; the family of Zoe Ellis; Gloria Schulman & family; family of Chris Ollis; family of Henry Street; family of Bea White; family of Rick Crisp; Paul Sherman & family (death of father); the family of John Ahlquist
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Jerry Morgan (*Quincy's dad* - back); Atlas Benton (back); *Ann Denny*; Wayne Whitson (*Ima's brother*); Allan "Jerry" Douglass (corneal transplant surgery); Bishop Sharma Lewis; Madeline McKenzie (Shoulder); *Danna Gibson (Crohn's)* ; David Wilson; Meredith Hoilman (bone marrow donor); Heather Walker (heart transplant)
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Judy Rinard; Diane Meatyard; Tom Wilson (tumor); Joyce Woody; 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; Mike Burke (brain tumor); Peggy Grantham (bladder); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Wayne Hoilman; Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Aubree (encephalitis); Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Heather Blackburn; Sandra Glenn; Tonya Hall Wilson; Nelda Johnson; Danna Gibson; Allison Street; Brian Westveer (fall); Sarah Hobart; Amanda Ikard (discs); Martha Wrenn (Crohn's)
- **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY:** Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; Samuel Oliver Bruno family; Thacker family (house fire); people of Venezuela
- **FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES:** 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); 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				ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Susan Basini, Cassidy, Gideon, & Kenton Broome	4 <sup>th</sup> - Nicole Struble	5 <sup>th</sup> - Joyce Alvarez	7 <sup>th</sup> - Bert Sheeley	8 <sup>th</sup> - Lloyd & Nelle Glenn
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>		<b>11:00 - 127</b>
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>	General Fund - \$4,618.00		Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00
		Year to Date - \$43,540.00		YTD Budget Need - \$36,664.00
		Community Assistance - \$251.00 (Includes meal)		HVAC donation - \$1,000.00
		Children's Offering - \$54.00 - Comm. Asst.		
		Lamplighters - \$300.00		Shepherd's Staff Donations - 51

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

Lector: Janet Ouzts      Greeters: Josh & Jennifer Newton      Children's Time: Greg Hoilman  
 Head Usher: Vern Coulter      Nursery: Rachelle Shock      Preschool: Brandy Miller      Offertory: Grant Sparks

**WITNESS:** IN THE TIMES WE ARE LIVING IN, WHERE THERE IS SO MUCH ANGER AND ANIMOSITY, PERHAPS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL WITNESSES TO CHRIST MAY BE THE ABILITY OF CHRISTIANS TO LISTEN PATIENTLY TO THOSE WHO DISAGREE WITH THEM AND TO TREAT THEM WITH THE DIGNITY AND RESPECT THAT ACCORDS WITH THE WAY OF PEACE. HOW CAN YOU SHOW PATIENCE AND LOVE TOWARDS THOSE WHO DISAGREE WITH YOU ABOUT IMPORTANT ISSUES? AND HOW CAN THE WAY YOU RESPOND BE A WITNESS TO CHRIST?

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**\*\*Next Week's Scripture - March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019\*\***

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13