



Spruce Pine
United Methodist Church



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4th 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.

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

Prelude

“Hymn of Promise”

Tim & Sharon Drum - Duet

OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Greeting/Call to Worship

Jane DeVos

People of God, who do you come to worship?

We come to worship the one true God.

How will you worship?

Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.

Come, you who belong to God, and come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

Come and rest in God's tent and let God's heart fill you, now and forever.

^Opening Hymn

“He Is Exalted”

TFWS 2070

^Opening Prayer / Passing of the Peace

Jane DeVos

Let us come together in prayer to our God who believes in us...

Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ to rescue us from bondage and lead us out of captivity. Guide us with the wisdom of the cross, and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness. Amen.

...and may the peace of Christ be with you now.

And also with you.

...Let us greet each other with signs of Christ's peace and love.

Children's Message

Ginny Downs

(Following the children's message, 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	"Lord, Plant My Feet on Higher Ground"	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	Micah 6:1-8 & Matthew 5:1-12	NRSV Updated Edition
Proclamation of the Word	<i>"Who Are The Blessed"</i>	Matt Hollifield

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering Prayer and Doxology		UMH 95
Pastoral Prayer		
Preparation/Celebration of Holy Communion (9 am only)		
^Closing Hymn	<i>"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"</i>	TFWS 2140
Benediction/Benediction Music	<i>"Go Ye, Go Ye Into the World" (2239)</i>	Chancel Choir

^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.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023 ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BEACON CENTER (our winter warming station) still has volunteer opportunities. If you are looking for a way to give to our community that will warm your heart and soul this will fill that spot. For many reasons, folks in our area will find themselves without heat and shelter from the extreme cold temperatures of the mountains. Our Beacon will be shining to let them know we are open for overnight warming shelter when temps fall below 30 degrees consistently through the night. Help our Beacon to shine even brighter! **Our signup sheet is in the Welcome Center.** Call Danna Gibson 828-467-5544 or Bobbi Abele 828-374-0004 for more information.

LAMPLIGHTERS - Thank you church family for your continued support and prayers for our Lamplighter After School Reading Enrichment Program. We are currently serving twenty-four 1st and 2nd grade children. It is still not too late to volunteer! We still need snack helpers to prepare snacks and help with clean-up. We need substitutes to read with the children when our regular volunteers are absent (Tuesdays especially). We need people who are willing to share gifts and talents on Thursdays (pottery, needle work, crafts, cooking, music, etc.) Please contact Melanie Murphy (467-2154) or Kathey Hollifield (766-5339) if you would like to help.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING - We have 4 ways in which you can respond to God through your financial giving:

1. During the in-person worship services. We have our offering plates in the Narthex - as you enter and leave the sanctuary.
 2. U.S. Mail. You can send the church your offerings by mailing them to Spruce Pine UMC, 11090 Hwy 226S, Spruce Pine NC 28777.
 3. You can drop off your offerings during church office hours, which are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 4. Online. Go to www.sprucepineumc.org. Click on the "Give" tab, then on the "Donate Now" button that pops up.
- Thank you for being faithful in your giving to the ministries of Spruce Pine UMC. We remain committed to being the "Beacon on the Hill" for Spruce Pine, Mitchell County, and beyond.

PEW PADS ARE BACK – Please fill them out and pass them from the inside to the outside and back. They will be collected after each service! These are important to us for contact information and requests.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND - Our Church has been most generous to our fund for helping needy people with energy bills, food, and housing. The needs are increasing just now (especially with the recent spate of evictions), please consider supporting this fund, people are in crisis. Our church is known as a Congregation who cares, we know you will do your part.

SPUMC SUNDAY MORNING ONLINE CONNECTION –is available three ways:

1. Go to www.sprucepineumc.org , then click *Online Connection*. You can then load it from there on Sundays.
2. On Facebook can look up Spruce Pine United Methodist Church (or Rick Schilling) and follow the link.
3. The email you get with the bulletin each week has a link to click on as well to get the content.

CONTACT PERSON – Danna Gibson is the contact person for the 1st quarter of 2023 and may be called when someone needs food, transportation, etc. Danna's # is 467-5544.

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.

CHANGE OFFERING –The change offering container is now located at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Change can be brought by the church during office hours. This month change offerings go to *Mitchell County SafePlace*.

2023 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
2/5/2023	Matt Hollifield	Bruce Ikard	Glen & Jane DeVos
2/12/2023	Beverly Greene	Chelsea Thayer	TBD
2/19/23	Janet Ouzts	Sharon Drum	Bert & Diane Sheeley

REGULAR MEETINGS

GROUP	DAYS	LOCATION	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 9:30 am	Fellowship Hall	Ed Banta
SPUMC Book Club	1 st Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 nd Monday - 3 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Care and Fellowship	2 nd Saturday, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Danna Gibson
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 6:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey Hollifield
Finance	3 rd Thursday - 5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall	Bert Sheeley
Trustees	3 rd Thursday	Fellowship Hall	Don Abele
Small Group Study	Thursdays – 6:30 pm	287 Longview Dr. Bakersville	Andy Palmer

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.

THANKS, PRAISES & CELEBRATIONS –To John Wilson for providing the Christmas Tree for the Fellowship Hall; To Lloyd & James Glenn, who helped take down the Chrismon Tree, Celebrating our new member Debby Misicka, those preparing for the Beacon Center, those involved in the youth group.

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; all who have COVID and those who are recovering; Skyler and Andrew Stewart; Cooper Foster (*Don & Bobbi Abele's Grandson*); Rev. Dr. Ted Troutman (*friend of Don Abele*)

SUSTAINING PRAYERS: Our homebound members; Brian Center & Mitchell House Residents, Staff, and Families; June Wilson; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2022; *Sandra Woodard*; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; Faye Vickers family; Susan Hoeg, Virginia, Charlie & William; those with mental health issues; Hannah Blanton; Mike Lewis; Ron & Linda Cromarty; Ann Butler & family; Andy Grindstaff; Bob Cook; Jaden Pernell; Doris Deyton (health); Shane Heath (isolated & lonely); Hal Harrison; James Thomas; *Lucy Murphy*; Jessie Wray; Anna Chambers (*Jack Chandler's Cousin*); Robert McKenzie; Joyce (*Martha Long's sister*); Jennifer Miller; Jane Waggoner, Jennie Johnston, Kris Butterwek; Alexis (medical issues); *Jack Chandler*; *Randy Hembree*; Charles Sproles; Alan & Wendy Willis & family (*Lila Baskin's family*)

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: the family of Justin Redden; *the family of Laura Haberneck*; the family of Cole Ibrom (*grandson of Diane & Bert Sheeley*); the family of *Frank Baskin's sister Barbara Stovall*; *the family*

of Johnny Pendley (brother of Mary Robinson); the family of Mark Butler (Niki Jones' brother); the family of Randy Virnelson; the family of Keith Renfro; the family of Keith Masters; the family and friends of Dave Wylie; the family of Bailey Yearout; the family of Patricia Douglass (Maria's Mother); the family of Jessica Ringwood; the family of Jeffrey Richardson

FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY: Wayne Hoilman; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Dean (Judy's cousin, transplants); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Tommy Phillips, (Starli McDowell's dad); Jim Sockwell; Barbara Henline (at home); Pastor Lynda Briggs (recovery); Marcia Dunn; Bruce Ikard (recovery); Diane Sheeley (knee surgery & recovery); Beverly Greene (recovery), Bill Dailey (hip surgery January 29)

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER: Holly (brain tumor); Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Danny Gortney; Erin (brain cancer); Todd Fleenor; Lawrence Glenn; Raymond Mayberry; Shirl Phillips; Lee - Susan Davis' brother; Wayne Ledford & Billy Ledford; Caleb Watson (8 y/o with cancer); Tessie Miller (Leukemia); James Acuff (chemo); Ann Kernahan; Jackie Cook; Tommy Collis; James Ouzts; Rick Phillips; Julie Phillips (cancer); Weston Atkins (8 month old / cancer); Peggy Grantham (bladder cancer, Phil White's Mother in Law)

FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY: Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; Louise Weeks (rehab); Ann Butler; Josh (muscular dystrophy); Wendy Beaver (knee); Louise Merkel (fall); Jasper Fidler (friend of Chloe Cook - fall), Bill Haberneck (blood pressure); Frank Gurley (breathing issues); Nelle Glenn; Nathan Buchanan (recovery); Chris Askeland (blood clots); Tim Hollifield (Lyme disease); Glen DeVos; Dori Sweatt Beck (Auto immune disorder); Wayne Henline (fall); Jaydon Stevens (Diabetes); Frank Baskin

FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY: Survivors of sexual abuse/harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; solutions to gun violence; Earthquake victims in Haiti; the people of Afghanistan; flood victims of Haywood County; flood victims of Waverly, TN; Tornado victims in Kentucky, People of Ukraine; Flood victims in Kentucky, victims of Hurricane Ian; victims of gun violence in Virginia and Colorado

FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES: Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove); Bakersville UMC, Red Hill-Deyton Bend UMC; 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; Peter Constantian

FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY: Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Josh Swindler (Navy); Karen (Istanbul); Ben Potter (Army)

We want to join with you in prayer for your concerns and needs. Simply contact Pastor Rick 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	
2/2 – Paul Willett		2/3 – Bill & Jo Anne Prendergast	
PRESENCE:	Sunday, January 22, 2023		Attendance: 9-14 11-53 Total - 67
GIFTS	1/22/2023	General Fund – \$3,406.00	2023 Weekly Budget Need - \$5,431.00
		Year to Date - \$11,700.50	YTD Budget Need - \$21,724.00
		Community Assistance - \$20.00	Special Giving - \$7,000.00
		Change Offering – Mitchell Co. SafePlace – \$12.38	Shepherd's Staff Food - 9

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

Lector: Jane DeVos Greeters: Tom & Eva Jobin Children's Time: Ginny Downs
Special Music – Chancel Choir Prelude: Tim & Sharon Drum - Duet

WITNESS: WE HAVE ENTERED THE TIME KNOWN AS "AFTER THE EPIPHANY." THIS IS A 7-WEEK PERIOD, ENDING WITH TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY – WHEN WE REMEMBER JESUS BEING CHANGED OR TRANSFORMED BEFORE HIS DISCIPLES. THEN, WE EXPERIENCE ASH WEDNESDAY AND BEGIN THE SEASON OF LENT. ALTHOUGH WE JUST GOT DONE CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR, THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR REMINDS US THAT TIME MOVES QUICKLY. ALL WE HAVE IS THE PRESENT MOMENT. HOW ARE WE GOING TO WITNESS TO GOD'S PATH OF RESTORATION AND SALVATION TODAY... IN THIS MOMENT? MAY OUR LIGHTS BRIGHTLY SHINE INTO A NEEDY WORLD.

****Next Week's Scriptures – February 5, 2023****

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20