



Spruce Pine
United Methodist Church



11090 South Highway 226 :: Spruce Pine, NC 28777

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! "WAIT FOR THE LORD; BE STRONG, AND LET YOUR HEART TAKE COURAGE! WAIT FOR THE LORD!" PSALM 27:14

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March 16th, 2025 – 9 & 11 am

Second Sunday of Lent

^ if able, please stand

+ 11 am service only

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Dwight Willett

Prelude

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Arr. Mary McDonald

OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Call to Worship

"Psalm 27"

Dwight Willett

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

People: "Come", my heart says, "seek the face of the Lord." Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Leader: Let us worship God!

^Hymn of Praise

"Blessed Be the Name of the Lord"

TFWS 2034

Prayer of Adoration

Dwight Willett

God of the heavenly commonwealth, we praise you for Jesus who came as your servant; he opened the gates for us to enter your kingdom. We laud you for the prophets who proclaimed your vision; through them we see clearly what your covenant involves. We give you all honor for what the disciples delivered to us; they taught us to worship you, and to that end we now lift our voices. Amen.

Welcome: Rev. Dr. John Boggs

+Reception of New Members (11 am only)

Rhonda Gouge and Holli Greiner

See Insert

^ 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.")

+ Children's Time/Children's Change Offering (M-Y Meds Medication Ministry)

Beverly Greene

(Following the children's message and change offering, our church nursery is available for infants and toddlers. Older children will remain in worship.

Our volunteers will meet you at the back of the church.)

PROCLAIMING & HEARING GOD'S WORD

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| + Choral Anthem | "Plenty Good Room" | SPUMC Choir |
| ^ Scripture Lesson | Luke 13:30-35 | CEB 1269-1270 |
| Proclamation of the Word | <i>"There's Plenty Good Room"</i> | Rev. Holly Cobb McKim |

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts and Praises to God

Offertory

Instrumental Ensemble

^Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

(The altar is always open for you to spend time with God. If you would like the Pastor to pray with you, just ask)

^Closing Hymn

"Softly and Tenderly"

UMH 348

Benediction

Benediction Music

"Christ Beside Me"

TFWS 2166

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.

MARCH 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMCOR SUNDAY UPCOMING: We will observe UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Sunday, March 30, 2025. Al Miller, our Western North Carolina Disaster Ministry Coordinator will be present to help us understand our role in UMCOR. We will take up a special UMCOR offering on that Sunday. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pastor Holly at (828) 302-4321.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY – This week, Wednesday (March 19) at 6 pm in the Welcome center. This is a potluck meal, so bring the stew, soup, entrée', side or dessert of your choice. Bread and beverages will be provided. Sign up in the Welcome Center today!

SPUMC BOOK CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT – The Book Club will read "The Phoenix Crown" by Kate Quinn and Janie Chang for the month of April.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE NOW IN FULL SWING – There are 3 separate classes that meet on Sunday mornings from 10:00 – 10:50 am.

Adult class in the Parlor (Room 4) in the Education wing. Contact Margaret McGraw (828) 592-5055 for more information.

Adult class in the Pastor's Office (Room 3) in the education wing. For more information contact Marvin Walker (828) 766-5379.

Adult Class in the Fellowship Hall, for more information call Matt Hollifield (828) 467-1812 or Dwight Willett (828) 467-8852.

Consider for Lent – taking on a study and discussion with these wonderful leaders!

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY – Final photos taken for individuals and couples on May 30th.

LIZ FOWLER'S NEW ADDRESS – Liz Fowler has moved to the Memory Care unit at the Greens here in Mitchell County. Cards can be sent to: Liz Fowler, The Greens, Room 203, Memory Care Unit, 218 Laurel Creek Ct., Spruce Pine, NC 28777.

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. Simply drop it in the plate when passed by the ushers.
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.

THE CHILDREN'S OFFERING FOR MARCH 2025 goes to **M-Y Meds Medication Ministry**.

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.

CONTACT PERSON FOR CARE & FELLOWSHIP –the contact person for the first quarter of 2025 will be Larry Bohannon-Goldman. Contact information 828-592-1156.

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.

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 (cold weather and Hurricane Helene), 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.

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 –for our new member, Martin Robinson; thanks to Al and Kathy Miller, Kevin, and all the members of the emergency response team; those working on the church directory

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; The Greens at Spruce Pine & Mitchell House Residents & Staff, Shane Heath; *Lucy Murphy*; Kris Butterwek; *Randy Hembree*; Rylan McMahan; Olivia Cook; Sandra Hoilman and family; Skyler Stewart's Sister in Law; *Marcia Dunn*; *Lorraine Campbell*; Ray & Galina Troxell; Benny & Jeannie; *James Ouzts*; Randal's sister Ann; all local, state and federal government leaders; Liz Fowler – hospice; Carla Wilson (hospitalized)

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: the family of Carolyn Riley; the family of Sharon Greene; the family of Ashley Phillips; the family of Julia Swann Pittman; the family of Deborah Harmon Cheek; the family of Sis Early; the family of Dempsey Sullins, the family of Don Baucom; *the family of Jeff McDowell in the loss of his father*; the family of Whit Winfrey (Kathey's nephew); the family of Lila Baskin's sister Lena Smith Love; the family of Judy Williams; the family of Dave McMeans (*Nelda's Brother in law*); the family of Carla Wilson; Jeff Kaplan

FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY: Tommy Phillips; *Diane Sheeley*; Dylon Fischel; Wanda Willis (*Lila's Daughter in Law*); *Beverly Greene*; *Bretta Walker (recovery)*; *Diane Walker*; Sheron Kaplan, (heart attack); *Michael Murphy (seizure)*

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER: Wayne Ledford & Billy Ledford; Caleb Watson (8 y/o with cancer); Tessie Miller (Leukemia); *James Ouzts*; Rick & Julie Phillips; Weston Atkins; Julie Smith Ackiss; Donald Dale; Will Richter – Kidney cancer & surgery (friend of Jenell Young); Jim Baucom; Sara Jamerson; Tim Walker; Andie Call

FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY: Sandra Glenn; Louise Weeks (rehab); Nathan Buchanan; *Tim Hollifield*; Dori Sweatt Beck; Jaydon Stevens; Bob Brunning; Jeff Smith – *Lila's Nephew*; *Wayne Hoilman*; Troy Gouge; Marie Brown (Parkinsons); Wanda Willis (autoimmune disease); Joan Geouge (broken hip); Rhonda Gouge; Jason Wilson; Benny (Parkinsons), Jeannie (Alzheimer's), Wanda (Lupus), Josh (Muscular Dystrophy); *Gloria Hoepner*; Austin McKinney – Lorraine's great nephew; Betty Banks (hospitalized – injury)

FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY: Survivors of sexual abuse/harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; the people of Palestine; People of Ukraine; victims of the violence in Israel; victims of gun violence everywhere; those dealing with Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton; victims of the fires in California

FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES: Pine Grove UMC; Newdale UMC Charge (Celo-Martin's Chapel-Windham); SPUMC (Pastor, Staff & Members); Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; M-Y Parish Food Bank; Shepherd's Staff; Peter Constantian; Pensacola UMC and their community.

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

We want to join with you in prayer for your concerns and needs. Simply contact Pastor Holly or the church office and tell us about your prayer concern.

2025 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 |
|-----------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 3/16/2025 | Dwight Willett | Beverly Greene | Donnie Peters/Mary Robinson |
| 3/23/2024 | Meredith Hoilman | Ginny Downs | Wayne & Wanda Henline |
| 3/30/2024 | Tim Drum | Bruce Ikard | Jon & Melanie Jirka |

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 |
| UWIF Nightingale Circle | 2 nd Monday - 3 pm | Welcome Center | Sharon Drum |
| Care and Fellowship | 2 nd Saturday - 10 am | Fellowship Hall | Debby Misicka & Larry Bohannon |
| Finance | 2 nd Thursday - 5:30 pm | Fellowship Hall/Classroom | Bert Sheeley |
| Choir Practice | Wednesdays - 6:00 pm | Sanctuary | Kathey Hollifield |
| Trustees (quarterly) | 3 rd Thursday - 5:30 pm | Fellowship Hall/Classroom | Lloyd Glenn |

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

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| 16 – Landon Miller | 19 – Zeke Deyton | 19 – Jake Deyton | 20 – John Bohannon-Goldman | 19 – Philip & Michela Buchanan |
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| PRESENCE: | | March 9, 2025 | | 9 am - 32 | 11 am - 62 | Total - 94 |
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| GIFTS | 3/9/2025 | General Fund – \$6,835.00 | | 2025 Weekly Budget Need - \$5,413.22 | | |
| | | Year to Date - \$57,408.63 | | YTD Budget Need - \$54,132.20 | | |
| | | Community Assistance - \$1,120.00 | | | | |
| | | UMCOR-ERT – \$5,280.00 | | Rise Against Hunger - \$1,600.00 | | |
| | | Children's Offering – MY Meds - \$54.52 | | Shepherd's Staff Food Items - 0 | | |

Rev. Holly Cobb McKim – hmckim@wncumc.org
 Kathey Hollifield – Music Director – hollifield@vol.com
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Sharon Drum – Custodian – sharondrum58@yahoo.com
 Tim Drum – Office Manager – tim_drum@bellsouth.net
 Ginny Downs – Children's Ministry Co-Ordinator – virginiadowns@bellsouth.net

WITNESS: NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS WORLD, GOD FULFILLS THE PROMISES OF NEW LIFE, FULL LIFE, AND RESURRECTED LIFE. IN THESE TROUBLING TIMES, HOLD ON TO GOD'S PROMISES. LET THEM GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS. AND, IN CREATIVE AND UNEXPECTED WAYS, LET US SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH THIS TROUBLED WORLD – THAT NO MATTER WHAT, DEATH DOES NOT HAVE THE FINAL WORD.

****Next Week's Scriptures – March 23, 2025****

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9