



11090 South Highway 226 :: Spruce Pine, NC 28777

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! “GOD OF US ALL, YOUR LOVE NEVER ENDS. WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, YOU STILL ARE GOD. KEEP TRUE IN US THE LOVE WITH WHICH WE HOLD ONE ANOTHER.”

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April 19th, 2026 – 9 & 11 am

3rd Sunday of Easter

^ THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

WORDS IN BOLD ARE SPOKEN BY THE CONGREGATION

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Tim Drum

Prelude

“Trumpet Tune in C”

Michael Ryan

OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Call to Worship

Tim Drum

Leader: Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

People: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.

Leader: We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

People: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

Leader: We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

People: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.

Leader: Easter People, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

People: May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.

^Hymn of Praise

Christ Is Alive

UMH 318

^Opening Prayer

Tim Drum

O risen Christ,

On the road to Emmaus, you were the disciples' companion. Be at our side on the journey of faith on life's pathways and at every encounter, engender our compassion, so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories.

Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word. May it illumine us, and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it. May your Holy Spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture and open our hearts to recognize you. Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that our siblings may know you through us and that we may know you through them. 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.")

Children's Time/Change Offering (Local Missions)

Kathey Hollifield

(Following the children's time and change offering - Parents may choose to have their children participate in these programs. Nursery (ages 0-3 years old) or Children's Church (ages 4-7 years old). The children can meet our volunteers at the back of the sanctuary.

PROCLAIMING & HEARING GOD'S WORD

Special Music

James Glenn

Scripture Lessons

Luke 24:13-35

CEB 1287

Proclamation of the Word

"Things Hoped For but Unseen"

Rev. Holly Cobb McKim

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Holy Communion (9 am service only)

See Insert

Offering our Gifts and Praises to God

Offertory

James Glenn

^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)
(please put your prayer requests on a prayer card, drop it in the offering plate or bring it by the office)*

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

^Closing Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

Benediction/Benediction Music

The Servant Song (vs. 1)

TFWS 2222

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.

APRIL / MAY 2026 ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME REV. JOHN FOWLER TO THE PULPIT NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 26 – Pastor Holly will be away that weekend.

A NEW WORSHIP EXPERIENCE - On each 3rd Sunday, we will have an evening service in the Taizé tradition. This service with music, scripture, prayer and silence is meant to be contemplative and meditative. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m., and last about 45 minutes, If you have any questions, or are willing to serve as a reader, please contact Pastor Holly or Kathey Hollifield. The next Taizé Worship is TONIGHT, Sunday, April 19, 2026 @ 6 pm.

THE FAITHFUL PATH...FOR NOW The Book study group for “The Faithful Path...for Now” will meet in the Fellowship Hall, Monday, April 13th at 6:30pm. We will pick up our discussion on page 19 at the half page heading, "Getting In, and Staying In, The Stream of God's Will".

TERIFFIC THURSDAY FOR MAY - Our next Terrific Thursday covered dish will be May [21st](#) at 6:00. This will be a covered dish with a favorite Pasta dish theme. Please bring your favorite pasta dish or side to share with others. Care and Fellowship team will provide bread and drinks!

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 your offerings to the church 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 am-2 pm.
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.

CHILDRENS OFFERING – Goes to Local Missions for the month of April.

MEMORIAL TREE –To order leaves, see Tim Drum (office phone - 828-765-7446) and give him the name as you want it to appear, dates of birth and death, and \$50.00 to cover the cost of leaves.

HANDBELLS –The Celia Tainter Handbells will meet in the sanctuary at 6:45 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. If you are interested in ringing with us, please plan to attend. Previous ringing experience is not necessary, but you MUST be able to count to 4. 😊

NAMETAGS – Please remember to wear your nametags to help Pastor Holly remember your name.

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 second quarter of 2026 will be Laurel Stephens. Contact information – phone – (716) 308-6679 & email: laurelstephens1@gmail.com

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, 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.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR: For all who do not know the love of God in Christ Jesus; for the well-being of our community; for local, state, national, and world leaders Our homebound members; The Greens at Spruce Pine & Mitchell House Residents & Staff, Brian Brewer; Framton & Danna Gibson; *Rhonda Gouge; Beverly Greene; Bill Haberneck; Jan Hamilton; Gloria Hoepfner; Bobby Hollifield; Chris Hollifield; Peggy Howell; David Misicka; James & Janet Ouzts; Bernice Peters; Martin Robinson; Bretney Webb; Starli & Felicia; Bradley Willis; Susan*

Winfrey; all local, state and federal government leaders; our Hispanic neighbors; All those in relief and recovery efforts; Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; all helping ministries; Pensacola UMC and their community; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Josh Swindler (Navy); Ben Potter (Army)

FOR THOSE IN MOURNING - the family of Nicholas Poulas, the son of Rev. Michael Poulas; the families of Jeff and Pat Coffee; the family of Ginny Wearn

THANKS, PRAISES & CELEBRATIONS *the members of the Disaster response teams; to those who fixed the welcome center roof; to all church members who responded to the need for community assistance.*

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.

2026 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	USHERS - 9 & 11
4/19	Tim Drum	Kathy Hollifield	9 - Maria Douglass, Elaine Brewer 11 - Richard & Donna Canipe	9 - Tony Woodby, Ken Lentz 11 - V Coulter, M Hoilman, G DeVos
4/26	Ken Lentz	Ginny Downs	9 - Maria Douglass, Elaine Brewer 11 - Becky Nance, Nyla Greene	9 - Tony Woodby, Marvin Walker 11 - V Coulter, Melanie & Jon Jirka

REGULAR MEETINGS			
GROUP	DAYS	LOCATION	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays - 9:30 am	Fellowship Hall	Ed Banta
Knitting/Crocheting Group	Thursdays - 10 am - Noon	Fellowship Hall	Nelda Johnson
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	Nelda Johnson & Alison Ryan
Finance	2 nd Thursday - 5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall/Classroom	Bert Sheeley
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 6:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathy Hollifield
Trustees	3 rd Thursday - 5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall/Classroom	Lloyd Glenn

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK				ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK
20 - Ben Deyton	22 - Glenn Nance	22 - Mary Robinson	23 - Bretta Walker	25 - Dwight & Katie Willett
PRESENCE:				9 am - 47, 11 am - 50 Total - 97
GIFTS	4/12/2026	General Fund - \$7,579.00		Weekly Budget Need - \$5,665.00
		Year to Date - \$82,499.85		YTD Budget Need - \$84,975.00
		Community Assistance - \$485.00		
		Children's Offering - Local Missions - \$91.03		Shepherd's Staff Food Items - 6

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 - April 26th, 2026****

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

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 Sharon Drum - Custodian - sharondrum58@yahoo.com
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Holy Communion for April 19, 2026

Adapted from *Iona Abbey Worship Book*, 2018

The Invitation

We are here because Jesus has called us - strangers and friends, locals and visitors, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious.

It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers and invites to his table where, in bread and wine, he meets us and through him we, who are different, are joined to each other.

So come, not because you understand, but because you are understood.

Come, not because of how you feel, but because God has food for you.

Come, not because you deserve a place, but because Jesus invites you, just as you are.

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Stranger, our Companion on the Way,

We yearn for your love and grace. We seek your wisdom and guidance. We relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us.

Yet, sometimes we would cling to you, hoard the blessings of relationship with you, and not share your love with others.

Forgive us, Dear One.

Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world. Press us to share the hope and joy of your love. Shine the light of your Spirit through us and help revive those in whom hope has died. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

O God, we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you too. But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger. We betray those we love and who have loved us, and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you. Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving * *Stand as you are able in body or spirit*

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God! **Alleluia! Amen.**

Sanctus (to be sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

He promised to be with those who met in his name:

This we believe.

He promised to hear the prayers of faithful people:

This we believe.

He said that in the communion of bread and the fruit of the vine he would be present with us as we remembered him:

This we believe.

So, send now your Spirit among us and upon this bread and the fruit of the vine, that we may taste and see your goodness, be embraced by your love, and be engaged in your service.

Amen.

As Jesus did, so we do, we break this bread (the bread is broken),
we share this cup (the cup is raised),
we believe that he who lived, died and rose again for us, will meet us here.

Graciously nourish us, O Christ, so that we who try to follow you may receive food for the journey and be bound in solidarity with all who walk in your way. Amen.

Agnus Dei (to be sung)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, give us peace.

Take this bread, share this fruit of the vine. In these Christ comes to us with love from God.
The gifts of God for the people of God. **Amen.**

Prayer after Receiving

**Generous and faithful God,
you have fed us at your table.
May the nourishment we have received
enable us to enrich the lives of others
wherever we may go from here. Amen.**