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March 8th, 2020

2nd Sunday in Lent

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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

Matt Miller

Prelude

"What Wondrous Love is This?"

Arr. Page

Entry of the Light of Christ

*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 AND PRAYERS

^Call to Worship

Do we dare place our trust in God?

God has promised to walk with us and guide us.

Are we willing to continue on the journey, though there are challenges along the way?

No matter what, God is with us; that's the promise of hope.

Let us boldly journey, listening for God's call in our lives.

Let us place our trust in God always.

^Song of Praise

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

TFWS 2071

^Opening Prayer

To the God who journeys with us, let us pray...

Faithful God, we gather as your people, longing for your presence. We bring our doubts and fears, trusting that your grace will bring us the peace we lack. May we dwell in your house, delighting in your beauty. Teach us your ways, so that we may face our challenges with dignity, like You do. 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 **“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”** TFWs 2112

Children’s Message Chelsea Thayer
Children’s Change Offering M-Y Meds Medication Ministry

Call to Prayer **“O How He Loves You and Me” (vs. 1)** TFWs 2108

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Choral Anthem **“I will Sing the Wondrous Story”** Chancel Choir

^Scripture Reading **Mark 1:9-13, 2 Corinthians 4:8-11 (CEB)** CEB 1215, 1408

Proclamation of the Word **“A Time of Challenge”** Rev. Rick Schilling

RESPONSE TO THE WORD & SENDING FORTH

Offering our Gifts and Praises to God

Offertory **“Hallelujah”** Brenda Sparks

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

^Sending Hymn **“Jesus Tempted in the Desert” vs. 2** TFWs 2105

^Benediction

^Postlude

(CEB) denotes Common English Bible

^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 AND HILLTOPPERS – Summit & Hilltoppers meet tonight- 5:30-7:30 at Spruce Pine UMC.

SERMONS ON VIDEO! Our website www.sprucepineumc.org has the current videos online! Simply click on the tab (at the top of the screen under our logo) marked "Sermons" to view them. We are excited for the progress, as we continue to connect with all our worshippers and members - locally and beyond!

MISSION TRIP - April 26-May 1 our church will be sending a team to Burgaw in Pender County for disaster relief from Hurricanes Matthew and Florence. This area has had people waiting years to return to their homes. Experience

is not required, only a servant's heart. Please consider joining the team, for information contact Melanie 828-260-1714 or Marvin 828-766-5379

MISSIONS MEAL - TODAY, March 8th, there will be a Fellowship meal after the 11:00 service provided by the Missions Team. The menu is Lasagna, Bread and Salad. Of course desserts! Donations are accepted and will support the upcoming Burgaw team. Plan to join us! (Meal in place of Wonderful Wednesday)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday, March 12 at 5:00 pm in the FaithLink Classroom.

HOUSING COALITION MEETING RESCHEDULED – Thursday, March 12 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTACT PERSON – Carolyn Burleson 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 467-2277 (Cell).

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.

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
3/15	Grant Sparks	Kathery Hollifield	Don & Bobbi Abele	Meredith Hoilman	Emree Hoilman
3/22	Tracy Deyton	Ginny Downs	Wayne & Wanda Henline	Jessica Hoyle	Joey Stout
3/29	Aaron Buchanan	Beverly Greene	Mary Robinson / Donnie Peters	Katie Willet	Kim Ledford
4/5	Meredith Hoilman	Melanie Murphy	Nancy Ball / Jan Hamilton	Sherry Sherman	Brandy Miller

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 & Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton*, Barbara Day); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola*; June Wilson; David Hoepfner; *Bretta Walker*; *Charles Hale*; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2020; *Sandra Woodard*; Jan Hamilton's Mother Jo (healing), Weston Stout; *Tim Hollifield*; Muffy Dayton; Marcia Murphy; Rosemary Allen (*Stan Cook's sister*); Frank Henline; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; Trevor Higgins; Jennifer Willett (*expecting*); Rick Aldridge; Mike McKinney; Kathy Baker; Faye Vickers family; Marcus Wood; Charlotte Clark; Susan Hoeg, Virginia, Charlie & William; those with mental health issues; Hannah Blanton; Mike Lewis; Ron & Linda Cromarty; Dori Ann; Beth's pregnancy (Dwight's sister); Lynda Briggs; Bob & Glenn (*Glenna's cousins*); Lindsey—(new daughter); Myra Habernack Strube; Jessie Wray; Ann Butler & family; *Michela Buchanan (baby Lily)*; Jo & Jon Lacy; Sam & Jenell Young; Richard Baker and family; June Wilson; Gloria Schulman; for those struggling to stay warm; for DSS; Andy Grindstaff; Art Hoover & family; Bob Cook, Aticus Grindstaff; those experiencing loss of pets; *Beth Ziemba's Daughter* in law's pregnancy; Jaden Pernell (friend of the Sparks); Doris Deyton (*Sam's mother – health*)

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: family of Christine Gortney; family of Elizabeth Davenport; family of Claire Spence; family of Cleve Jacobs, family of Trace Magner; the family of Lori Haythorn; the family of Kameron Wilson; the family of Melanie's cousin Mike; family of Frankie Buntz; *for the family of Sue Phillips*; the family of Marlene Clark; the family of Kathery's niece Roxanne; the family of Vernon George Grindstaff, Jr., for the family of Daryl McKinney

FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY: Wayne Hoilman; Ozzie Hernandez; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Patti Morgan; Laura Moore (back surgery); Dean (Judy's cousin, heart & kidney transplant); Shannon Perdue (kidney transplant March 4 & donor Audra Wiseman); Heather Walker (back in hospital); Heather's Mom (hospital); Bud Myers (hospital); Mary Ruth Webb (waiting on kidney transplant); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Herman Buchanan; Carolyn Sproles; Neil Brown (recovery); Phil White (recovery); Paul Long (Margaret Troxler's dad – hospital); David Hoepfner; Jerry Douglass (*Maria's dad*); *Beverly Greene (recovery)*; *James Ouzts (surgery 2/20)*; Larry Lanning (surgery); *Lucy Murphy*; *Diane Sheeley (recovery)*

from shoulder surgery); John Wilson's brother David (tests); *Starli's* Dad Tommy (Wake Forest Neurological 2/10 & staff); *Tim Drum*; *Starli's* dad Tommy (surgery); Jeff (Diane Truesdell's son-in-law, surgery); Brenda (*Lila's* daughter – in -laws sister, surgery); Larry (transplant list); *Chelsea Thayer's* uncle David (Hospital)

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER: Judy Rinard; Diane Meatyard; Joyce Woody; Holly (brain tumor); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Peggy Grantham (bladder); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Marcia Murphy; Danny Gortney; Gary Graham; Erin (brain cancer); Todd Fleenor; Gloria (*Susan Curtis'* friend – chemo/kidney failure); Lawrence Glenn; Mike Willis (brain tumor); Marianna Jaeger & Joyce Alvarez (health issues); Raymond Mayberry; *Carolyn Brunning*; John (Susan's friend – brain cancer); Richard (Marvin's friend); Lily Bray (breast cancer); Randall McKinney (prostate); Carolyn Dotts; Jeff Kaplan - leukemia

FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY: Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; *Danna Gibson*; Carol Woodward; Annette McKinney (ALS); *Dwight Willet's father (meniscus)*; Homer Cook (*Stan's dad*); Doris (*Eva's* aunt); Jeanette Dellinger; Benny (health); Charlene (fall); Louise Weeks (rehab); Jane Daniels (health); Rosemary (auto accident); Mr. Long – (nearing end of life); Keith Renfro (accident); David DeVos (heart attack); Shane Cox (health issues); *Melanie Jirka (ankle)*; Twyla (friend of Connie-hit by car); Ann Butler; Isabella (5 year old in hospital); *Bill Haberneck (medical)*; Josh (Melanie's friend – muscular dystrophy); Barbara (*Rae Carr's* neighbor – heart attack); Bruce Hobson (suffering from Vertigo for 3 months); Satyra Askeland (fall, broken leg and elbow); Brooke (kidney infection)

FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY: Survivors of sexual abuse/harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; Samuel Oliver Bruno family; people of Venezuela; Clement & Mary of Colombo, Sri Lanka, their family & church family at St. Anthony's; solutions to gun violence; Bahamas residents; for the people of Australia; the situation in Iraq; for those suffering due to the coronavirus health crisis in China; for the people of Nashville

FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES: 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; Peter Constantian

FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY: Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Josh Swindler (Navy); Ben Smith (Army); Karen (new teacher in Istanbul); *Tim Hollifields* sister (Pakistan); Will LeMieux (deployed National Guard); *Diane Struble's* daughter Xan studying overseas; Laura & Alex Sharpe (Mission Trip to Guatemala); Ben Potter (Army); *Glenna's daughter (China)*

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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK					ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK
12 – Tom Jobin	13 – Sara Allen	13 – Barbara Henline	14 - Jim McManus	14 – Sara Powell	8 – Lloyd & Nelle Glenn 60th Anniversary
PRESENCE:		March 1st, 2020		9:00 – 41 11:00 – 93 = Total 134	
GIFTS	March 1st, 2020	General Fund - \$4,003.00		Weekly budget need - \$4,912.75	
		Year to Date - \$50,679.18		YTD Budget Need – \$44,214.75	
		Children's Offering - \$84.75 – M-Y Meds		Special Gift - \$100.00	
		Community Assistance - \$1,054.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations -32	

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

Lector: Matt Miller Greeters: Jon & Melanie Jirka Children's Time: Chelsea Thayer
Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Becky Nance Preschool: Larry Bohannon Offertory: Brenda Sparks

WITNESS: OUR TIMES IN THE WILDERNESS — THE TOUGH TIMES OF LIFE...OUR VALLEYS — ARE DARK, LONELY, AND CHAOTIC TIMES IN OUR FAITH WALKS. OFTENTIMES, GOD SEEMS DISTANT; FRIENDS AND FAMILY MIGHT AVOID US OR MISUNDERSTAND US; WE FEEL ISOLATED. EVEN IN THE MIDST OF OUR DARK "STOPPING PLACES," ESPECIALLY DURING OUR JOURNEY TO THE CROSS, GOD NEVER ABANDONS US — WHETHER WE REALIZE IT OR NOT. GOD BLESSES US WITH PEACE AND ASSURANCE. BUT, GOD'S BLESSING ISN'T FOR US ALONE. PART OF OUR WITNESS IS TO SHARE ALL THAT GOD BLESSES US WITH, EVEN DURING THE WILDERNESS TIMES. WE ARE BLESSED TO BLESS OTHERS.

****Next Week's Scripture – March 15, 2020****

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-32; Luke 4:1-23; Hebrews 4:14-16 (CEB)