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Christ the King /
Reign of Christ Sunday

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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. TODAY IS "CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY." NEXT WEEK WE BEGIN THE CHRISTIAN SEASON OF ADVENT, WHICH HELPS US TO PREPARE FOR THE CELEBRATIONS OF CHRISTMAS.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

MEREDITH HOILMAN

Prelude

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

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

"He Is Exalted"

TFWS 2070

^Opening Prayer of Confession

Let us pray together:

Holy and awesome God,

we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings.

Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness,

we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice,

calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity, and to reflect your image in us.

For there is weakness in us, as well as strength.

At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured.

We do not care to look within,

and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.

Forgive us, and help us, O God:

for we are too weak to walk unaided.

Be with us as a strong and wise friend,

and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

(time for silent prayers of confession)

Amen.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true,
showing mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin,
and granting pardon.

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and renewed.

Thanks be to God!

^ **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** **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”** UMH 155

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory **“God Weeps”** RANDY HEMBREE

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

Children’s Message CHELSEA THAYER

Children’s Change Offering CENTRO LATINO HISPANIC OUTREACH
(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.)

Call to Prayer **“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”** UMH 249

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Choral Anthem **“We’re Gonna’ Worship Christ the King”** CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Scripture Reading** **Luke 18:18-30** NT 77

Proclamation of the Word **“The Rich Young Ruler & the Poor Young King”** REV. JEREMY TROXLER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

^ **Sending Hymn** **“Take My Life and Let it Be”** UMH 399

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response** **“King of Kings”** CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Postlude**

^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.

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THERE WILL BE NO HILLTOPPERS AND SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRY TODAY DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!** Summit and Hilltoppers will resume next Sunday with a time for kids (K-5th grades) and youth (6th-12th grades) to meet at the church from 5:30 - 7:30pm for food, fun, fellowship, and faith.
- **TODAY IS OUR LAST 9AM EARLY SERVICE OF THE YEAR - OUR EARLY SERVICE WILL RESUME IN MAY.** All our "early" folks are invited to join us for worship at 11am each Sunday.
- **CHURCH MEETING NIGHT - THIS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH @ 6:00PM** - This will be an opportunity for the members of our Ministry Teams (Worship, Nurture, Fellowship, and Mission) to meet and to prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Pizza will also be available beforehand at 5:30pm.
- **TIM WILL BE ON VACATION THIS WEEK** - so we are thankful that Randy Hembree will be filling in. Keep in mind that the office may not be open as many hours this week.

DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SPUMC BOOK CLUB** - Meeting on Tuesday, December 4th at 10:00 in the parlor.
- **ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE FOR PICKUP ON DECEMBER 6, 2018** - Please have them wrapped, labeled and ready to go.
- **DECEMBER CATERED MEAL** - Wednesday, December 19th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE WILL SOON START ON NEXT YEAR'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP LIST** - See Tim Drum if you want to come aboard as a Lector or as a Children's time person, or if you want to drop off the list.
- **COULD YOU HELP WITH OCCASIONALLY OFFERING A RIDE TO SOMEONE TO CHURCH OR TO A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT?** If so, please let Pastor Jeremy or our Office Manager Tim know. Thank you!
- **CONTACT PERSON** - Beverly Hale is the contact person for the 4th quarter and may be calling if someone is in need of food, transportation, etc. Her phone number is 704-502-6015.
- **LEFT BEHIND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY - SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS** - Meets at 6:30 pm the 1st Wednesday every month in the Oak Room, Sloop Medical Offices Building, Cannon Hospital, Linville, NC. Contact Bob at 321-243-1640 or Sandy at 828-467-5379.
- **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
12/2	Tim Drum	Greg Hoilman	Wayne & Wanda Henline	Sherry Sherman	Kim Ledford
12/9	Bruce Ikard	Tracy Carroll	Glen & Jane DeVos	Rachelle Shock	Meredith Hoilman
12/16	Marvin Walker	Bruce Ikard	Jack Riley / Ima Conroy	Becky Nance	Brandy Miller
12/23	Sharon Drum	Ginny Downs	John Campbell / Ginny Downs	Katie Willett	Dwight Willett
12/30	Jack Riley	Sharon Drum	Bert & Diane Sheeley	Tracy Dayton	Emree Hoilman

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, Bea White; Ramona Gragg; Ruth Buchanan; Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola; Jo Thomas; June Wilson; John Ahlquist; 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 2018; *Sandra & Louis Woodard*; Maggie Snyder (caregiver); Troubled Teenager; Lynda Briggs; Edwin; Jan Hamilton's family, Weston Stout; Jordan, Meredith & Keziah Nance; Rosemary; Jane Greenwood; Heather Boone; Irene Poteat & Cody; Leigha Basini & baby; Rachel Jones; *Tim Hollifield*; Guy Hoilman (dementia); Patricia Douglas; Jack Byrd; Laura Richmond; Amanda Hasty
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** family of Paula Scifres; family of Seth McKinney; family of Natasha Hullett; family of Joy Chism; family of Bill Stewart; family of Bob Downs; family of Zachary Solomon; family of Worm Wilson; the family of *Jim Smith*; the family of Connie Sedberry
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Luke Sherman (liver); Joyce LaFar (heart ablation); *Tracy Carroll* (recovery from knee surgery); Ima Jean Metcalf; Jerry Morgan (*Quincy's* dad - back); Stanley Urbina (shoulder surgery); Atlas Benton (back); Ann Stuck (back); *Diane Struble (back)*; James Ouzts (knee replacement); Wally Thompson (knee); Jan Hamilton (neck surgery); Amanda Drum; Angela Pitman; *Ann Denny; Leroy Ledford; Allan Douglas*
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Nora Murray (*Neil Brown's* sister); Judy Rinard; Diane Meatyard; Tom Wilson (tumor); Chip Smith (colon); Joyce Woody; Carol Batton (breast cancer); Laurie Norman (esophageal); 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; Sam Singleton
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Wayne Hoilman; Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Aubree (encephalitis); Wanda McClellan (lupus); Dan LaFar (shingles); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Warren Lewis; Heather Blackburn; Sandra Glenn; Tonya Hall Wilson
- **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment; Survivors of child abuse; WNC Flooding Survivors; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; California wildfires; Survivors & responders to Hurricanes Florence & Michael; Victims & Survivors of Tree of Life Synagogue; wildfire victims
- **FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES:** The 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
- **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; Students starting college

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			
11/27 - Sandy Singleton	11/30 - Woodrow Buchanan	12/1 - Joe Campbell	12/1 - Sam Deyton
PRESENCE:		November 18 th , 2018	
GIFTS	November 18, 2018		9:00 - 34 11:00 - 84
		General Fund - \$2,583.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00
		Year to Date - \$203,654.62	YTD Budget Need - \$199,959.00
		Children's Offering - \$42.69 - Centro Latino	Lamplighters - \$500.00
		Community Assistance - \$1,520.00	Shepherd's Staff Donations - 21

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

Lector: Meredith Hoilman Greeters: Bill & Judy Sears Children's Time: Chelsea Thayer
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Quincy Sparks Preschool: Ginny Downs Offertory: Randy Hembree

WITNESS: GENEROSITY IS ONE OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A FOLLOWER OF JESUS. HOW MIGHT YOU BE AS INTENTIONAL IN YOUR GIVING TO THOSE IN NEED DURING THIS SEASON AS YOU ARE IN GIVING GIFTS TO YOUR FAMILY?

****Next Week's Scripture - December 2nd, 2018****

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36