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November 29th, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director
Bruce Ikard, Worship Technician

Kathy Miller, Organist
Rick Schilling, Pastor

ONLINE WORSHIP EDITION

Prelude

“Let All Things Now Living”

Kathy Miller - Organ

Greeting / Call to Worship

Tim Drum

**Come, all who seek. Let us join our hearts in worship.
We hear the invitation and hunger to join in the feast.
God calls us into the loving presence of Jesus, who is the Christ.
We come to join with those who watch, wait, and celebrate.**

Opening Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

UMH 206

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Hoilman Family

Opening Prayer / Blessing of Peace

Tim Drum

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

Children’s Message

Rev. Rick Schilling

Special Music

“Winter’s Snow”

Instrumental Ensemble

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:5-25, 57-66

CEB 1242

Proclamation of the Word

“The Unexpected”

Rev. Rick Schilling

Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Bounteous Blessings Flow”

UMH 211
(Tune)

**Praise God from whom all bounteous blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures dwelling here below.
Praise Him above all heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! His praises now we sing
And ask His blessings on these gifts we bring.

Special Music

“Breath of Heaven”

Suzanne Schilling

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

UMH 196

Benediction / Benediction Music

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

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.

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

BARN SQUARE / ART FOR COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE - We have a wonderful opportunity to help with Community Assistance and take home a beautiful barn square created by our own Maria Douglass and more artwork donated by James and Janet Ouzts. They will be on display and for sale in the Welcome Center. Please bring cash or write a check to SPUMC. It will be turned in for Community Assistance. Please be generous, as these artists have donated their time and considerable talent to help our neighbors.

FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND ARTISAN'S SALE – This event has been postponed. We will let you know when it can be held.

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.

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!

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTACT PERSON –Melanie Murphy is the contact person for the 4th quarter and may be called when someone needs food, transportation, etc. Her contact number is (828) 467-2154.

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 – Until the children can return safely, the change offering container will be at the entrance of the church. This month your change offerings go to Shepherd's Staff and M-Y Parish Food Pantry.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE: (for when we fully return)

(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
12/6/20	Bruce Ikard	Pastor Rick	<i>Pending in person return</i>	<i>Pending in person return</i>	<i>Pending in person return</i>
12/13/20	Marvin Walker	Pastor Rick	<i>Pending in person return</i>	<i>Pending in person return</i>	<i>Pending in person return</i>
12/20/20	Sharon Drum	Pastor Rick	<i>Pending in person return</i>	<i>Pending in person return</i>	<i>Pending in person return</i>
12/27/20	Provided by WNC Conference				

REGULAR MEETINGS ** denotes currently meeting

GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Nancy Ball
** SPUMC Book Club **	1st Tuesday, 10 am	Rose Garden Outside	Margarett McGraw
Weight Watchers	Tuesdays, 5 pm	Fellowship Hall	
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 nd Monday - 7 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathay Hollifield
** RAPP **	Last Tuesday - Noon	Fellowship Hall	

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; June Wilson; David Hoepfner; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2020; *Sandra Woodard*; *Tim Hollifield*; Muffy Dayton; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; Rick Aldridge; Faye Vickers family; Marcus Wood; Susan Hoeg, Virginia, Charlie & William; those with mental health issues; Hannah Blanton; Mike Lewis; Ron & Linda Cromarty; Dori Ann; Lynda Briggs; Bob & Glenn (*Glenna's cousins*); Myra Haberneck Strube; Jessie Wray; Ann Butler & family; Sam & Jenell Young; for DSS; Andy Grindstaff; Art Hoover & family; Bob Cook, Aticus Grindstaff; Jaden Pernell (friend of the Sparks'); Kenneth Huskins; Doris Deyton (*Sam's mother - health*); Robert Kissel (stress); Shane Heath (isolated & lonely); Anonymous DSS employee (stress); Hal Harrison; James Thomas; *Lucy Murphy*; Tammy Hall (recovering alcoholic); Saylor family; John Stafford (safety) & Ashley Stafford (John's wife - expecting)

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: *the family of Evelyn Hughes*; the family of Clifton "Jitter" Cornatzer (Brooks Cornatzer's (Alicia Curtis) father); the family of Gail Rohr; the family of Rickey McKinney; the family of Mel Tehandon; the family of Satyra Askeland; the family of Jack Lail (*Eva Jobin's Uncle*); The family of Jean Johnson, the family of Gary Locklear and his brother both passed with COVID-19, the family of Louvella Arrowood, the family of John Johnson; *the family of Beth Wyatt*; the family of Frank Henline (*Wayne's brother*); the family of Jo Thomas (*Jan Hamilton's mother*); the family of Bruce Trivett; the family of Hilda Robinson; the family of Carol Woodard; the family of Doris Hardin (*Eva Jobin's Aunt*); the family of Phillip Dahlgreen; (*the family of Barbara Day*); the family of Janice Young (Sam's sister in law)

FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY: Wayne Hoilman; Ozzie Hernandez; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Patti Morgan; Dean (Judy's cousin, heart & kidney transplant); Heather Walker (back in hospital); Heather's Mom (hospital); Bud Myers (hospital); Mary Ruth Webb (waiting on kidney transplant); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Carolyn Sproles; Paul Long (Margaret Troxler's dad - hospital); Jerry Douglass (*Maria's dad*); Larry Lanning (surgery); *Diane Sheeley (recovery)*; Jeff (Diane Truesdell's son-in-law, surgery); Larry (transplant list); Carter Hoyle (hospital in Asheville); Ernest Canipe (Richard's Father); Connie Martin (bone marrow transplant - friend of Wanda Henline); *Barbara Henline (recovery)*; Linda Seaman - Becky Dainotto's sister (surgery); Nelson Hall (Melanie's brother - knee replacement); Shelby Sparks (friend of Mary Robinson, awaiting test results); *Jack Riley (knee replacement)*; *Ron Allen (health)*; *Norma Smith (scheduled neck surgery)*; Ed Saunders (Amputation below the knee) *Starli McDowell's dad Tommy Phillips (upcoming surgery)*

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER: Judy Rinard; Joyce Woody; Holly (brain tumor); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); 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; Raymond Mayberry; Randall McKinney (prostate); Carolyn Dotts; Jeff Kaplan (leukemia); Shirl Phillips (melanoma); Diane Meatyard; Kenneth Huskins (cancer has returned); Lee - Susan Davis' brother (prostate); Patch Hailey, age 2 Keziah Nance's birthday buddy (neuroblastoma); Wayne Ledford & Billy Ledford; Caleb Watson (8 year old with cancer)

FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY: Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; *Danna Gibson*; *Dwight Willet's father (meniscus)*; Homer Cook (*Stan's dad*); Doris (*Eva's* aunt); Jeanette Dellinger; Benny (health); Louise Weeks (rehab); Rosemary (auto accident); Mr. Long – (nearing end of life); Keith Renfro (accident); Ann Butler; Josh (Melanie's friend – muscular dystrophy); Barbara (heart attack); Bruce Hobson (Vertigo); Brooke (kidney infection); John Lacey (Jo) - Lymphoma; Mary (Jane Greenwood's sister in Missouri) health concerns; Erin Haberneck Halpaine (health); Don Johnson (Ann Marie) (Don is in ICU w/pneumonia-covid); Helen & Joey Brooks (fall); Frances Lail (*Eva Jobin's Aunt*, COVID & COPD); Jerry Pendley (*Mary Robinson's brother* – COVID 19); Everette & Sena Gouge (Rhonda's parents); Louie Smith (*Lila Baskin's* brother – Health/COVID); *Gary Baskin* (health); *John Campbell* (heart)

FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY: Survivors of sexual abuse/harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; people of Venezuela; solutions to gun violence; for those suffering due to the coronavirus health crisis; for workers and business owners who are hurting now; Hurricane Delta victims; Hurricane Zeta victims

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: Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Josh Swindler (Navy); Karen (Istanbul); Will LeMieux (deployed National Guard); Ben Potter (Army); Jason House – Marine deployed (*Barbara Henline's Grandson*); Jeff Kaplan (*Tim Hollifield's* brother in law, Budapest Hungary with leukemia)

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					
11/30 – Woodrow Buchanan	12/1 – Joe Campbell	12/1 – Sam Deyton	12/2 – Larry Hutchinson	12/2 – Andrew Shock	12/3 – Jim Dunn
PRESENCE:		Week of November 22, 2020		Online Services Only	
GIFTS	Week of 11/22/20	General Fund - \$3,240.00		Weekly budget need - \$4,912.75	
		Year to Date - \$220,996.66		YTD Budget Need – \$235,814.00	
		Centro Latino - \$50.00		High Country Prison Ministry - \$50.00	
		Community Assistance - \$1,050.00		Mission Team - \$100.00	
				Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 25	

WITNESS: NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS WORLD, GOD FULFILLS THE PROMISES OF NEW LIFE, FULL LIFE, AND RESURRECTED LIFE. IN THIS TROUBLING TIME, 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! CHRIST IS RISEN! AND WE ARE STILL EASTER PEOPLE!

****Next Week's Scripture – December 6, 2020****

Isaiah 40:1-1; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 11:1-8