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October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 9 & 11 am

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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Rick Schilling, Pastor

**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

Announcements

Prelude

*"Prelude in Early American Hymn Style"*

Lani Smith

## OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Call to Worship

Matt Miller

We are all equal in God's sight.

**God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.**

Nobody is perfect and we all make mistakes.

**Yet God asks us to be compassionate and mindful as we care for others.**

We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

**Thanks be to God who trusts us and shares abundant love with us.**

^Opening Hymn

*"Morning Has Broken"*

UMH 145

^Opening Prayer / Blessing of Peace

Matt Miller

Let us lift our voices in one accord as we pray to God...

**Most Holy God, you show us the way of servanthood. You give us much so that we can bless others and not seek gratification for ourselves. Help us walk your path and keep us humble so that we can be the light of Christ in the world. Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Children's Message (11 am)**

Tracy Carroll

*(Following the children's message, 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.)*

**Special Music**

**"Praise Canon"**

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

John 38:1-7 & 34-41

NRSV

Proclamation of the Word

“Question Everything, Part 2”

Rev. Rick Schilling

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering Prayer and Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Preparation / Celebration of Holy Communion (9 am only)

^Closing Hymn

*“The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve”*

TFWS 2241

Benediction/Benediction Music

*“The Lord Bless and Keep You”*

SPUMC Choir

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^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.

## OCTOBER / NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TRUNK OR TREAT ANNOUNCEMENT** – Trunk or Treat will be held here at the church on Sunday Night, October 31 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. As it was last year, this will be a drive through event. Please feel free to donate candy, and we also need volunteers. Please let Rick and Suzanne know if you plan to decorate your trunks.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – to help Skyler with the nursery during the 11 am worship service. We need someone to stay with her and the children for the rest of the year to comply with Safe Sanctuary policies. If you are interested, please call Mariea Tountasakis at (828) 766-8551 or email her at [mtountasakis@crossnore.org](mailto:mtountasakis@crossnore.org)

**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 (especially as it is getting cooler), 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.

**SPUMC BOOK CLUB SELECTION FOR NOVEMBER** – “When Ghosts Come Home” by Wiley Cash.

## 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. We have our offering plates in the Narthex - as you enter and leave the sanctuary.
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 business hours, which are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
4. Online. Go to [www.sprucepineumc.org](http://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.

**SPUMC SUNDAY MORNING ONLINE CONNECTION** – is available three ways:

1. Go to [www.sprucepineumc.org](http://www.sprucepineumc.org), then click *Online Connection*. You can then load it from there on Sunday mornings.
2. On Facebook can look up Spruce Pine United Methodist Church (or Rick Schilling) and follow the link.
3. The email you get with the bulletin each week has a link to click on as well to get the content.

**FROM THE TRUSTEES** - We are in the process of maintaining, repairing, and beautifying the church. Thank you for your patience during some messy processes. We are excited and honored to be able to help keep our church campus a beautiful and holy beacon on the hill!

**CONTACT PERSON** – Danna Gibson & Bobbi Abele are the contact people for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021 and may be called when someone needs food, transportation, etc. Danna's # is 467-5544. Bobbi's # is 828-374-0004.

**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 Sanctuary. Change can be brought by the church during office hours. This month your change offerings go to Shepherd's Staff & M-Y Parish Food Pantry.

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE: (for when we more 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
10/24/21	Grant Sparks	Bruce Ikard	Don Abele / David Goodnight	Pending Full Return	Pending Full Return
10/31/21	Tracy Deyton	Pastor Rick	Mary Robinson / Donnie Peters	Pending Full Return	Pending Full Return
11/7/21	Aaron Buchanan	Chelsea Thayer	Matt & Brandy Miller	Pending Full Return	Pending Full Return
11/14/21	Meredith Hoilman	Sharon Drum	John Campbell & Ginny Downs	Pending Full Return	Pending Full Return

### REGULAR MEETINGS

GROUP	DAYS	LOCATION	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 9:30 am	Fellowship Hall	Ed Banta
SPUMC Book Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday - 3 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Care and Fellowship	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Danna Gibson
Choir Practice (soft)	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathay Hollifield
Small Group Study	Thursdays - 6:30 pm	287 Longview Dr. Bakersville	Andy Palmer

## 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 the Ouzts' new granddaughter: Margaret Rose, 7 pounds 6 ounces, born October 6!

**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; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2021; *Sandra Woodard*; *Tim Hollifield*; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; Rick Aldridge; Faye Vickers family; Susan Hoeg, Virginia, Charlie & William; those with mental health issues; Hannah Blanton; Mike Lewis; Ron & Linda Cromarty; Dori Ann; Lynda Briggs; Myra Haberneck Strube; Ann Butler & family; Andy Grindstaff; Bob Cook; Jaden Pernell; Kenneth Huskins; Doris Deyton (health); Shane Heath (isolated & lonely); Hal Harrison; James Thomas; *Lucy Murphy*; Saylor family; Jessie Wray; Jack; Anna Chambers (*Jack Chandler's Cousin* – spinal and leg problems); Robert McKenzie; Patch Hailey, age 3, Keziah Nance's birthday buddy

**FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Judy Rinard, the family of David Hoeppner; the family of Rev. Warren Owens (First Methodist – Marion); the family of Alec Alvord (former DS of our district), the family of Kent McLaughlin; the family of Albert Williams; the family of Jennifer LeMieux; the family of Florence Woody; the family of Sam McKinney; the family of Kevin Ziemba

**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); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Larry (transplant list); Carter Hoyle (hospital in Asheville); Tommy Phillips, (*Starli McDowell's dad*); Angie Tyrone (seriously ill friend of *Ginny Downs*); Judy Broadway (recovery); *Randy Hembree* – (recovery); Ed Saunders (double amputation below the knee); *Barbara Henline* (back home); *Jim Sockwell* – (back home); Colby Calhoun (recovery from surgery & COVID)

**FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Holly (brain tumor); Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Danny Gortney; Erin (brain cancer); Todd Fleenor; Gloria (chemo/kidney failure); Lawrence Glenn; Raymond Mayberry; Randall McKinney (prostate); Jeff Kaplan (leukemia); Shirl Phillips (melanoma); Lee - Susan Davis' brother (prostate); Wayne Ledford & Billy Ledford; Caleb Watson (8 year old with cancer); *Norma Smith's sister in law*; Mike (friend of *Bruce Ikard* – chemotherapy); Tessie Miller – Leukemia; Johnny Pendley – (Multiple Myeloma); James Acuff (chemo); Lynda Kaye (Kathie Hollifield's sister); Wilson (stage 4 ovarian cancer); Ann Kernahan;; Vicky Blalock (Lila's niece); Peggy Grantham (Phil White's Mother in Law - bladder cancer); Jackie Cook; Tommy Collis; John Casey; James Ouzts

**FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; Jeanette Dellinger; Louise Weeks (rehab); Mr. Long – (nearing end of life); Keith Renfro (accident); Ann Butler; Josh (muscular dystrophy); Erin Habernack Halpainy (health); Trish Niven (friend of *Jane DeVos* – Medical issues); John Casey (congestive heart failure & wife Pat / caretaker); Becky Griffith (friend of *Jane DeVos* – serious stroke); Harlan Carroll (viral pneumonia, lesion on kidney); Rev. Jacob Kyker (*Neil Brown's* friend – stroke); Sadie Struble – (broken hip); Charlene Phillips (COVID); Charles Sproles (heart); Fred LeMieux – (recovery); Lila (Allen & Sylvia Beaver's granddaughter – covid); Joyce Alvarez (recovery from broken hip); Wendell Young (Sam's Dad, fall)

**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 coronavirus; for workers and business owners who are hurting now; people of Cuba; Earthquake victims in Haiti; the people of Afghanistan; flood victims of Haywood County; flood victims of Waverly, TN; victims of Hurricane Ida

**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); Ben Potter (Army); Jeff Kaplan (*Tim Hollifield's* brother in law, Budapest Hungary)

*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									
17 – Rachel Hoilman	17 – Melanie Murphy	17 – Judy Williams	17 – Jenell Young	20 – Ernie Wells, Jr.	21 – Nancy Ball	22 – Glen DeVos	22 – Jo Anne Prendergast	23 – James Nipper	23 – Savannah Stanbery
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>Sunday, October 10, 2021</b>					<b>9:00 - 23 11:00 – 70</b>		
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>October 10, 2021</b>	General Fund - \$2,675.00					Weekly budget need - \$5,319.00		
		Year to Date - \$210,399.97					YTD Budget Need – \$218,479.00		
		Community Assistance - \$1,000.00					Trunk or Treat - \$20.00		
		Change offering–Shepherd's Staff –\$7.91					Rise Against Hunger - \$25.00		
		Change offering–M-Y Parish Food Pantry –\$7.91					Shepherd's Staff Food - 98		

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

Lector: Matt Miller Greeters: TBA Children's Time: Tracy Carroll

Prelude: Kathy Miller Special Music: Chancel Choir

**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!

**\*\*Next Week's Scriptures – Sunday, October 24, 2021\*\***

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:45-52