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October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 9 & 11 am

22<sup>nd</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

*"Largo" from the New World Symphony*

Dvorak

## OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Call to Worship

Tim Drum

In the midst of darkness, there is light.

**In the midst of our blindness, God gives us sight.**

Jesus our Christ brings healing love to us.

**Let the light of Jesus' love breakthrough our blindness and fill our world with glory.**

^Opening Hymn

*"Praise to the Lord"*

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^Opening Prayer / Blessing of Peace

Tim Drum

To our God who calls us to be light in this world, let us pray...

**God of power and mercy, you always hear us when we cry out. You stay close when we are in distress. We seek refuge in you, and you deliver us. Let our praises flow from our mouths to your ears, for you are good. Gather us in your strength and feed us with your wisdom. Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message (11 am)

Bruce Ikard

(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

*"His Eye is on the Sparrow"*

Sharon Drum

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:46-52

CEB 1231

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering Prayer and Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Preparation / Celebration of Holy Communion (9 am only)

^Closing Hymn “When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee” (vs. 1,4,7)

UMH 263

Benediction/Benediction Music

“The Trees of the Field”

SPUMC Choir

^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

**THANK YOU** - Thank you to everyone for all the thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls during Kevin's illness and passing it meant a lot to me and my family. Beth

**TRUNK OR TREAT** – 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.

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER** – November 13, 2021 – Harris Middle School – 9:00 am. Sponsored by Spruce Pine Rotary and Higgins UMC. Come be a part of this worthwhile Saturday morning putting meals together alongside others to go overseas, you won't regret it.

**CROSS AND KEY PRISON MINISTRIES** – Today we are having a Conference Wide special offering for Cross and Key Prison Ministries (formerly Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries). If using a check, make it out to Spruce Pine UMC and put Cross and Key Prison Ministries in the memo line. For more information please visit: [www.CrossandKeyPrisonMinistries.com](http://www.CrossandKeyPrisonMinistries.com)

**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.

<b>WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE: (for when we more fully return)</b>					
(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
10/31/21	Tracy Deyton	Pastor Rick	Mary Robinson / Donnie Peters	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
11/7/21	Aaron Buchanan	Chelsea Thayer	Matt & Brandy Miller	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
11/14/21	Meredith Hoilman	Sharon Drum	John Campbell & Ginny Downs	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
11/21/21	Dwight Willett	Kathey Hollifield	Bob & Susan Davis	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
11/28/21	Tim Drum	Ginny Downs	Bert & Diane Sheeley	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>

<b>REGULAR MEETINGS</b>			
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	Wednesdays - 6:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey 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 Habernack 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; Rick Phillips

**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			
24 – Aaron Buchanan		27 – Bradley Willis	
PRESENCE:		Sunday, October 17, 2021	9:00 – 30 11:00 – 54 Total - 84
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>October 17, 2021</b>	General Fund - \$4,263.09	Weekly budget need - \$5,319.00
		Year to Date - \$214,663.06	YTD Budget Need – \$223,798.00
		Community Assistance - \$1,000.00	
		Change offering–Shepherd's Staff –\$9.13	Rise Against Hunger - \$75.00
		Change offering–M-Y Parish Food Pantry –\$9.13	Shepherd's Staff Food - 38

*The Spruce Pine UMC would like to thank the Audrey Davenport Class for their generous donation to Rise Against Hunger.*

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

Lector: Tim Drum      Greeters: Don Abele / David Goodnight      Children's Time: Bruce Ikard

Prelude: Kathy Miller      Special Music: Sharon Drum

**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 31, 2021\*\***

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34