



Spruce Pine United Methodist Church



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November 21st, 2021 9 & 11 am

Christ the King 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.

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

Prelude

"Come With Thanksgiving!"

Arr. Lloyd Larson

OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Call to Worship

Tim Drum

We are gathered together to fix our eyes on Jesus.

We come to this place to acknowledge his reign over our lives.

We worship in word, song, and deed to bring glory to our Savior.

We offer our praises, prayers, and lives to show the depth of our love for you, Christ, our King.

^Opening Hymn

"O Worship the King"

UMH 73

^Opening Prayer / Blessing of Peace

Tim Drum

Let us offer our prayers to the One who reigns over all Creation...

Eternal God, Jesus taught that true power is made known in service. We are to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves as we reveal your reign of peace. Give us the strength to do your work, and grace to complete your will on earth, as it is done in heaven. Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message (11 am)

Kathey Hollifield

(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

"We're Gonna' Worship Christ the King"

Chancel Choir
Sharon Drum - Soloist

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-32

CEB 1272

Proclamation of the Word

"Trust and Gratitude"

Dwight Willett

Special Music

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

SPUMC Quartet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering Prayer and Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

^Closing Hymn

"We Gather Together"

UMH 131

Benediction/Benediction Music

"King of Kings"

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.

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEW PADS ARE BACK – Simply fill them out and pass them from the outside to the inside and they will be collected after each service! What was old is new again!

ARTISANS SALE BENEFITING COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE – Sunday, November 21, and Sunday, November 28 in the Fellowship Hall. See the green handout.

UMW BAKE SALE – Today, November 21, 2021. Proceeds are to help pay for angel tree gifts. Visit before or after each service. Thanks, Sharon Drum

SANTA FOR SENIORS – Donate gifts to spread Holiday Cheer to Senior Citizens in our community who are in Hospice Care, Brian Center, Mitchell House, and Meals on wheels clients. Drop off items in the box in the Welcome Center. For more information, see the handout.

MITCHELL COUNTY HEADSTART ANGEL TREE – We are out of angels. If you picked one up, please have the items back by Wednesday, December 1st. Thanks for making this a worthwhile yearly project.

THANKSGIVING MEALS 2021 - Mitchell County Senior Center will be providing an extra meal to the Meals on Wheels recipients on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021 for their Thanksgiving Day meal. Generous donations made last year amid the Covid-19 closures were enough to cover the extra costs and will go toward expenses for this year. Donations may be made directly to the Mitchell County Senior Center at 152 Ledger School Rd. Bakersville, NC 28705, indicating "Thanksgiving meals" in the memo line. For those who are not a part of the program, you may request a meal by contacting Steve Botney at Trinity Episcopal Church, 15 Hemlock Ave. Spruce Pine, NC 28777, 828-520-1151 or 828-467-1912 by Monday, Nov. 22.

OFFICE CLOSED ON THANKSGIVING – Please have all announcements to the office by 9 am Wednesday, Nov. 24th or your announcement will not be in the 11/28/2021 bulletin.

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.

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. 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 – There is no Sunday Morning online Connection today. It will return next Sunday and will be available three ways:

1. Go to 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.

CONTACT PERSONS – Danna Gibson & Bobbi Abele are the contact people for the 4th 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 Centro Latino and High Country Prison Ministries.

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
11/28/21	Dwight Willett	Ginny Downs	Bert & Diane Sheeley	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
12/5/21	Bruce Ikard	Beverly Greene	Susan Basini / Terre McNamara	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
12/12/21	Matt Hollifield	TBA	TBA	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
12/19/21	Sharon Drum	Tracy Carroll	Don & Bobbi Abele	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
12/26/21	Jack Riley	Bruce Ikard	Framton & Danna Gibson	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>

REGULAR MEETINGS			
GROUP	DAYS	LOCATION	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 9:30 am	Fellowship Hall	Ed Banta
SPUMC Book Club	1 st Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 nd Monday - 3 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Care and Fellowship	2 nd Saturday, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Danna Gibson
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 6:00 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 – Thanks to all who made last week's Rise Against Hunger event successful; Thanks to all of our veterans for their service

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 Strebe; Ann Butler & family; Andy Grindstaff; Bob Cook; Jaden Pernell; Kenneth Huskins; Doris Deyton (health); Shane Heath (isolated & lonely); Hal Harrison; James Thomas; *Lucy Murphy*; 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 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); *Jan Hamilton* (surgical recovery)

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 (Kathy 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; Shelly Peterson

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 Haberneck 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); Joyce Alvarez (recovery from broken hip); Wendell Young (Sam's Dad, fall); Wendy Beaver (knee); Louise Merkel (fall, broken ankle); *Susan Basini* (healing); *Sharon Drum* (awaiting test results)

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					ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK
21 – Todd Dunn	21 – Jacob Edwards	22 – Amber Henline	24 – Marina Woodby	27 – Sandy Singleton	24 – Jack & Carolyn Riley
PRESENCE:		Sunday, November 14, 2021			9:00 – 25 11:00 – 42 Total - 67
GIFTS	Nov. 14, 2021	General Fund - \$3,590.00			Weekly budget need - \$5,319.00
		Year to Date - \$246,838.29			YTD Budget Need – \$245,074.00
		Change Offering–High Country Prison Ministry –\$27.94			Community Assistance - \$450.00
		Change Offering – Centro Latino –\$27.94			Shepherd's Staff Food - 34

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

Lector: Tim Drum Greeters: Bob & Susan Davis Children's Time: Kathy Hollifield
Prelude: Tim Drum & Mike Murphy Special Music: Chancel Choir & SPUMC Quartet

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, November 28, 2021****

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