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January 2nd, 2022 9 & 11 am

Epiphany Sunday

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director
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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

"The Eastern Star"

by Steven Scott

OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Call to Worship

Tim Drum

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

Proclaim God's praise among us.

^Opening Hymn

"Joy to the World"

UMH 246

^Opening Prayer / Blessing of Peace

Tim Drum

To our God who reveals to us the fulfillment of promise, let us pray...

**God of light and hope, open our eyes that we may see your light in the darkness.
Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and
righteousness fulfilled in the promise born in Bethlehem. May we, like the
Magi, have the True Star to guide us on our journey to find the One who will truly
set us free. Bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love
will transform our lives. Amen.**

...and may the peace of Christ be with you now!

...and also with you!

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message (11 am)

Sharon Drum

(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.)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

CEB 1170

Proclamation of the Word

"Journey to the Child"

Rev. Rick Schilling

Special Music (11:00 am)

"Walk in the Light"

Chancel Choir

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION

Offering Prayer and Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Preparation/Celebration of Holy Communion

^Closing Hymn

"Arise, Shine Out, Your Light Has Come"

UMH 725

Benediction/Benediction Music

"If I Could Visit Bethlehem"

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.

JANUARY 2022 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!

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 –is 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 is the contact person for the 1st quarter of 2022 and may be called when someone needs food, transportation, etc. Danna's # is 467-5544.

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 –The change offering container is now located at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Change can be brought by the church during office hours. This month your change offerings go to Mitchell County Safe Place.

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
1/9/22	Bruce Ikard	Kathay Hollifield	Danna & Framton Gibson	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
1/16/22	Matt Hollifield	Ginny Downs	Margarett McGraw / Freddy Jones	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
1/23/22	Sharon Drum	Beverly Greene	Lloyd & Nelle Glenn	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
1/30/22	Jane DeVos	Tracy Carroll	Tom & Eva Jobin	<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 – to all who contributed to UMCOR (Tornados in the Southeast); to those who helped with late Christmas Gifts; to everyone who helped with the Wonderful Wednesday meal; to all who bought gifts for the Headstart Angel Tree; to all who gave to the Santa for Seniors Program; to all who helped with the tree and decorations; to all who participated in the Artisans sale for Community Assistance

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 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; Martha Johnson; Joyce (*Martha Long's sister* – Dementia)

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; the family of John Casey; the family of Carolyn Dotts

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); Trooper Kevin Glenn (recovery)

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER: Holly (brain tumor); Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); 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*; Tessie Miller – Leukemia; Johnny Pendley – (Multiple Myeloma); James Acuff (chemo); Lynda Kaye (Kathey 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; James Ouzts; Rick Phillips; Barbara Stovall (*Frank Baskin's* sister – Stroke); Shirley Borgeson (melanoma)

FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY: Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; Jeanette Dellinger; Louise Weeks (rehab); Keith Renfro (accident); Ann Butler; Josh (muscular dystrophy); Erin Haberneck Halpainy (health); Trish Niven (friend of *Jane DeVos* – Medical issues); Becky Griffith (friend of *Jane DeVos* – serious stroke); Harlan Carroll (viral pneumonia, lesion on kidney); Rev. Jacob Kyker (*Neil Brown's* friend – stroke); Charlene Phillips (COVID); Charles Sproles (heart); Joyce Alvarez (recovery from broken hip); Wendell Young (Sam's Dad, fall); Wendy Beaver (knee); Louise Merkel (fall, broken ankle); *Susan Basini* (healing); *Lisa Cook* (gall bladder); Bill Smith (*Norma's* son – hospitalized in Morganton); Tamara Robinson (health)

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; Tornado victims in Kentucky

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.

ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK			
1/7 – Framton & Danna Gibson			
PRESENCE:		Friday, December 24, 2021	Christmas Eve Service – 54
GIFTS	Dec. 24, 2021	General Fund - \$2,274.00	Weekly budget need - \$5,319.00
		Year to Date - \$282,417.27	YTD Budget Need – \$276,988.00
		Lamplighters - \$473.00	Shepherd's Staff Food - 10

The Spruce Pine UMC would like to thank Mary Arrowood for her generous donation in Memory of Bill, Suzy, and Allen Arrowood.

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

Lector: Tim Drum Greeters: Jon & Melanie Jirka Children's Time: Sharon Drum
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, January 9, 2021****

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22