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November 17th, 2019

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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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

Welcome and Announcements

Meredith Hoilman

Prelude

Prelude on "Ash Grove"

Welsh Folk Melody

Entry of the Light of Christ

*Please use this time to focus your whole self - mind, body, and spirit -
on Worshipping God, The Father, and The Son, and the Holy Spirit*

OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Song of Praise

"Holy Ground" (2 times)

TFWS 2272

^Call to Worship

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to vibrantly live.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we abundantly grow as God lovingly tends us.

^Opening Prayer

Let us boldly, yet humbly approach the God of all grace as, together, we pray...

God of love, plant us in the soil of your power. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

^Sharing of the Peace of Christ “The peace of Christ be with you” **“And also with you.”**
(Through the gift of Jesus Christ, we have been granted forgiveness and peace with God and with one another. As a sign and celebration of the peace we have been given, we invite you to turn to your neighbors, extend your hand, and greet/bless them with the words, “The Peace of Christ be with you.”)

^Hymn of Praise **“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”** UMH 662

Children’s Message Chelsea Thayer
Children’s Change Offering Centro Latino Hispanic Outreach
(Following the children’s change offering, 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.)

Call to Prayer **“Hear My Prayer, O God” – verse 3** Worship & Song 3131

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Choral Anthem **“Assurance”** Chancel Choir

^Scripture Reading **John 15:1-8 (CEB)** CEB 1305-1306

Proclamation of the Word **“God of...Power/Strength”** Rev. Rick Schilling

RESPONSE TO THE WORD & SENDING FORTH

Offering our Gifts and Praises to God

Offertory **“All My Trials”** Brenda Sparks

Doxology **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** UMH 95

^Sending Hymn **“We Are God’s People”** TFWS 2220

^Benediction

^Postlude

(CEB) denotes Common English Bible

^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.
- **A SPECIAL WELCOME TO CHILDREN!** Parents, we are so grateful that you and your children are here to worship with us! We believe that children have much to teach us about how to receive the Kingdom of God, so please don’t worry about your kids being a distraction in worship: the sounds that children make are music to our ears, and we are genuinely grateful that they are in our midst.
- **CHURCH NURSERY** - If it is helpful, you are welcome to leave your child with the caring and trained volunteers in our church nursery, which is located in our Sunday School hallway; or, if you prefer, you can make use of the “family room” which we set up each Sunday in the blue-carpeted foyer at the back of the sanctuary: that way your child can play and roam freely while you can relax and listen in to the service.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT AND HILLTOPPERS** - Summit & Hilltoppers meet each Sunday - 5:30-7:30 at Spruce Pine UMC.
- **EARLY SERVICE** - After discussion among SPUMC's Administrative Council, we will continue with the 9:00 am service on a month to month basis this winter. We will adjust as needed due to adverse weather conditions and/or attendance. Our hope is to offer the 9:00 service year-round as a consistent presence in the community, so let's keep inviting family and friends.
- **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** – Sunday, November 24th at 5 pm here at Spruce Pine UMC.

SEE THE BACK OF THE INSERT FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE NEXT 4 ITEMS

- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES** – See the insert.

- **HELP PROVIDE FOOD FOR MEALS ON WHEELS THANKSGIVING MEAL** – See the insert.
- **ANGEL TREE GIFTS** – See the insert..
- **SHOP WITH A COP** – See the insert.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONTACT PERSON** – Mary Robinson is the contact person for the 4th quarter and may be calling if someone is in need of food, transportation, etc. Her phone numbers are 765-6301 (H) and 385-0473 (C).
- **CD'S AVAILABLE IN THE WELCOME CENTER** –by Grant Sparks. Proceeds will benefit the Lamplighters.
- **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
- **LEFT BEHIND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY - SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS** - Meets at 6:30 pm the 1st Wednesday every month in the Oak Room, Sloop Medical Offices Building, Cannon Hospital, Linville, NC. Contact Sandy at 828-467-5379 or Jane at 828-504-0155.
- **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.
- **PLEASE FILL OUT THE PEW REGISTRATION PADS** by the windows at the end of each pew. **Pass them to the inside** and the ushers will pick them up after they receive the offering.

REGULAR MEETINGS

GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Nancy Ball
SPUMC Book Club	1 st Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	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
Al-Anon	Thursdays - 7:00 pm	Youth Room	467-1193 & 704-609-5379

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE:

(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
11/24	Dwight Willett	Beverly Greene	Josh & Jennifer Newton	TBA	Meredith Hoilman
12/1	Tim Drum	Melanie Murphy	Jon & Melanie Jirka	Sherry Sherman	Brandy Miller
12/8	Bruce Ikard	Tracy Carroll	Jack Riley / Maria Douglass	Rachelle Shock	Tracy Deyton
12/15	Marvin Walker	Bruce Ikard	John Campbell & Ginny Downs	Chelsea Thayer	Kim Ledford

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, Smoky Mountain, and Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton*, Barbara Day); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola*; June Wilson; David Hoepfner; *Bretta Walker*; *Charles Hale*; All expectant mothers and unborn children; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2019; *Sandra Woodard*; Jan Hamilton's Mother Jo (healing), Weston Stout; *Tim Hollifield*; Muffy Dayton; Marcia Murphy; Rosemary Allen (*Stan Cook's sister*); Frank Henline; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; Trevor Higgins; Jennifer Willett (*expecting*); Rick Aldridge; Mike McKinney; Brannon & Amy Young; Chris Dobson & family; Kathy Baker (grief); Faye Vickers family; Marcus Wood; Charlotte Clark; our college students (Landon Miller, Hannah Hollifield); Susan Hoeg, Virginia, Charlie & William; Inez McRae; Mike Willis; those with mental health issues; Hannah Blanton; Mike Lewis; Ron & Linda Cromarty; Dori Ann (sobriety); Beth's pregnancy (Dwight's sister); Lynda Briggs; Bob & Glenn (*Glenna's cousins*); Lindsey–(Donnie Peters' daughter –new daughter); Michela Buchanan (*expecting*); Myra Habernack Strube, Jessie Wray
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** family of Diane Cathey; the family of Jessica; the family of Marvin's friend Dottie; Josh & Ashley Miller (loss of child); the family of Claire Hedrick; the family of Shirley Hise; family of Marshall Goodman; the family of Richard Eng; the family of Ann Williams Hoilman; *David Goodnight* (loss of his dog); family of Michael Burke; the family of Gene Higgins; for the family of Lloyd McKinney; *Rae Carr* (loss of pet)

- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Wayne Hoilman; Ozzie Hernandez; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Patti Morgan; Louie Smith (*Lila Baskin's brother*); Laura Moore (back surgery); Dean (Judy's cousin, heart & kidney transplant); Dillon (specialist); Mary Shannon Perdue (on kidney transplant list); *John Campbell (recovery)*; Heather Walker (back in hospital); Heather's Mom (hospital); Bud Myers (hospital); Mary Ruth Webb (waiting on kidney transplant); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); *Barbara Henline*; Phil White (prostate surgery 11/18); Herman Buchanan (*Aaron's dad*)
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Judy Rinard; Diane Meatyard; Joyce Woody; Holly (brain tumor); Randy Chambers; Larry Metcalf (liver); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Claire Spence; Peggy Grantham (bladder); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Marcia Murphy; Danny Gortney; Marianna Jaeger; Gary Graham; Lori Haythorn (brain tumor); Erin (brain cancer); Floyd (*Grace Buchanan's neighbor*); Todd Fleenor (throat cancer); Gloria (*Susan Curtis' friend – chemo/kidney failure*); Lawrence Glenn
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompson (MS); Sandra Glenn; *Danna Gibson*; Allison Street; Carol Woodward; Annette McKinney (ALS); *Michela Buchanan (pregnancy)*; Sandy Hornaday – (health); *Dwight Willet's father (meniscus)*; Ray Alvarez (eye); Rhonda Gouge (sepsis); Janice (friend of *Beth Ziemba*); Homer Cook (*Stan's dad*); Doris (*Eva's aunt*); Jeanette Dellinger; Jackson Wideman; Vicki (accident); Benny (health); Charlene (fall); Oscar (car accident); Louise Weeks (rehab-pt); Jane Daniels (health); Rosemary (Elaine Percival's granddaughter – auto accident); Mr. Long – (nearing end of life); Serenity (shaken baby syndrome); Keith Renfro (accident); David DeVos (heart attack); Libby Miller (motorcycle crash); Shane Cox (Donnie Peters' son in law, multiple health issues); *Janet & James Ouzts (health)*; *Melanie Jirka (ankle)*; *Phil White (injury)*
- **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY:** Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; Samuel Oliver Bruno family; people of Venezuela; Clement & Mary of Colombo, Sri Lanka, their family & church family at St. Anthony's; solutions to gun violence; Bahamas residents; Houston flooding victims; Greta Jean (China – *Glenna's daughter*)
- **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:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Ben Potter (Army); Josh Swindler (Navy); Ben Smith (Army); Karen (new teacher in Istanbul); those headed back to Florida; for all those traveling; *Tim Hollifields* sister (Pakistan)

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
17 - Peter King, Deb Stanbery	18 – Ima Conroy, Suzanne Schilling	19 – Rob Nance, Rae Carr	20 – Brimleigh Buchanan	21 – Todd Dunn, Jacob Edwards	22 – Amber Henline	17 -Peter & Suzanne King
PRESENCE:		November 10th, 2019			9:00 - 42 11:00 – 108 Total - 150	
GIFTS	November 10th, 2019	General Fund - \$4,928.00			Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00	
		Year to Date - \$192,770.88			YTD Budget Need – \$183,320.00	
		Children's Offering - \$51.02 -Centro Latino			Mission Trip - \$100.00	
		Mitchell Co. Animal Shelter - \$200.00			Trunk or Treat Expense - \$150.00	
		Community Assistance - \$2,650.00			Shepherd's Staff Food Donations -20	

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

Lector: Meredith Hoilman Greeters: Bill & Judy Sears Children's Time: Chelsea Thayer
Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Katie Willett Preschool: Kim Ledford Offertory: Brenda Sparks

WITNESS: GOD IS THE GOD OF LOVE, GUIDANCE, SATISFACTION, CARE, STRENGTH, AND POSSIBILITIES. THE MORE ACCURATELY WE SEE AND KNOW WHO GOD TRULY IS, THE BETTER WE CAN REPRESENT GOD IN THIS WORLD. GOD MEETS US WHERE WE ARE, IN THE MIDST OF OUR CHAOS. GOD HELPS US SEE OUR LIVES CLEARLY AND OFFERS US CONTENTMENT THAT CANNOT BE MATCHED. GOD EMPOWERS US TO DO MORE THAN WE THINK IS POSSIBLE. THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES WHO NEED TO KNOW THIS ABOUT GOD – AND ABOUT THEMSELVES. IN WHAT WAYS CAN WE OFFER GOD'S LOVE, GUIDANCE, SATISFACTION, CARE, STRENGTH, AND ENCOURAGEMENT? LET'S BE WILLING TO ALLOW GOD TO WORK IN US AND THROUGH US FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD.

****Next Week's Scripture – November 24, 2019****

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 1:68-69, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43, John 11:17-26 (CEB)