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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

Welcome and Announcements

Dwight Willett

Prelude

Instrumental Ensemble

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

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH 384

^Call to Worship

Coming from places that have seen better days,

**God bids us to celebrate this day,
a day full of new possibilities.**

Coming with our breath taken away by grief,
**the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us,
renewing our connection with God
and with one another.**

Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,
**Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death,
speaking in word and sacrament,
and building community for holy service.**

^Opening Prayer

To the giver of life and new life, let us offer our prayer, first in silence, then with spoken voice...

(Pray in Silence)

Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit. Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace. For the sake of Jesus, the resurrected One, 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 “Change My Heart, O God” (2 times) TFWS 2152

Children’s Message Beverly Greene
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 4 Worship & Song 3131

Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Choral Anthem “We’re Gonna’ Worship Christ the King” Chancel Choir

^Scripture Reading John 11:17-26 (CEB) CEB 1307

Proclamation of the Word “God of...Possibilities” Rev. Rick Schilling

RESPONSE TO THE WORD & SENDING FORTH

Offering our Gifts and Praises to God

Offertory “Simple Gifts” Celia Tainter Ringers

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

^Sending Hymn “O Day of God, Draw Nigh” UMH 730

^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.

- **COMBINED ADVENT SERVICES** – We will bring together our 9:00 and 11:00 services for the month of December to observe Advent and celebrate Christmas. We will resume the 9:00 service starting January 5th. Let's commit to worshipping together during this most holy time of year, as we wait for the coming of Christ.
- **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** – Tonight, November 24th at 5 pm here at Spruce Pine UMC.

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
12/1	Tim Drum	Melanie Murphy	Stan & Lisa Cook	Sherry Sherman	Brandy Miller
12/8	Bruce Ikard	Tracy Carroll	Frank Baskin / Don Abele	Rachelle Shock	Tracy Deyton
12/15	Marvin Walker	Bruce Ikard	Bob & Susan Davis	Chelsea Thayer	Kim Ledford
12/22	Sharon Drum	Greg Hoilman	Bert & Diane Sheeley	Becky Nance	Maddi Landon

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 & Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton*, Barbara Day); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola*; June Wilson; David Hoepfner; *Bretta Walker*; *Charles Hale*; 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; Chris Dobson & family; Kathy Baker (grief); Faye Vickers family; Marcus Wood; Charlotte Clark; 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 (Susan C. niece); Beth's pregnancy (Dwight's sister); Lynda Briggs; Bob & Glenn (*Glenna's cousins*); Lindsey– (*Donnie Peters' daughter –new daughter*); Michela Buchanan (*expecting*); Myra Haberneck Strube, Jessie Wray
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** 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); family of Christine Gortney; family of Mabel Lopeman (*Nancy's mother*)

- **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*; *Tim Drum (heart)*; Phil White (prostate surgery 11/18); Herman Buchanan (*Aaron's dad*); Carolyn Sproles (knee replacement); Neil Brown (surgery recovery)
- **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)*; Emma Johnson (stroke)
- **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 THIS WEEK
24 – Marina Woodby	27 – Sandy Singleton	30 – Woodrow Buchanan	24 – Jack & Carolyn Riley
PRESENCE:		November 17th, 2019	9:00 - 42 11:00 – 105 Total - 147
GIFTS	November 17th, 2019	General Fund - \$4,144.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,583.00
		Year to Date - \$196,914.88	YTD Budget Need – \$187,903.00
		Children's Offering - \$73.64 -Centro Latino	Mission Trip - \$100.00
		Hughes Building Fund – 4,000.00	Trunk or Treat Expense - \$50.00
		Community Assistance - \$265.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations -19

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

Lector: Dwight Willett Greeters: Josh & Jennifer Newton Children's Time: Beverly Greene
Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: TBA Preschool: Jennifer Newton Offertory: Handbells

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 – December 1, 2019****

Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44, Luke 2:8-14 (CEB)