

Prelude	<i>Brother</i>	Praise Band
	<i>The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)</i>	
Welcome		
*Call to Worship		
*Song of Praise	<i>Living Hope</i>	
Scripture Lesson	Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSV)	pg. 759 (NT)
Invitation to Offering		
Offertory Prayer		
Children's Time		Claire Butler
At the end of Children's Time message, children (3yrs - 5th grade) are invited to go with Claire to KOW. Nursery is also available for children up to 4 years old.		
Prayer Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	<i>Come As You Are</i>	Praise Band
Sermon Scripture	Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV)	p. 77 (NT)
Sermon	"Jesus Came to Seek and to Save the Lost"	Pastor Tommy Sweeley
*Song of Response	<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)</i>	
Altar Moments Alter Lives		
*Benediction		
*Postlude		Praise Band

(*) denotes standing for those who are able

Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

Welcome to God's house! "It's a joy to have every worshiper here to glorify God and to share in fellowship with one another. After the 9:00 worship service, everyone is invited to gather for refreshments and fellowship." -Southern Pines UMC Family

Prelude		
Welcome		
Introit	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	#UMH 393
*Call to Worship		
*Opening Hymn	<i>Open My Eyes, That I May See</i>	UMH 454
*Psalter	Psalm 130	#848
*Affirmation of Faith	Adapted from Luke 1:46-55	
*Gloria Patri		#71
Prayer of Confession		
Words of Assurance		
Scripture Lesson	Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSV)	pg. 759 (OT)
Prayer Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		
Invitation to the Offering		
*Offertory Prayer		
*Doxology		
Anthem	<i>The Artist</i>	Chancel Choir
Sermon Scripture	Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV)	p. 77 (NT)
Sermon	"Jesus Came to Seek and to Save the Lost"	Pastor Tommy Sweeley
Altar Moments Alter Lives		
*Hymn of Response	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	UMH #378
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	UMH #665
*Postlude		

Children ages birth-4 are invited to go to the nursery during the 11:00 worship service.

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If you would like to know more about Southern Pines UMC or are searching for a church home, we warmly invite you to contact us by placing the completed "Connect with Us" card in the offering plate or by calling the church office (910-692-3518).

The flowers today are given to the glory of God ...

...by Robyn Dadig, "celebrating my first SPUMC birthday. So grateful for this special place where I am challenged to grow in faith and service."

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to...

Chrissy Trumpikas in the death of her brother Nicholas Trumpikas.

Julie Kistler and family in the death of her husband, Bill.

Thank You Liturgists

We wish to thank our liturgists for today's services: 9 am Dr. Robin Moore and 11 am Chaplain (MAJ) Chris Schafer.

Thank You Church Family

Many thanks to our church family, clergy, staff, reception committee and members for their prayers, love and support during Jim's illness and death. These expressions of Christian love will long be remembered. —Sally Thomas & Family

The Passover Seder Celebration—April 6 at 5:30PM (RSVP by March 30)

The Seder meal will be our Maundy Thursday service and will take place in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers needed. Contact Nancy Libertini, tidewaterhome@comcast.net or by calling (910) 722-2113. Reservations can be made at: <http://evite.me/27jbSr6D9n>.

Thank You Susanna Wesley Circle

Thank you to the Susanna Wesley Circle for collecting and packing food treats for the Southern Pines Elementary School staff. —Doris Russell

Pembroke Concert Choir —Sunday, April 23 @ 4:00PM

The Pembroke Singers Concert Choir will be at Southern Pines United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 23 at 4:00pm. This concert is free, but a love offering will be collected. For more information contact Taylor Hickey, taylormhickey@gmail.com. (<https://www.uncp.edu/departments/music/calendar-events#>)

Handbell Choir Needs More

The Southern Pines United Methodist Handbell Choir is in need of more "ringers". If interested or if you have questions, contact Taylor Hickey taylormhickey@gmail.com.

Family Promise—Volunteer Opportunities

"Shout out to Caroline Carlson and Mikey Delle for providing dinner last week for Family Promise! Thank you so much! The next opportunity to serve will be Wednesday, May 17th and Thursday, May 18th. Anyone interested in this ministry should call, text or email Brenda Sharpe: brendabsharpe@gmail.com or 910-690-4024."

Lenten Sermon Series—February 26-April 2

Our Lenten sermon series *will be* February 26 - April 2 based on Adam Hamilton's book *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws*. Through the Gospel of Luke's stories we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. Jesus met, dined, and traveled with people who were not perfect. Many of them were struggling, some were outsiders or even outlaws. Whoever they were, from those he healed to the outlaws with him at his crucifixion, Jesus brought the good news of God's kingdom to those who most needed to hear it. Join us each Sunday on the Lenten journey.

Making plans for your child this summer?

Children can expect to have a wonderful experience this summer while growing closer to Christ at one of the United Methodist Camps. To find out more about all the exciting things going on at Camp Rock Fish, Don Lee, or Chestnut Ridge, visit the camps website at <http://www.ncumcamps.org/>. Scholarships are available. All are welcome to apply. If you need further information, please contact Pastor Tommy, tsweeley@nccumc.org or call, 910-692-3518 ext. 201.

Helping Hands

Our mission is to reach out and provide help to members of our church family in their times of need. The Helping Hands team assists by providing meals to those who may be experiencing illness, recovering from surgery or a medical procedure, a birth, or grief. For more information about this ministry, please contact Valerie Mountcastle, valmount@bellsouth.net.

Greeter Ministry

First impressions are lasting impressions! We want everyone, first-time or long-time member, to feel welcome. You may never know how your warm smile and friendly greeting may impact someone's life. If you would like to be a part of our team of faithful volunteers, or for more information, please contact Valerie Mountcastle, valmount@bellsouth.net. "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." —Maya Angelou

Intercessory Prayer—Tuesday's from 7AM –8AM

Instead of giving up something for Lent, we invite you to join our pastors in prayer for our church each Tuesday morning at 7am in the sanctuary. Prayer time will finish by 8am. You are welcome to come and leave at your convenience, during this time.

GriefShare—<https://www.griefshare.org/groups/>

Grieving the loss of someone close to you? Find comfort and support at GriefShare! Grief-Share is an in person support-group program for anyone grieving the death of a loved one. For additional information contact Bill & Doris Russell, 910-690-5234. A new session has begun at Southern Pines UMC and will continue every Saturday from 9:30 am—11:30 am through April 1, 2023 in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Debbie Whitley and Gwen Funderburk for joining us as facilitators.

Stephen Ministry

What does it mean to hold space for someone else? It means that we are willing to walk alongside another person in whatever journey they're on WITHOUT judging them, making them feel inadequate, trying to fix them, or trying to impact the outcome. When we hold space for other people, we open our hearts, offer unconditional support, and let go of judgement and control. -Heather Plett

For more information on the Stephen Ministry program at Southern Pines UMC, please contact Pastor Tommy Sweeley, tsweeley@nccumc.org or Amy Cooper (Stephen Leader), coopa713@gmail.com.

2023 Holy Week & Easter Sunday Services

Palm Sunday, April 2	9 & 11 am Worship Services
Healing Service, April 5	7 pm
Maundy Thursday/ Seder Meal, April 6	5:30 pm (RSVP by March 30 http://evite.me/27jbSr6D9n)
Good Friday, April 7	7pm
Easter Sunday, April 9	7am Sunrise (SPUMC Lot) 10am Worship Service (sanctuary)

Sunday, March 26, 2023 - Worship Schedule

9:00 am	Contemporary/Live Stream (childcare available, infant —4 years)
9⁴⁵-10 am	Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Sunday School (all ages)
11:00 am	Traditional/Live Stream (childcare available, infant —4years)

Mon - March 27	SPUMC Food Pantry, 10-noon Church Council, 7pm, Ezra Room
Tues - March 28	*Intercessory Prayer, Sanctuary, 7am Exercise Class, 9:30am Nurture Committee, Library, 11am *Tuesday Communion, Chapel, noon Church Staff meeting, 2pm *Stephen Ministry Training, RH-4, 4-6pm Evergreen (AA) Group, 7pm
Wed - Mar 29	Women's Life Group, 10:30am (Mary Ellen Bender, 252-802-0525) Handbell Choir, 5:30pm Chancel Choir, 6:30pm Praise Band, 8pm
Thur - Mar 30	GriefShare, Ezra Room, 1-3pm LPLL Easter Program, Sanctuary
Sat - Apr 1	*GriefShare, 9:30am (Bill & Doris, 910-690-5234) (see bulletin announcement)

April Committee Meetings (7PM)

Trustee Committee April 3 Finance Committee, April 17 Church Council, April 27, 7pm

SAVE THE DATE—VBS- JULY 24-27 (EVENINGS/TIME TO BE DETERMINED)

Pastor Tommy Sweeley: tsweeley@nccumc.org Pastor Elias Ballew: eballew@nccumc.org
Director of Instrumental Music: Alan Daubenspeck, daubenspeck.alan@gmail.com
Director of Choirs: Taylor Hickey, taylormhickey@gmail.com
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Website/Photographer: Laura Francis, sopinesumc@gmail.com, <http://www.southernpinesumc.org>

Hospital: Libby Staples, FH #3807
 Nancy Scaggs, UNC Rex Hospital Rehab

Home: Kitzzy Bundy, Doug & Tina Burns, Jeri Crowell, Mikey Delle, Mary Sue Faulkner, Wyatt Glenn & family, Dick Glidden, Dianne Greene, Mary C. Harris, Lin Heimrick, Hal Leak, Ken Libertini, Mary Majors, Beth Maness, Shannon Masneri, Susan McNeill, Betty Ann McKnight, David Miller, Mike Moore, Jim Pate, Alvin Ratliff, Jennie Rose, Marcia Rowbottom, Gail Scott, Gale Smith, Peggy Southerland, Marjorie Sorensen, Lynne Thigpen, Sally Thomas, Carolyn West, Larry White, Treis Williams & Rachael Wirtz.

Donna Dickson, 1777 Cawdor Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28304

Brenda Geist, 7046 W. Pleasant Oak Court, Florence, AZ 85132-6942

Don & Joyce Batson, 255 Courtyard Boulevard, Rm. 205, Sun City Center, FL 33573

Helge Grill, 6100 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27410

Pat Hitchings, Walton Wood Lake Boone Road, 3550 Horton Street, Apt. 203, Raleigh, NC 27607

Charles E. Kersey, 15 W. Franklin Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108-1117

Fox Hollow: 190 Fox Hollow Road, Pinehurst, 28374
 Jim Juett

Penick Village: 500 East Rhode Island Ave., So. Pines
 Carol Chapman, Myron & Barb Dice, Betty Dorsett, Marion Evans, Gerald & Nancy Peterson, Kay Rhoades, Don & Joyce Tickle and Decatur & Betty Richardson

Memory Care: Jane MacDougall

Quail Haven: 155 Blake Blvd., Pinehurst, 28374
 Jean Hicks Louise Laningham, # 205-E (910) 690-9115

TerraBella: 101 Brucewood Rd., So. Pines, 28387
 Nancy Smith

Active/Deployed: W. Troie Barker, CPT Brian Harvey, COL Mark Ochoa, Gold Star & Military Families

Missionary: 2023 Confirmation Retreat @ Chestnut Ridge UMC ZOE Empowerment UMCOR: Ukraine

Prayer List—If you or others you know have an upcoming medical procedure, are sick, or are experiencing a significant life event, please let our pastoral staff know by contacting the church directly at spumc@nc.rr.com or calling 910-692-3518. You can also fill out the Pastoral Visit or Prayer Request card located on the back of each pew.

Extended Family & Friends:

David Blasingame (Nicki & Betty Pribich)
Theodore Harold Bonham
Sonny Crabbs (brother of Shirley Shank)
Shelia Criswell (Hugh Bingham)
Steven Diggs (Matt Mihacsi)
Myra Doggett (mother of Michelle Aubrey)
David, Carolyn & Carrie Earehart (Scaggs Family)
Julie Farrin sister-in-law of Doug Harvey)
Donnie Funderburk (B-I-L of Gwen Funderburk)
Terry Georgakae (John and Cindy Marohl)
Gwendalyn (Keith & Rhonda McKinney)
Barbara Harris (S-I-L Betty Richardson)
1st Lt. Benjamin Harvey (son of Doug Harvey)
Telena Irwin (Donna Wondergem)
Nancy Jacy (sister of David Young)
Holly Jeffries (sister of Connie Wondergem)
Judy Malecki (S-I-L of Bob Rich)
Frances Maness (mother of Barbara Braddock)
Pastor John Marshall (Amy Cooper)
David McClore (Scaggs/Bonecutter)
Tim McConnell (son of Kaye McConnell)
Mae McGougan
Kim Minton (Robin & Gloria Moore)
Joy Mitchener (niece of Sue Harris)
Ruth & Bob Phillips (Nancy Scaggs)
Jackson Powitchko (grandson, Jack & Kathy Pow.)
Foster Prevatt (brother-in-law of Sue Harris)
Ella Rich (granddaughter, Larry & Lynda Newsome)
Tommy Riggins (brother of Katherine Stafford)
Chuck Russell (Ellen Wilken)
Don Scaggs (Scaggs/Bonecutter)
Matt Scerba (Betty Hobb's dgtr. Meredith's husband)
Miranda Shepherd (Katie Humber)
Susan Stabile
Renee Stoppelbein (Marshall & Bertha Taylor-Miller)
Tessie Troutman Hall (Juanita Boros)
Carol Umansky (sister of David Young)
Bill Wakefield (Donna Wondergem)
Verne Womack (David Young)

Earthquake: Turkey & Syria
 Mass Shootings/Victims of Violence
 Iran Ukraine Weather Issues

Worship Attendance Sunday, March 19, 2023

(9 am) **149** (10 am) Sunday School) **90** (11 am) **74**
 (Virtually) **252** (Tuesday Communion) **5**

Contributions for the week of March 19, 2023

Operating.....	\$ 9,981.00
Church Preservation Fund.....	\$ 150.00
VanSant Camp Scholarships.....	\$ 120.00
General In & Out.....	\$ 170.00
Coalition.....	\$ 270.00
Missions.....	\$ 50.00
Zoe Ministry.....	\$ 30.00
Elec. Processing Donation.....	\$ 10.38
Total	\$ 10,882.38

Operating Contrib. YTD.....	\$ 146,439
Preservation Contrib. YTD.....	\$ 3,635
Operating Expenses YTD	\$ 134,974

(1 John 3:17) "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"

Thank you for your support of Southern Pines United Methodist Church and its missions! Contact Michelle Aubrey at Shelliesnc@gmail.com with questions.

Giving Made Easy

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