

**Please Stand if Able*

Prelude

*Holy Forever
Let Everything That Has Breath*

Welcome & Announcements***Call to Worship**

When we are left to our own devices, we become like weak and cracked vessels.

But when we come before God, seeking God's healing love, we are given the strength and courage to serve others.

We often want to have our own way in all that we do.

We have a difficult time trusting in God.

Lord, come to us this day, healing our mistrust and our hesitancy.

Give us spirits ready to receive your forgiveness and mercy. AMEN.

***Song of Praise** *10,000 Reasons* Praise Band

***Passing of the Peace**

First Reading Luke 14:1-14 page72 (NT)

Children's Time (afterwards, children 3 years - 5th grade are invited to go to KOW).

Joys & Concerns**Pastoral Prayer****The Lord's Prayer****Invitation to Offering**

Anthem *In Christ Alone*

Sermon Scripture Luke 14:15-24 page 72 (NT)

Sermon Pastor John Michael McAllister

***Song of Response** *Desert Song* Praise Band

***Benediction**

***Postlude** Praise Band

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 in Fellowship Hall or the Memorial Garden for refreshments and fellowship.

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).

() denotes those who are able to stand*

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

Prelude**Welcome & Announcements**

Introit *Awake, O Sleeper* Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn** *Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast* UMH #339

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, you desire abundant life for us all, but we become too focused on ourselves, our way, and our glory - often at the expense of our relationship with you and others. Forgive us, we pray. Deliver us from the tyranny of our egos, that we may know the freedom of humility and the security of your steadfast love. Open our hearts and help us to follow the way of Jesus that we may flourish and give you glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God! Amen!

***Gloria Patri** UMH #71

***Passing of the Peace**

First Reading Luke 14:1-14 page 72 (NT)

Call to Prayer *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* Choir

Joys & Concerns**Pastoral Prayer****The Lord's Prayer****Invitation to Offering*****Doxology*****Offertory Prayer**

Anthem *Peace I Leave with You* Chancel Choir

Sermon Scripture Luke 14:15-24 page 72 (NT)

Sermon Pastor John Michael McAllister

***Hymn of Response** *Help Us Accept Each Other* UMH #560

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (refrain)* Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God

In honor of my daughter, Nicki Pribich, in celebration of her birthday by Betty Pribich.

One Joint Worship Service

On the 5th Sunday at 10 o'clock, we will have a joint service to be held on 3/30. There will be a chili luncheon immediately following the 10am worship service. Cost is \$5 per person/serving.

Family Promise

We, will again, need hosts for the following dates: Wednesday, April 9th and Thursday, April 10th. If you would like to help prepare a meal or spend the night, please let me know. We appreciate all you do! —Brenda Sharpe.

Please join Family Promise at the Sandhills Community College Horticultural Gardens Visitor Center for an Appreciation Reception on Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 5:30pm—7:30pm. RSVP by April 15th to executivedirector@fpofmc.org or call (910) 944-7149.

GriefShare: Loss of Spouse

A one-time 2 hour seminar, "Loss of a Spouse" GriefShare seminar will be held on Thursday, May 22 from 5:30-7:30pm in Reeves Hall #5.

This is a seminar for people grieving a spouse's death. The seminar features a video with practical, encouraging advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women, followed by a small-group sharing time. You'll learn what to expect in the days ahead, how to handle the loneliness, what to do with your spouse's belongings, and how to find the strength to go on. Everyone who attends receives a booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life.

Children's Ministry

Two Sunday School classes was added this year — all SPUMC kids are invited to join a class planned just for them at the end of the 9:00am worship service. Class will end at 10:50 so that families who attend the 11:00am service can still do so. We will meet in RH-3, just down the hall from the new class for parents meeting at the same time. Can't wait to see you there!

We're forming teams to expand Kids Own Worship at the 11 o'clock service. Contact Rachel Rosellini to volunteer (Rosellini@sopinesumc.org).

Tuesdays Noon Communion

Join us each Tuesday 12:00-12:30 pm in the Wesley Chapel for prayer, a short devotional and communion with Pastor John Michael or Pastor Elias.

Susanna Wesley Circle—Chili Luncheon

Our main fundraiser of the year will be our Chili Luncheon on Sunday, March 30, 2025. Because it is a fifth Sunday, there will be just one service at 10:00. After this one service, we will have eat-in and take-out as we have done in the past. We will serve chili with saltines and a cookie/dessert. A vegetarian, gluten-free option will be available. \$5 per person/serving.

Mark your calendars for other upcoming SWC meetings:

April 21 @ 7:00PM

May 19 @ 6:00 PM

Senior Adult Fellowship

The Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon will be held at 11:30, Tuesday, April 15th at Table on the Green, 2205 Midland Rd., Southern Pines. Ellen Wilken will speak about the ZOE Empowerment mission ministry. Please contact Vivian Ratliff for details.

SPUMC ZOE Camps - 2025

As you start planning summer activities please consider the ZOE SEAM Camps at Southern Pines UMC. Camps are coordinated by Ellen Wilken.

Early registration discounts are available if paid by May 1, 2025 (20%) and June 1, 2025 (10%). Additional credits are also available. Checks or cash made payable to SPUMC with ZOE Camp Activity on the memo line. All profits benefit orphans in Zimbabwe.

Four camps are available:

Ancient DOT (of the Mediterranean)	June 16-19	\$200
Architecture Studio: small group	June 30-July 3	\$150
Project Design: textiles	July 21-24	\$125
Project Design: wood/recyclables	July 21-24	\$125



CANS FROM FANS

March 9 – April 6

If you choose to provide food items for the "Cans From Fans," please adhere to the items and sizes as described below:

Green Vegetables (Green Beans, Peas, Mixed Vegetables, etc.) 14½ - 16oz can

Starchy or High Protein Vegetables (Corn, Black Beans, Kidney Beans, etc.) 14½ - 16oz can

Tomato Sauce or a Tomato product (Stewed Tomatoes, Crushed Tomatoes, etc.) 14½ - 16oz can

(Please ensure all items are in cans and not glass.)

If you choose to provide monetary contributions, please note on your check's memo line "Cans From Fans" and school name.

Place it in the collection plates each Sunday. There will also be a secure container for each school or university in the Fellowship Hall at the appropriate table for each.

Home:

Mary Ellen Bender, Stephanie Fraser, Dianne Greene, Lin Heimrick, Ken & Nancy Libertini, Mike McCawley, Becky McKenzie, Joe Rasmus, Katherine Stafford & John Southerland

Fox Hollow: 190 Fox Hollow Road, Pinehurst, 28374

Nancy Scaggs -#234 Doug Burns #236

Gracious Retirement Living: 205 SE Service Rd, So Pines

Bill Dillon

Penick Village: 500 E. Rhode Island Ave., So. Pines

Betty Dorsett, Marion Evans, Larry & Lynda Newsome Nancy Peterson-#235, Kay Rhoades-#239 Don (skilled nursing) & Joyce Tickle, Decatur & Betty Richardson, Chuck Kersey and Karla Peabody (Robin Glenn)

Memory Care: Jane MacDougall

Quail Haven: 155 Blake Blvd., Pinehurst, 28374

Jean Hicks

Sanford Health & Rehab: 2702 Farrell Rd., Room #401, Sanford, NC 27330

Nancy Smith —#408

Active/Deployed:

2nd LT Wills Burns, CPT Brian Harvey & Pvt. Griffin Natt Gold Star & Military Families

Missionary:

ZOE Empowerment & UMCOR: Ukraine & Western NC

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 may also fill out the Pastoral Visit or Prayer Request card located on the back of each pew and place it in the collection plate.

For those whose loved ones may be facing a challenge, we are honored to pray for them so they know that they do not have to face their trial or affliction alone.

We however, must keep our list updated in case someone's name was inadvertently left on the list. Next week we will freshen up the list. If you wish to have a name continued or added to the prayer list please contact one of the pastors or a staff member with the information.

Medical Transportation

Please contact Norma Morrison emorrison@nccumc.org or (910-585-0990) to schedule a ride if you are a SPUMC member who may occasionally need transportation to local medical appointments.

Extended Family & Friends

- Theodore Harold Bonham**
- Blake Boothe** (nephew of Dottie Boothe)
- Glenda Cameron** (niece of Gwen Funderburk)
- Shep Crumrine** (brother of Molly Wilson)
- Darryl Danley** (Gwen Funderburk)
- Georgia Davenport** (mother, Francy Thompson)
- Phil Davenport** (father of Francy Thompson)
- Myra Doggett** (mother of Michelle Aubrey)
- Earehart Family** (Nancy Scaggs)
- Donnie Funderburk** (B I L of Gwen Funderburk)
- Ashlyn Hall** (Sally Thomas)
- Barbara Harris** (S-I-L Betty Richardson)
- Jack Hayes** (father of Katie Humber)
- Betty Johnston** (Mikey Delle)
- Claudia Jordan** (Dorothy Womack)
- Holly Jeffries** (sister of Carmen Wondergem)
- Jesse Joyce** (cousin of Cassie Lehr)
- Debbie Darby-Knight**
- Hannah Lindsey & family** (Danny & Martha Borrell)
- Judy Malecki** (S-I-L of Bob Rich)
- Mary Marhol** (mother of John Marhol)
- Jo Marshal** (niece of Don Hill)
- Mac Maclain** (husband of Sue Maclain)
- Carolyn Mawyer** (friend of Jeri Crowell)
- John McCurdy** (Matt Grafenberg)
- Mae McGougan**
- Joy Mitchener** (niece of Sue Harris)
- Mark Moore** (son of Nancy Manar)
- Linda Pace** (niece of Gwen Funderburk)
- Jackson Powitchko** (Jack & Kathy Powitchko)
- Ella Rich** (Larry & Lynda Newsome)
- Jerry Riggins** (brother of Katherine Stafford)
- Tommy Riggins** (brother of Katherine Stafford)
- Lauren Salazar** (D-I-L of Cassie Lehr)
- Myrick Salazar** (son of Cassie Lehr)
- Robyn Schultz & family** (cousin of Gloria Moore)
- Katelyn Semales** (online request)
- Miranda Shepherd** (Katie Humber)
- Ben Sutton** (father of Jason Sutton)
- Judy Turnage** (Barbara Richardson)
- Kristin Vernon** (Jim & Ruthie Borrell)
- Susan Walker**
- Jean Williams** (aunt of Katie Humber)

2025 Year-to-Date Contributions and Expenditures (thru Feb 28)

Operating Contributions YTD \$94,257 Operating Expenditures YTD \$95,972

Thank you for your continued support of the Southern Pines United Methodist Church and its ministry.

Giving Made Easy: Electronic gifts are fast and secure. Give anytime, anywhere to your favorite funds. Schedule donations or set up an account and make donations whenever you'd like throughout the year. Go to the Southern Pines UMC website: www.southernpinesumc.org and click "Give" at the top of the page to get started. **TEXT YOUR OFFERING:** 910-390-1703 (These donations will go to the operating budget.) If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Aubrey: Shelliesnc@gmail.com.

Stock Donations: If you are planning or need procedural information regarding stock donations, we ask that you contact Laura Parker, 910-246-0835 or (lparker@fbwealthmanagement.com), at First Bank Wealth Management.

2025 Lenten Giving Opportunities *(may be given in honor or memory of someone)*

Christian Community Outreach Ministry (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Throughout the year people within our church and community come to our church seeking financial assistance for personal emergencies. Contributions to this fund allows us to meet these requests for rent assistance, electric bills, medications, etc., as deemed necessary.

UMCOR—Western NC—Donations will be used to support on-going work with UMCOR Disaster Relief in Western North Carolina.

Northern Moore Family Resource Center Hope Academy—mission to encourage the development of strong families, healthy children, and caring communities by matching resources with needs in the northern Moore County area.

Sanctuary Flowers/Easter Lilies

Altar flowers are a part of our worship service to glorify God and beautify His house of worship. If you would like to donate flowers, the cost is \$65 per arrangement. Two arrangements are available each Sunday.

Easter lilies (limited supply) are available for purchase. The cost is \$20 for a 6" pot. Questions regarding the purchase of altar flowers or Easter lilies, contact Mikey Delle.

In-Person ~ Live Stream ~ Worship Services

- 7:45 am** Praise Band practice
9:00 am Worship Service w/Praise Band
 KOW (Kids Own Worship)
9:50 am Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Sunday School for all ages (RH-3, RH-5 & Ezra room)
11:00 pm Traditional Worship Service w/Chancel Choir
4:30 pm UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)
- Mon - March 24** Food Pantry, 10am
 Church Council, 7pm
- Tue - March 25** Exercise Class w/Gloria Moore, 9:30am
 Church Staff Meeting, 10:30am
 Tuesday Communion, 12 noon, Chapel (lower level)
 Evergreen (AA) Group, Ezra Room, 7pm
- Wed - March 26** Women's Life Group, 10:30am
- Thu - March 27** *LPLL Children's Church, sanctuary, 10¹⁵-10⁴⁰am
- Fri-Sun-March 28-30** Pastor Elias & Jr. UMYF will attend Kaleidoscope
- Sun - March 30** One Worship Service @ 10am
 Chili Luncheon Fundraiser hosted by the SWC, FH, 11am

*Little People Loving & Learning Preschool (LPLL)

Mission Statement: "Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by connecting people to God, to others, and to the world."

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