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Prelude	<i>“Hosanna”</i>	Praise Band
Welcome		
*Songs of Praise	<i>“Unchanging”</i> <i>“Go Tell It On The Mountain”</i>	
Passing of the Peace		
Advent Candle Liturgy	Isaiah 11:1-9	page 602 (OT)
Joy’s & Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Children’s Time		Maggie Chick
Invitation to the Offering		
Anthem	<i>“The Table”</i>	Praise Band
Second Scripture	Matthew 24:36-44	page 26 (NT)
Sermon		John Michael McAllister
Invitation to Communion		
Prayer of Confession		
Words of Assurance		
*Great Thanksgiving		
Giving Bread/Cup		
Prayer after Communion		
*Song of Response	<i>“My Soul Magnifies The Lord”</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		
*Postlude		

**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.

**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).

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Prelude		
Welcome & Announcements		
*Introit	<i>“Prepare the Way of the Lord”</i>	Chancel Choir
*Call to Worship		
*Opening Hymn	<i>“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”</i>	UMH #196
*Opening Prayer		
Holy God, in this violent and hurting world, we long for your peace to transform us and all creation. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, and guide us toward a future of justice and love as we follow the Prince of Peace, Christ Jesus, the Lord. Amen.		
Gloria Patri		UMH #71
Passing of the Peace		
Advent Candle Liturgy: Peace	Isaiah 11:1-9	page 602 (OT)
Joys & Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Children’s Time		Maggie Chick
Invitation to the Offering	<i>“Prince of Peace”</i>	Handbell Choir
*Doxology		
*Offertory Prayer		
Anthem	<i>“Joy of Longing Hearts from Sing Christmas Cantata”</i>	Chancel Choir
Second Scripture Reading	Matthew 24:36-44	page 26 (NT)
Sermon		John Michael McAllister
Invitation to Communion		
Prayer of Confession		
Words of Assurance		
*Great Thanksgiving		
Giving Bread/Cup		
Prayer after Communion		
*Hymn of Response	<i>“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”</i>	UMH #206
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ” (refrain)</i>	Chancel Choir
*Postlude		

**The flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of...**  
Marshall Landry’s birthday by his grandparents Frank and Lynne Thigpen.  
Bob & Katherine Stafford in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.

**Thank You**  
Church family, thank you for your prayers, love and support during this very sad time in our lives. We wish you every blessing this Christmas.  
Our love, Larry Newsome’s family.

**Our Sincerest Prayers and Condolences to ....**  
....Nancy Libertini regarding the death of her husband, Ken. A memorial service for Ken will be held on Saturday, December 20th at 2pm.

**Angel Tree Adoptions’ Latest Info—Final Drop Off (Sunday, Dec 7)**  
On Sunday, November 16th there were 22 red angels on the little Christmas tree in the narthex. The generous members of SPUMC quickly chose them.  
Thirty other \$25 Food Lion Gift Card angels were selected for purchase for Southern Pines Elementary School’s bus drivers, custodians, and cafeteria workers. *You may still buy and bring the Food Lion Gift cards even if you didn’t get one on Sunday.* Please do not wrap the Food Lion Gift cards. You may however include the gift receipt with them. The community outreach committee will put your Food Lion Gift Cards in Christmas cards for the recipients.

*Ellen Wilken* said she has plenty of wrapping paper and loves to wrap gifts. If someone would like her to help you wrap the gifts you buy for your angels, that would bring her joy!

Please bring all wrapped gifts and all \$25 Food Lion Gift Cards to the church library during either a 2 hour period on Fri. Dec. 5 (2-4:00p.m.); Sat. Dec. 6 (10-12noon); or when you attend worship on Sunday, Dec. 7th (10:00 &12 noon).

The gifts and gift cards will be taken to Southern Pines Elementary very early on Monday, Dec. 8th. The parents of the children will pick the gifts up from the school social worker on Tuesday, Dec. 9th.

**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.

**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 910-692-3518 or [spumc@nc.rr.com](mailto:spumc@nc.rr.com). 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.

**FirstHealth Hospital:** Frank Thigpen, Reid Heart Center

**In SPUMC**  
Hugh Bingham, Doug Burns, Mikey Delle, Mary Sue Faulkner, Dianne Greene, Sue Harris, Nancy Libertini, Jack Powitchko, Teresa Randall, Joe Rasmus, Alvin Ratliff, Robert Reeve, Katherine Stafford, John Southerland, Katie Wilkins & Carmen Wondergem.

**Fox Hollow, 190 Fox Hollow Road, Pinehurst, 28374:** Nancy Scaggs #234

**Gracious Retirement Living: 205 SE Service Rd, So. Pines:** Bill Dillon

**Penick Village: 500 E. Rhode Island Ave., So. Pines:**  
Betty Dorsett, Lynda Newsome, Nancy Peterson-#235, Kay Rhoades-#239, Don (skilled nursing) & Joyce Tickle, Decatur & Betty Richardson, Chuck Kersey and Karla Peabody (mother of Robin Glenn)

**St. Joseph of the Pines Ctr.: 103 Gossman Drive, So. Pines, 28387:** David Miller—# 215  
**Extended Family & Friends**

**Kelly Hayhurst Amos, Glenda Cameron** (niece of Gwen Funderburk), **Myra Doggett** (mother of Michelle Aubrey), **Robbie Holliday** (mother of Will Holliday), **Jim T. Huelsman** (BP & Liver issues), **Patsy Huelsman** (Peace in Life), **Sue Kesler** (friend of Robyn Dadig) **Louise Miller** (grandmother of Taylor Hickey) **Linda Pace** (niece of Gwen Funderburk), **Jackson Powitchko** (Jack & Kathy Powitchko), **Ella Rich** (granddaughter of Lynda Newsome), **Jerry Riggins** (brother of Katherine Stafford), **Tommy Riggins** (brother of Katherine Stafford), **Miranda Shepherd** (Katie Humber), **Frank Staples, Ben Sutton** (father of Jason Sutton), **Charlotte Wakefield** (Donna Wondergem), **Susan M. Walker** (Cancer), **Rich West** (grandfather of Heath West)

*We are honored to pray for extended family and friends for four weeks. After the fourth week, if someone still needs prayer, please contact the church office so their name may remain on the list. Please keep us posted in the status of your loved ones.*

Year-to-Date Contributions and Expenditures thru November 2025

Total Revenue YTD: \$525,603.41                      Total Expenses YTD: \$531,385.32

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: [www.southernpinesumc.org](http://www.southernpinesumc.org) the Southern Pines UMC website, 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](mailto:Shelliesnc@gmail.com).

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

Honorariums

In honor of Lin Heimrick by Gwen Funderburk, Cassie Lehr, Myron and Barbara Dice, and Debbie Whitley

In honor of Debbie Whitley by Gwen Funderburk

In honor of Sarah Prestipino by her sister, Ginny Jones

Memorials

**In memory of Donna Dickson by** Frank and Lynne Thigpen and Mary Ellen Bender

**In memory of David Hewitt,** father of Susan Harmody, by Steve and Kathy Lassiter, Joe and Vivian Harrington, and Jean Daigre

**In memory of Larry Newsome by** Candace Fairbanks, Jennifer Collier and Amanda Young, Joe and Vivian Harrington, Jim and Shirley McCaskill, Brilio and Lori Mojares, Steve and Kathy Lassiter, Diane Stark, Bill and Maria Pate, Drew and Karen Croucher, Frank and Lynne Thigpen, Gale Smith, Gwen Funderburk, Bob and Katherine Stafford, Sally Thomas, Decatur and Betty Richardson, Richard and Laura Giles, Mary Ellen Bender, Jean Daigre, Caroline Eddy, Allen and Bunnie Osborne, Nancy Libertini, Jay Must, Marguerite Hussey, Kersey and Marshall Smith, Juanita Boros, Jim and Ann Carter, and Hank and Cathy Roofe

**In memory of Ken Libertini by** Gwen Funderburk, Dan and Sara Jane Pate, Kay Patterson, Bill and Doris Russell, and Nancy Libertini

**In memory of Libby Staples by** Dan and Sara Jane Pate and Gwen Funderburk

Susanna Wesley Circle– Monday, December 15th @ 12 Noon (RH-5)

Our Christmas circle meeting is a festive brunch!!! After brunch, our speaker is Jenny Questell, Senior Manager of Direct Marketing for Oceana, a secular, nonpartisan non-profit. Oceana’s mission is to restore the oceans through practical, science driven solutions that benefit people, wildlife, and coastal economies. We will follow with our gift exchange & singalong.

Please bring: 1) a wrapped gift for a needy child of any age; 2) a \$5 gift for our gift exchange; and 3) a brunch dish to share. Guests & new members are welcome! Please let our hostess know to expect you: Elaine Questell, [elainequestell@gmail.com](mailto:elainequestell@gmail.com).

Advent Calendar of Services

AT SOUTHERN PINES UMC

Nov. 30 – First Sunday of Advent

9am Contemporary | 11am Traditional

Dec. 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

9am Contemporary | 11am Traditional

Dec. 14 at 10am – Third Sunday of Advent: Christmas Cantata

Dec. 21 at 10am – Fourth Sunday of Advent: Children’s Nativity

Dec. 24 at 5pm – Christmas Eve Service: Candlelight & Communion

Dec. 28 at 10am – A Service of Lessons and Carols

Join us as we prepare our hearts & minds for the coming of Christ.

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TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Southern Pines UMC Worship Committee needs your help.

The *SPUMC worship committee* is looking for volunteers to assist with preparing the sanctuary for our various services throughout the year. If interested, contact Katherine Stafford at 910-690-2457 or 910-692-9864.

*Thank You to everyone who was able to come and help decorate the sanctuary for Advent. Your help was greatly appreciated. —Worship Committee*

**Family Promise**  
Our next opportunity to serve Family Promise with meals is in February. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, contact Valerie Mountcastle at 843-817-1703.

**Children & Youth Ministry**  
This year we are planning on involving kids and youth in our nativity play. Rehearsals will be held during the Sunday School hour — November 2 through December 21. Even if your family will be out of town the day of the performance, there will be so many opportunities for kids and youth to be a part of this project. We will also be singing our Nativity Play Carols at our Caroling party in December!

Sign up by Saturday, 11/1 Performance 12/21

**Join the Nativity Play Rehearsals**

11/2	10:15 am	11/30	10:15am
11/9	10:15 am	12/7	11:15am
11/16	10:15 am	12/14	11:15am
11/23	10:15am	12/21	9:00am

([hwest@sopinesumc.org](mailto:hwest@sopinesumc.org), [rrosellini@sopinesumc.org](mailto:rrosellini@sopinesumc.org))

**Pastor’s Discretionary Assistance**

We provide service to the community each Wednesday from the church office. By assisting with rent, utilities, K-1 vouchers in cold months and sometimes the purchase of non-narcotic medication (insulin, for example), the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund is used to assist those who may be experiencing a financial emergency. Funds to support this ministry are collected through the year and specifically collected on Communion Sundays. Thank you for your generosity for those in need.

**Altar Flowers**

To make arrangements for flowers for the sanctuary, please call or email Mikey Delle: 910-725-0367 or [mikeydelle@nc.rr.com](mailto:mikeydelle@nc.rr.com). Flower arrangements will be made in glass vases which are easier to transport and more suitable for home display. Please pick them up after the 11:00 service or on Monday in the church office. The **cost is \$65**, payable to SPUMC (altar flowers on memo line).

**Worship Services ~ In-Person ~ Live Stream**

<b>9:00 am</b>	Praise & Worship Service w/Praise Band
<b>10:00 am</b>	Sunday School (adult) Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
<b>10:30 am</b>	Choir practice, Choir Room
<b>11:00 am</b>	Traditional Worship Service w/Chancel Choir
<b>10:15 am</b>	Nativity Play Rehearsals
<b>4:30-6:30 pm</b>	Youth Group (Isaiah 11:1-10 & Psalm 72:18-19)
<b>Mon - Dec 8</b>	Food Pantry, Lower Level, 10-11:30am Staff-Parish Relations Committee, 7pm
<b>Tue - Dec 9</b>	Exercise Class (Strength & Flexibility), Narthex, 9:30-10:30am Communion, Wesley Chapel, 12 noon Evergreen (AA) Group, 7:30pm
<b>Wed - Dec 10</b>	Women’s Life Group, Ezra Room, 10:30am
<b>Thu - Dec 11</b>	Homeschool Market Place, Fellowship Hall, 9-3pm
<b>Sun - Dec 14</b>	Christmas Cantata, 10am
<b>Mon - Dec 15</b>	Susanna Wesley Circle Christmas Luncheon, RH-5, 12 noon Church Council, 7pm
<b>Sat - Dec 20</b>	Memorial Service: Ken Libertini, 2pm
<b>Wed - Dec 24</b>	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5pm

**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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