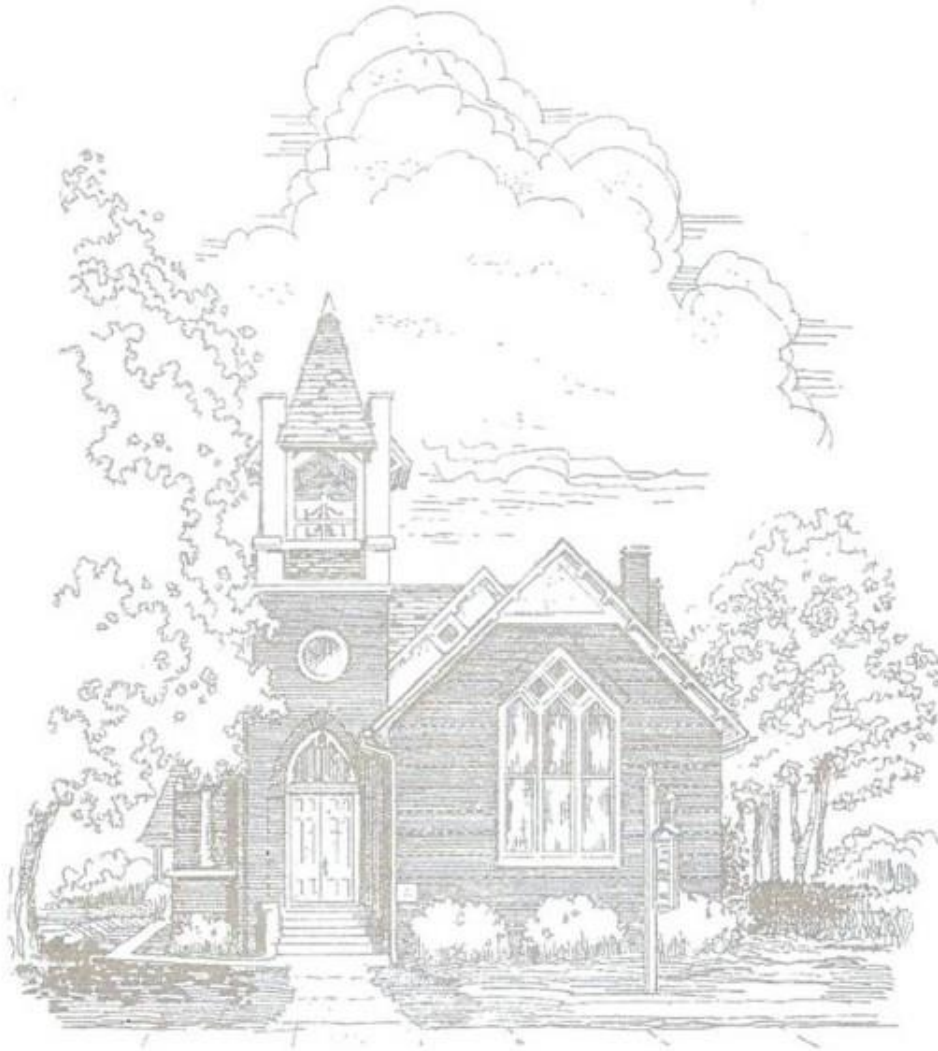


"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."
Thomas a Kempis



First United Methodist Church

128 NORTH CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

January 1, 2017
Epiphany Sunday

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

Dan Gill

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

(Please prepare for worship through prayer and silent meditation.)

CHORAL INTROIT

There's a Song in the Air

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

where the hungry are served first. where the thirsty drink life's water.

We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

God of new beginnings, you wipe away our tears and call us to care for one another. Give us eyes to see your gifts, hearts to embrace all creation, and hands to serve you every day of our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN No. 89, Vs. 1, 2, 4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING No. 95

The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 254, Vs. 1, 2, 4

We Three Kings

ANTHEM

How Great Our Joy

(Following this part of the service, preschool children may go to the nursery, and children in grades K-6 may go to Creation Station.)

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

“Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’

“And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’

“Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’

“Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’

“And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When Did You See Him?

Reverend Scott Wilks

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 12

(Use the musical responses on page 17. Your generous offering left on the Communion rail goes to the Pantry Fund, which assists those of our community in need.)

*HYMN No. 251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

(Following the Benediction, please greet one another with joy and affection.)

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you may be able.

(Items in **BOLD** are unison.)

CALENDAR/EVENTS

Sunday School: Don't forget Sunday School classes, which meet at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning!



Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays—6:00 p.m.

UMM: Second Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

UMW: Second Thursday of the month at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend: The FUMC Youth Group, lead by Katie Stout, meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. January 8 — Spaghetti Luncheon Fund Raiser for Youth Resurrection Trip.

Online Calendar: The church website has an online calendar with all regularly scheduled events and as new one-time or recurring events are scheduled, they are also added. Check it out!

NOTICES

Disaster Assistance: Financial donations for the fires in Gatlinburg may be made online at disasterresponse.holston.org or you may make an offering through the church by giving a check to our church and in the memo line write "fires."

Large Print Hymnals are available. If you would like to use one, please notify an usher.

Pastor Scott can be found on Facebook, (540) 818-9155, or parsonwilks@gmail.com.

To protect the privacy of those on our **Prayer List**, the list is not available online. For more information, contact Rev. Scott Wilks about the list.

Please silence your **Electronic Device** during the service out of respect for others.

The **Telephone** number for the church is (423) 727-7554 and the parsonage is (423) 727-7572.

The **Volunteer Schedule** is also available on a separate page of this website.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Children's Sermon	Children's Church	Bulletin Board
01-Jan	Payne	Holder	Communion	Pennington	Bell/Gildea Mid Jan & Feb
08-Jan	Angel	Hall	Fortune	Huff	
15-Jan	Holder	Brown/Sijthoff	Gill	Walsh	
22-Jan	Bellamy/B. Smith	St. John/B. Smith	Wilks	Payne	
29-Jan	Worley	Evans/Peake	Fifth Sunday	Gratsch	