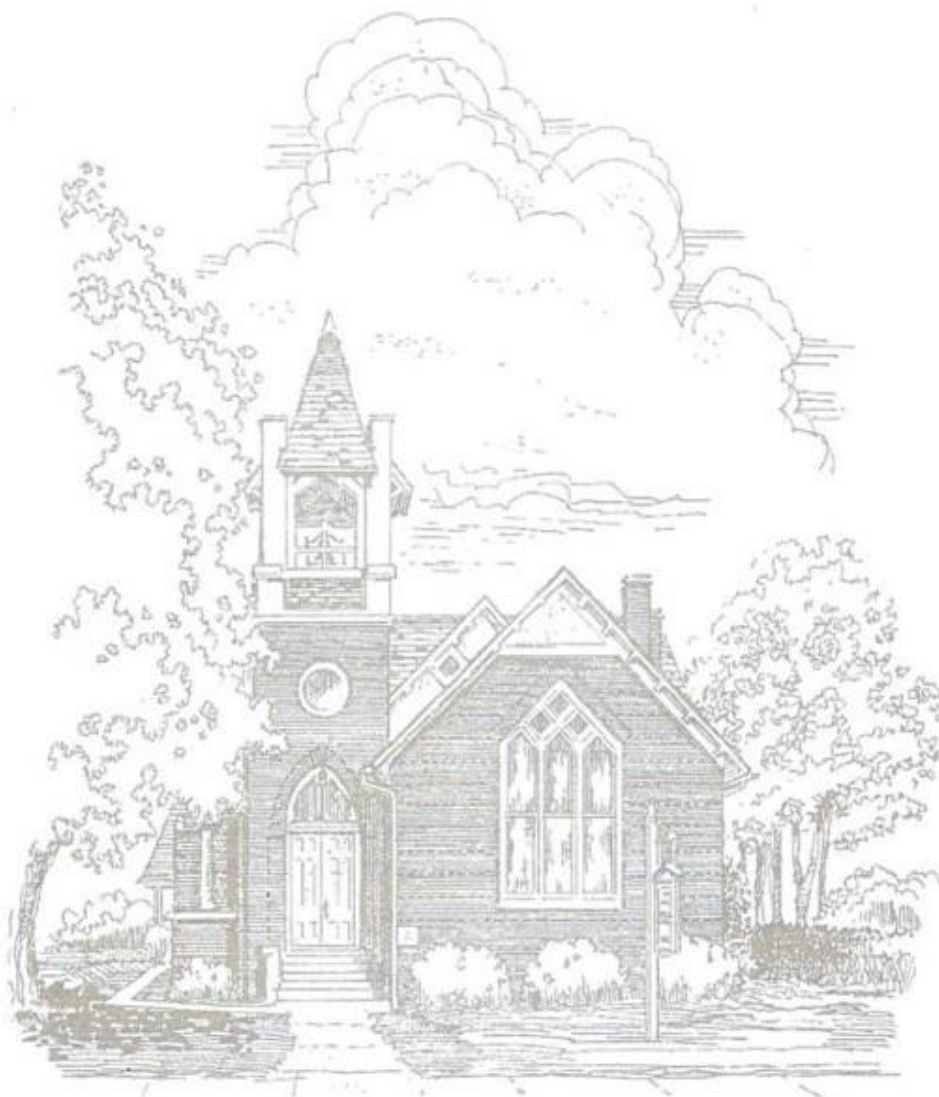


*"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."*  
Thomas a Kempis



# First United Methodist Church

128 NORTH CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

January 8, 2017  
Baptism of the Lord

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

Evelyn Cook

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

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

CHORAL INTROIT

O God in Heaven

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Today we celebrate a special baptism; the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth. God says:  
Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;

**I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring true justice to the nations.**

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and Spirit came down like a dove; and there was a voice from heaven saying:

**“This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted.”**

The joy of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on us. As you led Jesus to the waters of baptism in the Jordan, opened up the heavens, and came down upon him, come down, O Love Divine, upon us. Open our eyes and our ears that we today may hear afresh in our own hearts that voice from heaven which said to him, “This is my beloved child, in whom I am well pleased.” **Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 332, Vs. 1, 2, 4

Spirit of Faith, Come Down

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. 252

When Jesus Came to Jordan

ANTHEM

A New Name in Glory

(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 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

This Is My Son  
Reverend Scott Wilks

\*APOSTLES' CREED No. 881

\*HYMN No. 347

Spirit Song

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen

(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.

**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!





**The FUMC Youth Group is trying to raise enough money to attend Resurrection, a United Methodist youth revival in Pigeon Forge. Please support the church youth and join us for dinner after Sunday worship.**

- **Spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings**
- **Date: January 15, 2017**
- **Time: Following the worship service**
- **Where: FUMC Fellowship Hall**
- **Cost: Donation**

NOTICES

**Disaster Assistance:** Financial donations for the fires in Gatlinburg may be made online at [disasterresponse.holston.org](http://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](mailto:parsonwilks@gmail.com).

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.

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	Bobbitt/Sijthoff	Gill	Walsh	
22-Jan	Bellamy/B. Smith	St. John/B. Smith	Wilks	Payne	
29-Jan	Worley	Evans/Peake	Fifth Sunday	Gratsch	