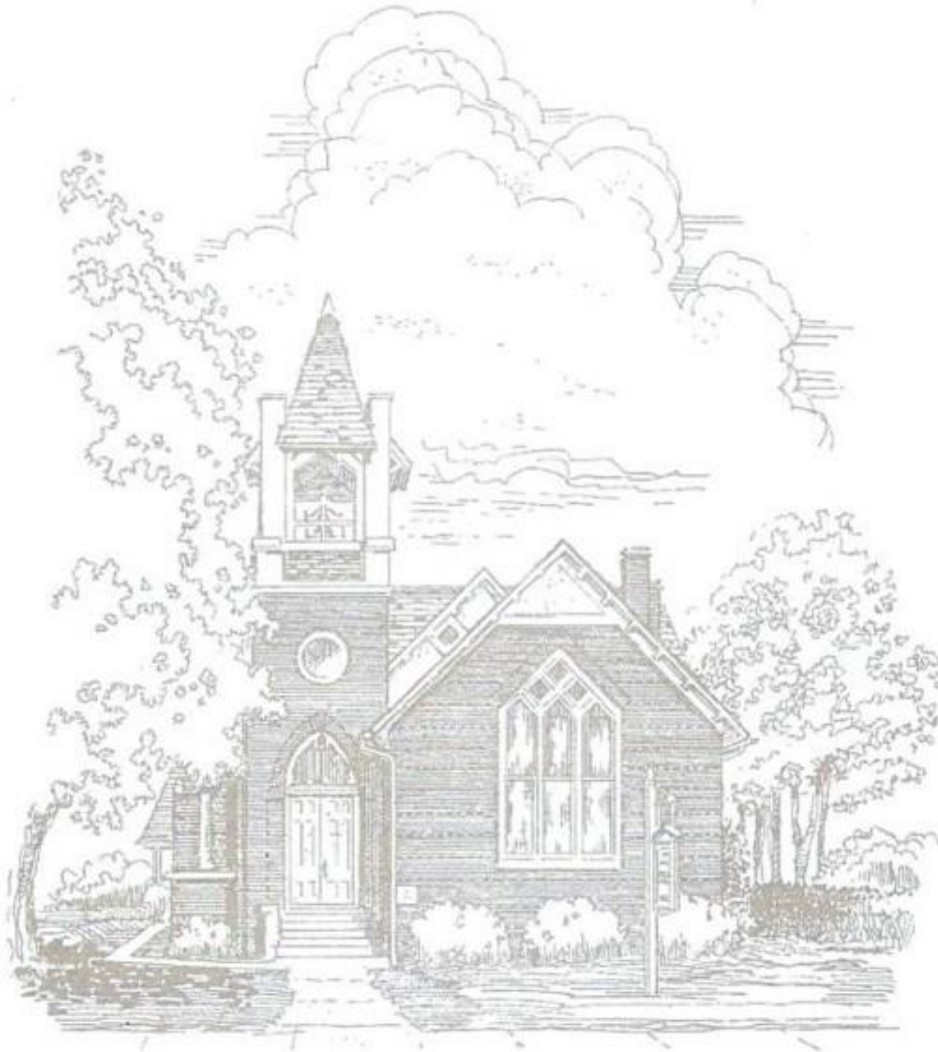


"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."
Thomas a Kempis



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128 NORTH CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

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JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Take This Bread

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

God said, "Let there be light."

And there was light.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

And the light shone in the darkness.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

All: And the light shall not be quenched.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God of light, your searching Spirit reveals and illumines your presence in creation. Shine your radiant holiness into our lives, that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, to break every yoke and silence evil tongues. **Amen.**

*HYMN No. 569, Vs. 1, 2, 4

We've a Story to Tell the Nations

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. 571, Vs. 1, 2, 4

Go, Make of All Disciples

ANTHEM

Here Oh My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

(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 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light

to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Who will be counted as righteous?

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. 572

Pass It On

*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.

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!

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NOTICES

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.

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 |
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| 02/05/17 | Glenn | Cook | Communion | Pennington | Bell/Gildea |
| 02/12/17 | Wright | Fagan | Brown | Leigh | |
| 02/19/17 | Walsh | Perry/W. Smith | Glenn | Worley | |
| 02/26/17 | Gill | Winningham | Wilks | Angel | |