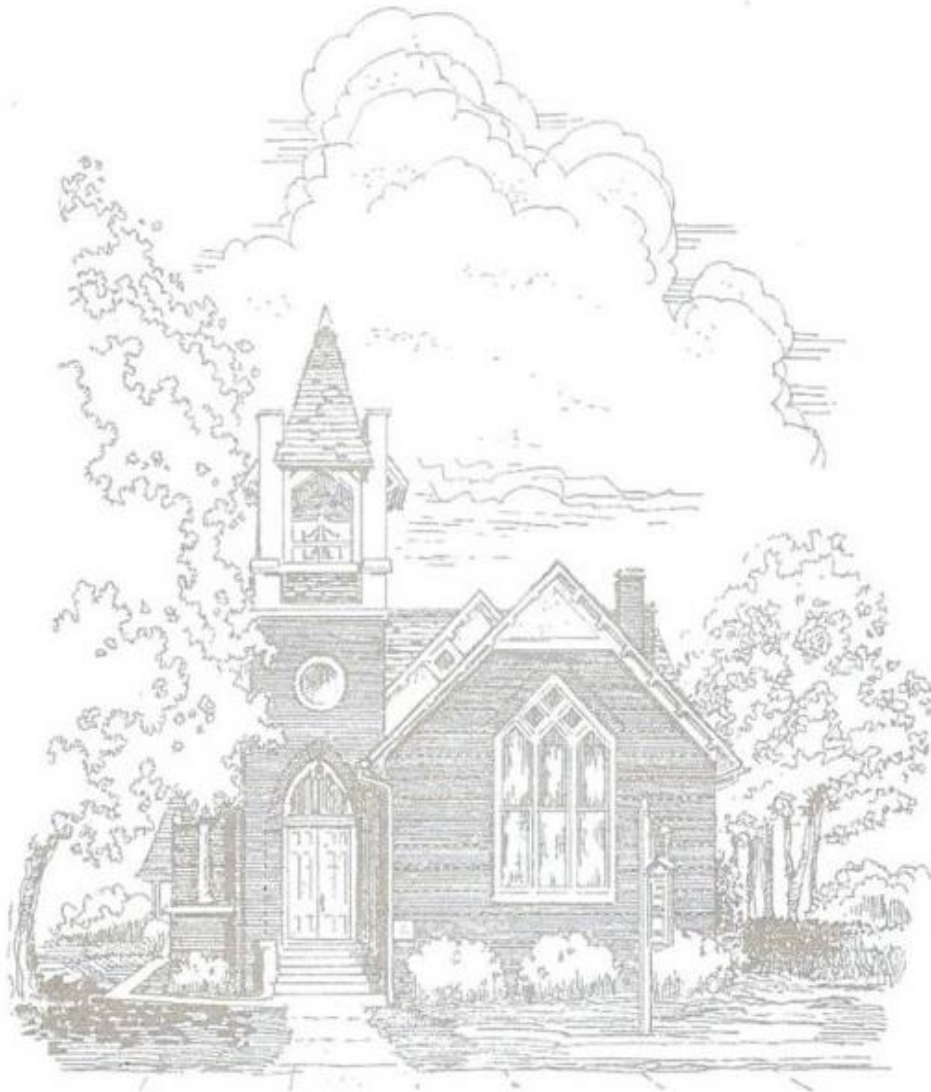


*"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."*  
Thomas a Kempis



**First United Methodist Church**

128 NORTH CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

**February 26, 2017**

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Shine, Jesus, Shine

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

A bush burns and is not consumed.

**God is present among us.**

A voice calls out from the clouds.

**God is present among us.**

A light shines in the darkness,  
and the morning star rises in our hearts.

**God is present among us.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Holy God, who revealed the Messiah on the mountain, fill us with praise, overflowing with cheers and mysterious visions. Light our way; direct our course; and energize us, for we have one more mountain to climb, through Jesus Christ, who is the light. **Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 98

To God Be the Glory

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. 314

In the Garden

ANTHEM

Peace Like a River

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Scott Wilks

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Fully Confirmed  
Reverend Scott Wilks

\*APOSTLES' CREED No. 881

\*HYMN No. 666, Sing Twice

Shalom to You

\*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

**Ash Wednesday Service:** Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 7 PM.

**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
26-Feb	Gill	Winningham	Wilks	Angel	Bell/Gildea
05-Mar	Heerschap	Hall	Communion	Pennington	March/April Angel Easter/Spring
12-Mar	Hall	Holder	Walsh	Bontrager	
19-Mar	Payne	Bobbitt/Sijthoff	Wright	Tierney	
26-Mar	Angel	Evans/Peake	Wilks	Huff	