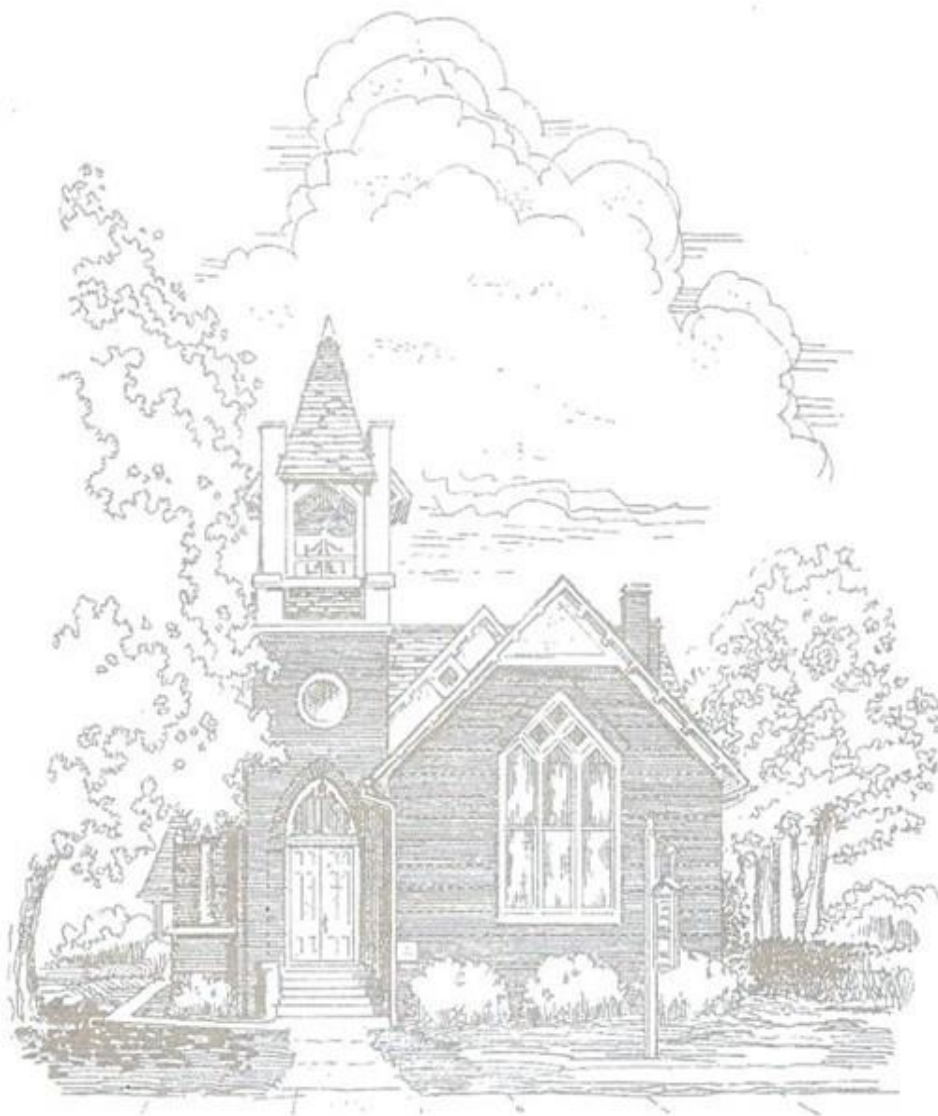


"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."
Thomas a Kempis



First United Methodist Church

128 NORTH CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

March 12, 2017

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

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

CHORAL INTROIT

In His Time

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Come and worship Christ,
the visible image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of creation,
the eternal God:
the one through whom all things were created,
and in whom all things are held together.

This is our God!

Let's worship together.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Responsive)

Jesus come and save us,

**We are but dust,
We are like ashes,
but you can touch our unclean souls.**

Jesus come and forgive us,

**Our hearts are heavy,
Our burdens are great,
Cleanse us with the water of life.**

Jesus come and heal us,

**Restore our sight,
Teach us truth,
Speak to us words that bring us wholeness.**

Jesus touch us with your heart of love,

**Cleanse us with the water of life,
Restore our sight that we may see,
Teach us truth that we may lead Godly lives. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 577, Vs. 1, 2, 4

God of Grace and God of 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. 700, Vs. 1, 2, 5

Abide with Me

ANTHEM

Shepherd of Love

CHILDREN SERMON

Judy Walsh

(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

Colossians 1:15-17

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

I Believe in Jesus Christ
Reverend Scott Wilks

*HYMN No. 364

Because He Lives

*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

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays—6:00 p.m.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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!

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

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.

Unique Boutique: Open Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

United Methodist Youth Group: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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.

PRAYER LIST

In Your Prayers: Coach Harold Arnold, Jessica Borst Baker, Ina Bellamy, James (Bud) Bellamy, Bradley & Sarah Brown, Ken Caraway, Howard Carlton, Jim Everett, Sandra Vaught Herron, Dottie Howard, Donna & Mort Johns, Joanne Nelson, John Perry, Donna Rosenberg, Gene Sauer, Bruno Steinhäuser, Kate Stermer, Jeff Stout, Margie & Ralph Stout, Kenneth Tolliver, Hill Ward, Pastor Scott Wilks (broken leg), Larry Wilson.

Military Service—Germany: Angel Sluder; Kuwait: Alan Morgan; USS Iwo Jima: Joshua Pace; Corpus Christy, Texas: Daniel J. Herman, Navy ENS, Flight Training; Lackland Air Force Base, Texas: Timothy West Bellamy.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Children's Sermon	Children's Church	Bulletin Board
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	