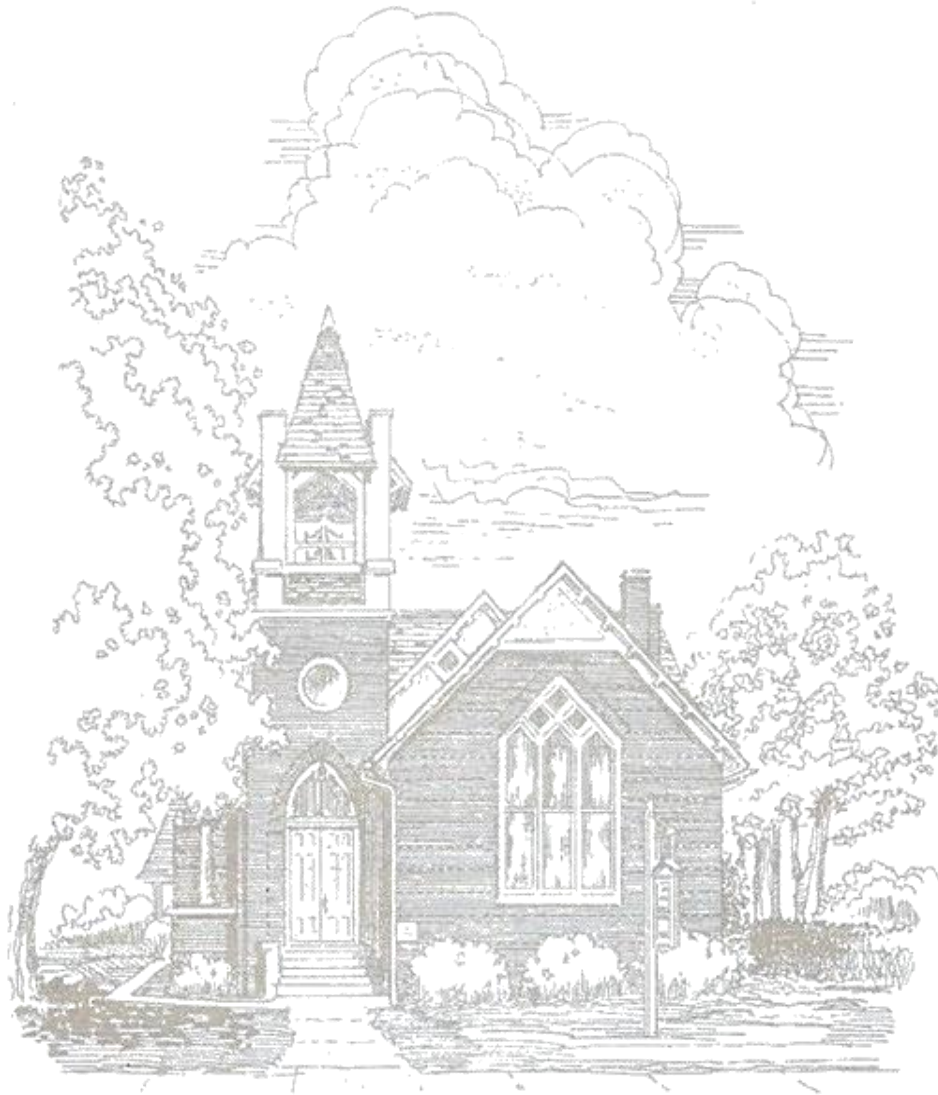


*"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."*  
Thomas a Kempis



# First United Methodist Church

128 NORTH CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

March 26, 2017

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Awesome God

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We have come together as one.

**One people, gathered in the name of the one God.**

We will worship together as one.

**One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.**

We are being empowered as one by One.

**One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling,**

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all.**

Now, in the name of the Three-in-One, we act as one.

**One people, giving witness to the power of One.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**O wondrous God, on this holy day, we have gathered together once again to celebrate your presence among us, to praise you, and to thank you for all you have given us. May this time of worship strengthen and refresh us, and fill us with such joy that we cannot help but share it with everyone around us. Though we are very different people, with many different talents and gifts, make us one in your Spirit, that we may be your ministers in the world. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 555

Forward Through the Ages

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. 332, Vs. 1, 2, 4

Spirit of Faith, Come Down

ANTHEM

I Am Satisfied with Jesus

CHILDREN SERMON

Scott Wilks

(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

John 17:20-23

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

I Believe in the Church & the Communion of Saints

Reverend Scott Wilks

\*HYMN No. 671

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

\*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!

## LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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

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

## 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	