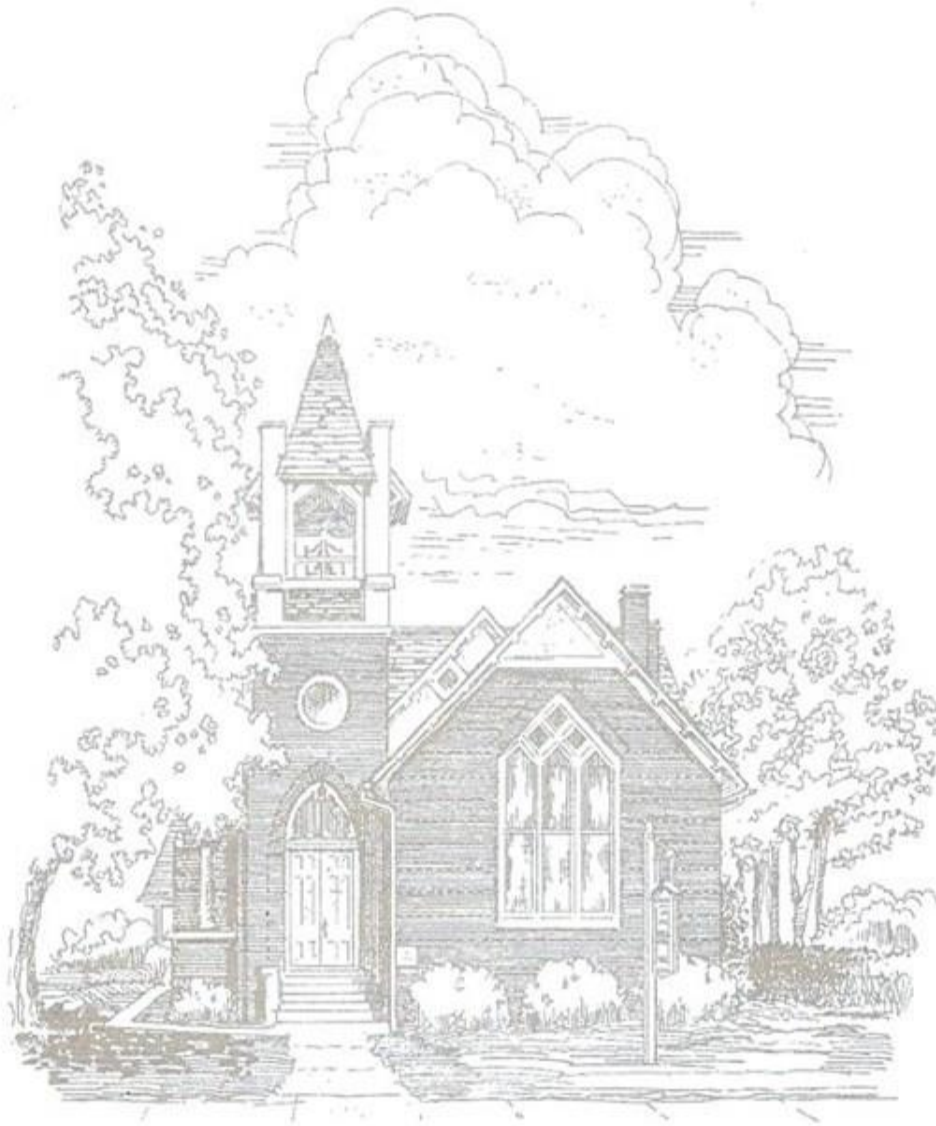


"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."
Thomas a Kempis



First United Methodist Church

128 NORTH CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

April 2, 2017

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Let's Just Praise the Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

God calls us to a feast!

The table is set, and we will come from east and west, from north and south to sit at Christ's table.

Compassion, love, and grace are poured out like fine wine.

We come to share our stories and Your story, to share our hope and our pain, to share our wisdom and our laughter.

The table is set, so come let us worship God together!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

My Lord Jesus Christ, I have fallen; I long to be strong. For this purpose, You have instituted this meal, to help us rekindle and strengthen our faith. Therefore, you have called me to receive it. Lord, it is Your word that invites me. You know my weakness and failings completely. You Yourself have said: Come unto Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. I now come to be helped. Amen.

*HYMN No. 139, Vs. 1, 2, 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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. 623, Vs. 1, 2, 5

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee

ANTHEM

Lamb of God

(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

Psalm 103:9-12

He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins
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. 732, Vs. 1, 2, 4

Come, We That Love the Lord

*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.)

The flowers on the altar are for the Glory of God and in loving memory of Tessa T. Montague. They are given by her grandfather Walt Heerschap.

CALENDAR/EVENTS

Sunday School: 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.

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.

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, 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
04/02	Holder	Perry/W. Smith	Communion	Pennington	
04/09	Bellamy/B. Smith	Winningham	Glenn	K. Walsh	Angel
04/16	Worley	McGee	Gill	Payne	Easter &
04/23	Glenn	Hall	Wilks	Leigh	Spring
04/30	Wright	Littlejohn	Fifth Sunday	Peake	