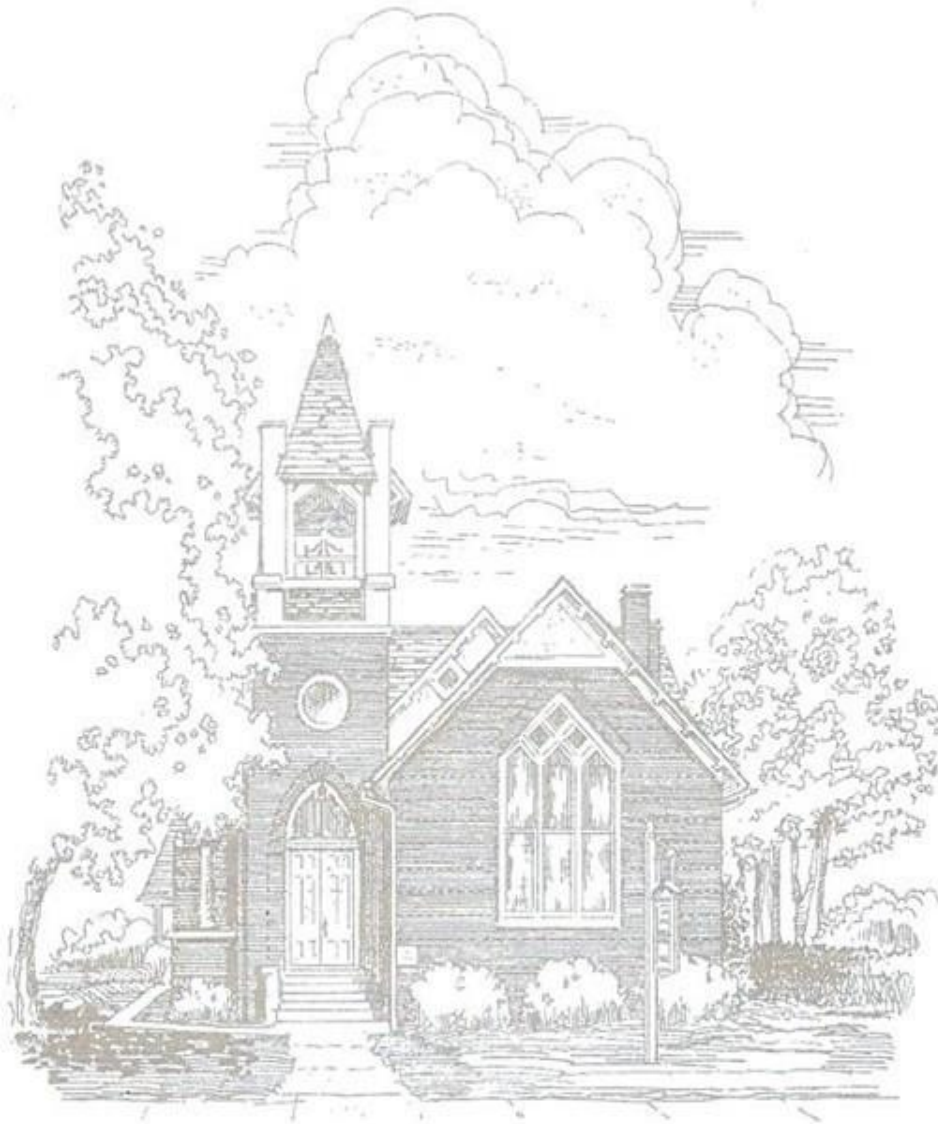


*"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."*  
Thomas a Kempis



 **First United Methodist Church**  
128 NORTH CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

May 21, 2017

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

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

CHORAL INTROIT

In Times Like These

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together in the presence of God, the Lord of heaven and earth; the Creator of our world and everything in it; the One who gave us life and breath; the One who is never far away from any of us; the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Let's worship God together!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Let us pray together:

**Lord of wondrous light and power, we come to you this day to learn of your will for our lives. Heal our wounds; lift our spirits; give us courage and confidence to boldly serve you in all that we do. Amen.**

\*PASS THE PEACE

\*HYMN No. 64, Vs. 1, 2, 4

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Jesus Never Fails  
Chancel Choir

\*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. 522, Vs. 1, 2, 4

Leave It There

CHILDREN'S 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

Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

“The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor, he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

To God: Known and Unknown  
Reverend Scott Wilks

\*APOSTLES’ CREED No. 881

\*HYMN No. 99

My Tribute

\*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:** 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning!

**Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Unique Boutique:** Open Wednesdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month 10 a.m.–2 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.

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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.

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## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Children's Sermon	Children's Church	Bulletin Board
05/07	Walsh	Holder	Communion	Pennington	May/June Huff VBS
05/14	Gill	Bobbitt/Sijthoff	Payne	Worley	
05/21	Heerschap	Evans/Peake	Walsh	Angel	
05/28	TBA	Perry/W. Smith	Wilks	Bontrager	