



Cookeville First United Methodist Church

November 28, 2021

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rob Wheeler

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hopson

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE LIGHT OF PEACE

8:30 a.m. Goolsby and Railling Families

11 a.m. Ferran/Thomas Family

SONG OF RESPONSE

May Peace Light the Way (Miller)

**May peace light the way,
peace light the way,
peace light the way
now and always.**

*THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The days are coming when God will fulfill the promise made to our ancestors.

A righteous branch of David's lineage shall come forth.

There will be justice and righteousness in the land.

This is our salvation.

Let us worship the God of promises and signs.

We await the coming of the Promised One.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

No. 196

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

*A STATEMENT OF FAITH

No. 82

**We are children of God.
We have been water-washed and Spirit-filled.
We're dead to sin and alive in Christ.
We're done with law, and live under grace.
Our hearts are set on righteousness.
Our minds are fixed on life and peace.
Suffering is nothing, compared to the glory to come.
For we're heirs to the life Christ is bringing!
We are children of God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

CONFIRMATION

Alyssa Thomas, Joseph Thomas, Molly Ross Williams

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?
We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these people now before you in your care?

With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround them with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

CREEDAL RESPONSE

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

INVITATION

*Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM

8:30 a.m. *Prepare the Way* (Hayes)
11 a.m. *Brightest and Best* (Kirchner)

Cass Roberts, soloist
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 95

**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.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:20-28

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

SERMON SERIES

How God Comes

SERMON

How Can God Clean Up This Mess?

Dr. Kevin Conrad

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might.

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light

No. 206

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give

light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness,
shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The lam is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise Ye The Lord of Hosts

Saint-Saens

The altar flowers are In memory of Mary Katherine "Kay" Greenwood placed by Rosemary Foutch and Patricia Stewart.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Carter Apple	Mary Byrd King	Rob Poteet
Janey Bassett	Susie Klein	Pam Raines
Juanita Bilyeu	Larry Klem	Brett Stanton
Erin Brown	Heather Lee	Margaret Ridley
Robert Buck	Alice Funk Livingston	Mary Jo Rogers
Peggy Cho	Jeannine Lynn	Roxanne Self
Mary Garrison	Brian Maffett	Karen Stevens
Pat Gilbreath	Sylvia McCann	Lauri Sweeney
Nate Griffis	Linda McConnell	Jessie Watts
Bob Johnson	Claire McMillan	Linda Bilyeu Williams
Carole Anne Johnson	Sue Pope	Harriet Wright
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