



Cookeville First United Methodist Church

January 12, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Romanze

Schumann

*THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A voice comes from heaven and calls us beloved.

Water washes over us and we are changed.

A voice tells us we are precious in God's sight.

**Our love, praise, and gratitude
greet the Spirit who blesses us in baptism.**

*Let us worship the One who calls from the water –
the God of love and transformation. Let us pray:*

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Down By the Jordan

LOBE DEN HERREN

Down by the Jordan,
a prophet named John was baptizing,
preaching a message
the people found bold and surprising.

"God will forgive!
Show that you'll change how you live!
Surely God's new day is rising!"

There by the river,
the crowd came with great expectation:
"Are you God's Chosen One,
sent here to rescue our nation?"

"No!" John replied.
"He who is mightier than I
judges and offers salvation."

Jesus, you went to be baptized
along with the others,
taking your place among sinners,
God's lost sons and daughters.

Then with great love,
God's Spirit came as a dove!
Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church,
we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.
Freed and forgiven
we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?

This is God's sign!
This is how God says, "You're mine!"
Let's take the good news and share it!

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

Worship and Song 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood
of Christ, our King;

Baptized in Water

heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise,
faithfully now
God's praises we sing.

No. 2248

PSALM 29

You, divine beings! Give to the Lord –
give to the Lord glory and power!

Give to the Lord the glory due his name!
Bow down to the Lord in holy splendor!

The Lord's voice is over the waters;
the glorious God thunders;
the Lord is over the mighty waters.

The Lord's voice is strong;
the Lord's voice is majestic.

Let the Lord give strength to his people!
Let the Lord bless his people with peace!

OFFERTORY

Come Be Baptized (Smith) 8:30 a.m. Cass Roberts, Gideon Sledge
11:00 a.m. Cass Roberts

*A DOXOLOGY

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!

Let the amen
sound from his temple again;
gladly forever adore him.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Stanza 5)

No. 139

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

When Jesus Came To Jordan

No. 252

When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon
but as the sinless one.

He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.

So when the dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break.

Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-17;21-22

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM 8:30 a.m. *Springtime* (Renzema)
 11:00 a.m. *My Son the Beloved* (Blackwell)

Cass Roberts, Gideon Sledge
Chancel Choir

SERMON

“With Jesus, God is Well Pleased”

Rev. Chip Hunter

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

In Christ Called to Baptize

ST. DENIO

In Christ called to baptize,
we witness to grace
and gather a people
from each land and race.

In deep, flowing waters,
we share in Christ’s death,
then, rising to new life,
give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to banquet,
one table we share,
a haven of welcome,
a circle of care.

Although we are many,
we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving
proclaims Christ, our head.

In Christ called to witness,
by grace we will preach
the lifegiving gospel;
God’s love we will teach.

By grace may our living
give proof to our praise
in costly compassion
reflecting Christ’s ways.

Unite us, anoint us,
O Spirit of love,
for you are within us,
around us, above.

Equip us for service
with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling.
In Christ may we grow.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Piece

Elliot

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Diane Neal in memory of her beloved son, forever 33, Anthony "Tony" James Campise.

Liturgists: Pam Blair, Shannon Auberson

Prayer List

Judy Allison
Maggie Andersen
Carter Apple
John Averitt
Juanita Bilyeu
Jeanne Buck
Donny Buttram
Jeff Casinger
James Cherry
Kim Daniels
Walter Derryberry
Ginger Dunn
Carole Dysart
Butch Eldridge
Rita Finley
Brian Lee Foster
Pat Gilbreath
Mindy Goley
Steve Harris
Ellie Luna Hazlewood
Billie Holt
Chandler Johns
Ann Kellman

Jim Kirby
Heather Lee
Jeannine Lynne
Maddie Mayo
Sargent McCann
Linda McConnell
Ruth Meek
Ada Mullinax
Mike Mullinax
Patty O'Neill
Kimberly Payne
Joey Poston
Joann Ramsey
Elliana Richardson
Margaret Ridley
Eric Russell
Bob Stafford
Brett Stanton
Lindsay Vinson
Ronny West
Rachel Williams
Ron Wingham
Carolyn Wynacht

Our members who are homebound or in assisted living facilities.
Sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Graham Kash, on his death.