



Cookeville First United Methodist Church

January 26, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Hughes

*THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit is calling.

We will listen and learn.

The heavens are shining.

We will sing and rejoice.

The Spirit is moving.

We will live the promises of God.

Let us pray:

Spirit of God, blow through our lives and through our worship. Bind us together in unity and love, that we might be one body in Christ, one body in ministry to the world.

Strengthen us with your power, that we might fulfill your call in our lives – a call to love and service. Anoint us with your mysterious presence, and send us forth to be the hands and feet of Christ. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O Church of God, United

No. 547

O church of God,
united to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message,
with hearts in glad accord.

Though creeds and tongues may differ,
they speak, O Christ, of thee;
and in thy loving spirit
we shall one people be.

Christ ever goes before us;
we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps
along the upward way.

Lord, may our faithful service
and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power
of thy redeeming name.

From every land and nation
the ordered ranks appear;
to serve one valiant leader
they come from far and near.

May thy great prayer be answered
that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united
in thee, God's blessed Son:

They chant their one confession,
they praise one living Lord,
and place their sure dependence
upon his saving word.

to bring a single witness,
to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness
may find the one true light.

*AFFIRMATION FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-6 AND COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

No. 888

This is the good news

which we have received,

in which we stand,

and by which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 71

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

WE ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST

OFFERTORY

One Bread, One Body (arr. Larson)

Cass Roberts

*A DOXOLOGY

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;

one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF PREPARTION

As A Fire Is Meant For Burning

No. 2237

As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.

Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nation,
finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.

By our gentle, loving actions
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit
we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
'mid earth's peoples, many hued.

As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31b

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

8:30 a.m. *Handiwork of God* (Miller)

Youth Choir

11:00 a.m. *Weave Us in Community* (Manolli)

Chancel Choir, Molly Reid, Flute

SERMON

"One Body"

Rev. Chip Hunter

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Christ For the World We Sing

No. 568

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,

the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,

by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost,
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord;
with us the work to share,

with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days

reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Flute Voluntary

Carr

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Tanya Samples in memory of her parents, Col. Walter Vergil Pope and Sue Robinette Pope.

Liturgists: Tanya Samples, Teena King

Prayer List Policy Update:

As we strive to better serve our congregation, we are making a change to our prayer list format. The new format features a two-week emergent need prayer list for urgent concerns. For those with ongoing needs, we will continue to lift them up through our dedicated prayer team, which will meet biweekly beginning in January. The complete list is available in Jenkins Chapel and in the front office. If you would like to join our prayer team, contact the church office at 526-2177 for more information.

Prayer List

Pam Edenfield

Don Massey

Gianna Owens