



Cookeville First United Methodist Church

October 25, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Deep River (Angell)

Todd Arnold, pianist

*THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Ephesians 4 and 5

Come, let us put away all things that divide us and love one another.

For we are members of one body.

Come, let us not be divided from one another by gender, race, color, or status.

For we are members of one body.

Come, let us put away lies, anger, stealing and corrupt words.

For we are members of one body.

Come, let us put away bitterness, wrath, clamor and malice.

For we are members of one body.

Come, let us put away uncleanness, idolatry, and deception.

For we are members of one body.

Together let us speak truth, labor together, and do what is good and edifying to the Lord.

Let us be imitators of God, walk as the children of God, and love as Christ first loved us.

Come, let us be the people of God we are called to be.

For we are saints, God's chosen people and members of one another. AMEN.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Stanzas 1, 2, 3)

No. 89

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring on the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live and love are thine,
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.

BLESSING OF QUILTS

The prayer quilts are made by the Quilt Ministry for Tom Moore and Phil Pierce.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Jesus Love Me (McDonald) Todd Arnold and Maureen Nation

* A DOXOLOGY

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Stanza 4)

No. 89

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.

Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

This is My Song

No. 437

This is my song,
O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands
afar and mine.

This is my home,
the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes,
my dreams, my holy shrine;

but other hearts
in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams
as true and high as mine.

My country's skies
are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams
on cloverleaf and pine;

but other lands
have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere
as blue as mine.

O hear my song,
thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace
for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer,
O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
They kingdom come;
on earth thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up
till all shall serve him,
and hearts united
learn to live as one.

O hear my prayer,
thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee;
let thy will be done.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM 8:30 a.m. *Let There Be Peace on Earth* (Hayes)
 11:00 a.m. *Where Charity and Love Prevail* (Forrest)

Will Gentry
Chancel

Choir

SERMON SERIES: "Citizens of Heaven"

SERMON

"One Nation Under God"

Rev. Zach Fisher

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *O God of Every Nation* (Stanzas 1, 2, 4) Tune: AURELIA

No. 435

O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation
with your almighty hand;

where hate and fear divide us,
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us,
and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower

destruction through the night,

from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray.

Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,

till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign,

and Christ shall rule victorious

o'er all the world's domain.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress (Hampton)

Maureen Nation

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given in memory of Martha Neal Bennett.

Liturgists: Kelsey Sledge, Peggy Kilgore

Acolytes: 8:30 a.m.: Ben Burnett; 11 a.m.: Hazel Dyer

Cross Bearer: 8:30 a.m.: Addie Burnett; 11 a.m.: Dan Dyer

Emergent Prayer List:

Ann Kellman

Sympathy and prayers to friends and family of Ganell Sachse.

Sympathy and prayers to Melba Murphree, friends, and family on the death of her husband, Gary Murphree.