**First United Methodist Church Worship Service**

March 1, 2015 10:45 a.m.

Welcome/Registration/Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

O Come, let us worship and bow down.
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
The hour is coming and is now here.
In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise: “Seek Ye First”..........................UMH 405

Call to Confession

In spite of our quarrels and distrust,
God provides grace to sustain us.
Trusting in God’s abundant mercy,
Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know who we are.
You know everything we have done.
We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.
We commit ourselves to things that will never last.
We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water.
Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.
Forgive us, O Lord,
And give us this living water,
So that we may never thirst again. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Christ the Lord speaks to us words of grace.
Your sins are forgiven, washed away and forgotten. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Children’s Time

*Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision”...............................UMH 451
Scripture: Mark 12:28-34
Sermon: “What Matters Most?”........................The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Thompson

*Hymn: “All I Need Is You”.................................TFWS 2080

Invocation to the Offering

The Offertory

*The Doxology.......................................................UMH 95
Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper...................................UMH 15
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord’s Prayer
The Giving and Receiving of the Elements

*The Closing Hymn: “Close to Thee”..........................UMH 407
*The Benediction

Greetings in the Name of Christ

* Invitation to stand as you are able.  © CCLI – 11125179

Today’s children’s church volunteer is Jodi McDaniel.

**PRAYER LIST**

Continued prayers for Justin Cates, Kenneth Dean, Jane Hutton, Glenda Jones, Ethel Morie, Karen Shupe, Jimmy Vick.

Please remember those who have cancer and may be undergoing treatment: Dennis Archibald, L. D. Brooks, Patsy Clevenger, Sandy Collins, Jeane Ann Davis, Sandra Deering, Jimmey Devaroe, Mike Fox, Judy Green, Dewey Maloy, Laurie Miller, Barry Norton, Christy Owens, Marjorie Smith, Mike Talley, Debra Walker.

- Jeff Abner, Jennifer Cavanah's brother
- Gi-Gi, Maria Pratt's aunt
- Margie Smith, recent fall, surgery and recovery
- Dick Sprague, Laurie Miller's brother-in-law
- Christine McMillian - prayers for the family
- Natalie Cardella's nanny
- Johnny Walker - recovery from heart attack
- Kyle Bush - broken legg (Davis Cavanah)
- Arron Redding, tumor (friend of Alyx McDaniel)
- The Todd Lacey Family on the loss of their home in a fire
- Congratulations to the Martinovic family on the arrival of Leo Alexander on Feb 14.

The Pastor and her husband have moved to their new home in Whitesburg in preparation for her retirement this summer. You may reach her at any time by calling her cell phone 865-851-5936.

Monday, March 2 - 7:15 PM / Exercise

Wednesday, March 4 - 3:00-5:30 PM / After-school Program - 5:00 PM / Adult Meal - 5:45 PM / Choir Practice

Saturday, March 7 – 8:00 AM / U. M. Men - 9:15 AM / Exercise

Sunday, March 8 – 9:45 AM / Sunday School - 10:45 AM / Morning Worship - 6:00 PM / Disciple Fast Track