

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
November 27, 2016 at Eight Forty-five
First Sunday of Advent

Everyone is welcome at West End! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability.

We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

GATHERING

Voluntary: Short Prelude on "Veni Emmanuel" Edward Bairstow

Welcome Michael Williams

Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center.

First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.

Introit: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Christian F. Witt

† Processional Hymn No. 211: O Come O Come Emmanuel..Veni Emmanuel

† Greeting Becky Peeler

Liturgist: *Advent is upon us, a season of wondering, watching, and waiting;*

People: **Come into our world, Lord Jesus.**

Liturgist: *We look for signs of God's presence around us,*
waiting for God to come in new ways;

People: **Come into our lives, Lord Jesus.**

Liturgist: *Come! Let us worship God who is breaking into our world*
and our lives in new ways!

People: **Come unto us, Lord Jesus, and do something new in us.**

(Please be seated.)

Lighting the Advent Candle Sunny Day Club Volunteers:
Ellen Wolfe, Fern Richie, James Sewell

Lesson from the Prophets: Zephaniah 3:14-20..... (pew Bible, page 767)

Congregational Response Besançon
Hymn No. 202: People, Look East

People look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Holy God, we are an impatient people.
We want what we want when we want it.
Forgive us when we put aside the needs of others,
and we cause harm to our neighbors
due to our desires and wants.
We have failed to set before the world an example
of your goodness and vision of peaceful existence
which you have called us to do.
Take from us our habit of disobedience
so that we may heed your word and do your work
in the world as a testimony to your goodness.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: *Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life*
and include this person now before you in your care?

People: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news**
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround him with a community
of love and forgiveness, that he may grow
in his service to others. We will pray for him that
he may be a true disciple who walks in the way
that leads to life.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend Lucas Ezra*
to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith,
confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you,**
Lucas Ezra, and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you in the body of Christ and
in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the
ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything
God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

† Musical Response No. 611, st. 1

Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign:
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Advent Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, help us to give voice to the wonderful news:
you, yourself are coming to dwell among us!
Quicken our imaginations to find new and creative ways
to proclaim Christ's coming. Amen.

Lesson from the Old Testament: Isaiah 2:1-5 (pew Bible, page 550)

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Gloria Patri No. 71

The children are invited to come forward during the singing
of the Gloria Patri to join Michael at the chancel.

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.

(Please be seated.)

Sermon: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Michael Williams

† Affirmation from I Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16 No. 889

Joys & Concerns of the Church Stacy Gonzalez

Salutation

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Offertory: Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes.....Hal H. Hopson

Thou shalt know him when he comes
Not by any din of drums
Nor the manner of his airs
Nor by anything he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes
Not by his crown or his gown
But his coming known shall be
by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.

† Doxology No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 206.....Houston
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Rejoice! Rejoice!Veni Emmanuel

Voluntary: Savior of the Nations, Come BWV 661.....J. S. Bach
*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Head Usher: John Nance

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Dr. Robert Deaver Collins, Sr.
by his family.

Lucas Ezra Dunnivant,
son of Floyd Daniel Dunnivant and Linda Keith Dunnivant,
is presented for baptism.

Jasper Allan Adkinson,
son of Leah and Bennett Adkinson,
will be presented for baptism at the 11am service.

Louis Gabriel Galletti,
son of Gabriel George Galletti and Evelyn Cate Galletti,
will be presented for baptism at the 11am service.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music,
Andrew Risinger is directing. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ.

Hymnic Notes:

The words of the processional hymn date from their use as Advent antiphons in monasteries as early as the ninth century. The seven verses of our hymn are paraphrases of these antiphons, commonly called the "O's," that are included on the right facing page to our hymn. The music is adapted from a fifteenth-century funeral Processional of the French Franciscan nuns.

The recessional hymn is a paraphrase of Mary's prophetic response to the angel Gabriel's announcement that she will bear the Christ-child. MORNING SONG is arranged from an early 19th-century American shaped-note melody. (Hymnic Notes written by Carlton Young.)

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Preaching: Michael Williams

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!



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