

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
December 13, 2015 at Eleven o'clock  
Third 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: Prelude on Hyfrydol..... Paul Manz

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: Creator of the Stars of Night.....Plainsong  
Creator of the Stars of Night, your people's everlasting light.  
O Christ redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call. Amen.

† Processional Hymn No. 209: Blessed Be the God of Israel.....Merle's Tune

† Greeting.....Christe Blackshear  
Liturgist: *Your promise dawns upon us, Living God.*  
People: **We wait patiently.**  
Liturgist: *Your hope arises among us, Living God.*  
People: **We wait confidently.**  
Liturgist: *Your Cherished One appears for us, Living God.*  
People: **We wait in Joy.**

*(Please be seated.)*

Lighting the Advent Candle..... Members of the Advocacy Team  
Lynda Jones, Bryan Roberson and Rodney Pickett

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

Congregational Response.....Veni Emmanuel  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**In your presence, Holy God,  
we confess that we need repentance.  
We have broken your commands against idolatry.  
We do not live in peace with your creation or your people,  
we have not trusted your word,  
and we are afraid.  
Forgive us,  
restore us and turn our shame into praise.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

† 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.**

*(Please be seated.)*

Anthem: Rosa Mystica..... Chrysogonus Waddell

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu: Alleluia!  
For in that rose contained was heaven and earth in little space:  
Resmiranda (O thing of wonder)! By that rose we well may see there  
be One God in Persons Three: Pares forma (incomparable, perfect  
form)! The angels sang, the shepherds too Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gaudeamus (let us rejoice)! Leave we all this worldly mirth and  
follow we this joyful birth: Transeamus (let us pass over)!  
(Anonymous 14th Century Text)

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 child 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 this child 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 Harrison Brooker  
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, Harrison Brooker, 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 (*in unison*)

**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 Gospel: Luke 3:10-18..... (pew Bible, page 834)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. TFWS 2128: Come and Find the Quiet Center.....Beach Spring  
*The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel  
during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Sermon: Fruits of a Changed Life.....Michael Williams

† Affirmation of Faith of the United Church of Canada .....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church ..... Lisa Gwock

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 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 not by his crown or his gown, but his coming known shall be by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee. Amen.

(Anonymous text)

† Doxology .....No. 95

**SENDING FORTH**

† Recessional Hymn No. 196: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.....Hyfrydol

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Rejoice, Rejoice!..... Traditional

Voluntary: In dir ist Freude.....J. S. Bach

*All are invited to remain seated for a time of reflection.*

*If you leave, please do so quietly.*

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane and Chase Delony, Patty Chadwell, Lillian and Robert Chadwell, and Ellen and James Hofstead by Patty and Frances Delony.

Harrison Brooker McWatters, son of Matthew Thomas McWatters and Christine Brooker McWatters, is presented for baptism.

A rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Wesley Robert-Carter Johnson who was born November 23, 2015 in Valencia, California to Julia Candler Johnson and Sean Johnson.

He is welcomed also by his grandfather, Jim McFerrin.

A rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Jack Turner Hughes who was born November 28, 2015 to parents Sara and Ryan Hughes.

Today's Music:

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director and assisting at the organ. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist.

Hyfrydol is one of the church's most widely known hymn tunes. It was composed by Rowland Pritchard and first included in a handbook for children on singing called "The Singer's Friend." It is a versatile hymn tune, providing the melody for "Alleluia Sing to Jesus" by William Chatterton Dix, "Love Divine All Love's Excelling" and "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" by Charles Wesley.

Lighting the Advent Candles today are members of the Advocacy Team. The Advocacy Team seeks to raise individual and congregational awareness of justice issues through education and service opportunities.

Commissioning of the team for our Haiti Mission Trip will take place during the closing of the eleven o'clock worship service. They will be departing January 2, serving with Promise for Haiti at Hospital Bienfaisance. Thank you for all your prayers & support of our week of service. The following are members of the mission team:

- Christé Blackshear
- Mary Sanford Hay
- Patrick Hayden
- Nancy Hayden
- Sue Ishee
- Elizabeth McGuire
- John McGuire
- Jonna Whitman

December 13, 2015  
Preaching: Michael Williams  
"Fruits of a Changed Life"

**Luke 3:10-18**

The Candlelight Service is this afternoon at 5:30 p.m. This long time West End tradition retells the story of the prophecy and birth of Christ through congregational carols as well as carols sung by the adult and childrens choirs of West End. The service ends with everyone lighting a candle and singing Silent Night. Handbell choirs begin ringing carols at 5:10 p.m.

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