

GATHERING

Voluntary: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright.....Paul Manz

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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: O Light Everlasting.....Jean Pasquet
O light everlasting, O love never failing, do thou raise us by thy love, and draw us near to thee.

† Processional Hymn No. 245: The First Noel.....The First Noel

† Greeting.....Becky Peeler

Liturgist: *Lift up your eyes, O lands of the earth!
For the star of the Lord has burst through the night!*

People: **We shall lift up our eyes to follow its path;**

Liturgist: *Arise; shine; for your light has come!
The glory of heaven has risen upon you!*

People: **We shall see and be radiant; we shall thrill and rejoice-**

Liturgist: *Let us now declare your presence among the nations!*

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

† Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people,
let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

(You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.)

† 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.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....John McGuire

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

A lesson from the Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12.....(pew Bible, pages 783-784)

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Meditation: Learning from the Wise.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Erin Racine

Ministry Moment.....Jeff Hoffman

The Offering

Offertory: In The Bleak Midwinter.....Harold Darke

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone. Snow had fallen snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago. Our God, heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain. Heav'n and earth shall flee away, when he comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed the Lord God almighty Jesus Christ. Enough for him, whom cherubin worship night and day, a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay. Enough for him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what I can I give him, give my heart. (*Christina Rossetti*)

† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

† Doxology.....No. 95

† Thanksgiving

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus (*Choir and Congregation*)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are



ful__ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes __ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance

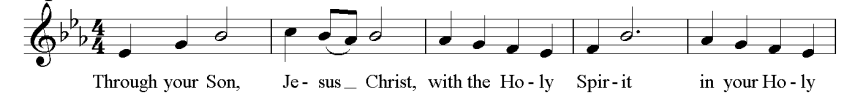
People:



Christ has died, Christ is__ ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

People:



Through your Son, Je - sus__ Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly



Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

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.**

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 219, 242, and 237.

† Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*

People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**

Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*

People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**

Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*

People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 254: We Three Kings.....Kings of Orient

† Benediction

† Benediction Response No. 238 refrain (All sing).....Gloria
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Voluntary: Fanfare and Processional.....Keith Chapman

*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.*

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services
and worship events.*

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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of
a wonderful son, Max Coppinger Nance, in honor of the 19th anniversary of his
birth, January 7, by his parents Margo Coppinger and John Nance.

The rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Charles Aubry "Charlie" Moore
on Dec. 21, 2017 to Sarah Jane Park Moore and Chase Moore.



*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!*

Sunday Activities

Service Times.....8:45 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal*.....12:15 - 1 p.m.
Adult Handbells.....1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Youth Small Groups*5 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Activities

Meal.....Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
Children’s Choir and Youth Handbell Rehearsals....Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....Thursdays, 7:15pm - 9:15 p.m.

Building Tours are offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM, or
immediately following the early service. Meet at the Welcome Center in Reed
Hall, through the side doors of the Sanctuary.

For a complete listing and additional information on Sunday and Weekly
Activities, please visit www.westendumc.org or see the bulletin insert.

*Meal provided.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps,
director. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist/accompanist.
Music Associate, Allison Williams, assisting at the organ. Margy Bredemann,
soprano. Mason Boudrye, tenor.

The processional is an English carol that connects the narratives of Jesus’s
birth (Luke 2:1-20), and the coming of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12). The French
word ‘Noel’ (from the Latin ‘natalis,’) in the first line denotes ‘Jesus’s birth,
and in the refrain it is linked to ‘nouvelle’ as an announcement, ‘News, news,
news, news.’

The concluding carol, consisting of verses and a chorus, was composed as a
surprise Christmas gift to the author’s nieces and nephew. It is one of several
carols that link Jesus’s birth and passion. Although the biblical account
indicates unnumbered Magi came from the east to pay homage to the Christ-
child, early traditions call them ‘kings,’ and because of their three gifts fix
their number at three. By the early middle-ages they are named Gaspar,
Melchior and Balthazar. The author of this carol intended each of verses 2, 3,
and 4 to be sung by a king. (Hymnic Notes by Carlton Young)

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