

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: What Star is This?.....Michael Praetorius

† 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

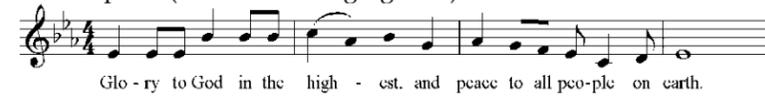
Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people,
let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

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

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon (Choir and Congregation)



PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Neethu Thampy

**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.**

(Please be seated.)

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

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

Ministry Moment.....Jeff Hoffman

The Offering

Offertory: Here is the Little DoorHerbert Howells

Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift! We need not wander more but enter with our gift; Our gift of finest gold, gold that was never bought nor sold; Myrrh to be strewn about His bed; Incense in clouds about His head; All for the child that stirs not in His sleep, but holy slumber holds with ass and sheep. Bend low about His bed, for each He has a gift; see how His eyes awake, lift up your hand, O lift! For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword (Defend with it Thy little Lord!) For incense, smoke of battle red, Myrrh for the honoured happy dead; Gifts for his children, terrible and sweet, Touched by such tiny hands and oh such tiny feet. *(Frances Chesterton)*

† 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.*

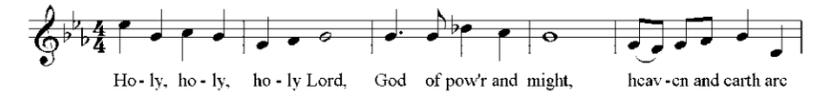
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

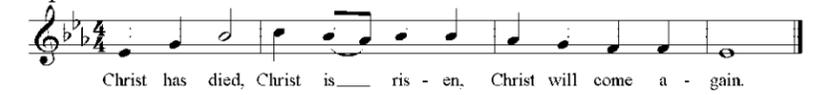
† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus (*Choir and Congregation*)



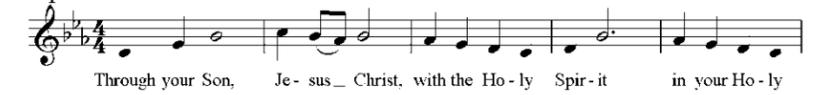
Prayer of Remembrance

People:



Prayer of Consecration

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.**

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: For Your Light Has Come.....Ronald A. Nelson

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.

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 Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music,
Andrew Risinger, director. Music Associate, Allison Williams, organ.

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)

The texts used in today's Communion service are used in many Christian
traditions. They help us to see our relationship to those around us as an
expression of our relationship to God. This is best expressed as we confess our
sins, are assured of God's forgiveness, and then express that forgiveness with
those around us in the "Passing of the Peace." The Peace is an act of
reconciliation and blessing, based on New Testament Christian practice. When
we are reminded of God's love and mercy, our response is to share that gift
with others. United in this forgiveness, we come to the table as a forgiven and
reconciled community in love and charity with each other.

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