

GATHERING

Voluntary: People Look East.....Wayne Wold

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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. 203: Hail to the Lord’s Anointed.....Ellacombe

† Greeting.....Brandon Baxter
Liturgist: *A voice calls out in the wilderness,*
People: **“Prepare the way of the Lord!”**
Liturgist: *Every valley will be filled, and every mountain will be leveled.*
People: **All will see the salvation of God!**
Liturgist: *Hear the Good News this day: our God is coming!*
People: **Prepare the way of the Lord!**

Lighting the Advent Candle.....Confirmands
Lesson from the Prophets
Congregational Response.....Besançon
Hymn No. 202, vs 3: People, Look East
**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim.
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of light,
we are overcome by darkness,
dazzled by the false brilliance of passing pleasures,
financial gain, and our own self-interest.
Let us turn this Advent away from these distractions
and toward the miracle of your incarnation:
the light in the darkness,
the voice in the wilderness.
Emmanuel, God among us,
redeem us from our imprisonment, illuminate our way,
and reconcile us once more to peace.**

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.**

† 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.**

Anthem: Jesu, Thou the Virgin Born.....Gustav Holst
Jesu of a maiden Thou was born, to save mankind that was forlorn, all for our sins.
Jesu fili Virgine, miserere nobis. (Jesu, son of the virgin, have mercy on us.)
Within a cradle he was laid; Both ox and ass with Him played, with joy and bliss.
Jesu fili Virgine, miserere nobis.
Then for us he shed his blood, and also died upon the rood, all for our sins.
Jesu fili Virgine, miserere nobis.
And then to hell He took the way to ransom them that there did lay.
Jesu fili Virgine, miserere nobis. (*medieval carol*)

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 her with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray
for her that she 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 Coley Jacquelyn
to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you
Coley Jacquelyn, 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

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Martha Ann Pilcher
**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: Luke 3:1-18.....(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. 2089 TFWS: Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice.....La Grange
*The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel
during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Sermon: The Voice in the Wilderness.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 881

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

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. 211 Vs. 1, 5-7.....Veni Emmanuel
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

† Benediction

† Benediction Response.....Veni Emmanuel
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Voluntary: Paeon on Divinum Mysterium.....John Cook
*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
Robert L. Sullivan and Emmie Jackson McDonald by
Cathy Sullivan and Hunter McDonald III.

Mary Agnes Harris, daughter of Nathan and Christine Harris,
was presented for baptism today in the early service.

Coley Jacquelyn Deitmen, daughter of Nicholas Macy Deitmen and Kindall
Anne Deitmen, is presented for baptism today.



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.
- College Lunch**12:00 p.m.
- Youth Choir and Handbell Rehearsals.....12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
- Adult Handbells.....1:15 - 2:15 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.....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 our website at www.westendumc.org or see the insert.

*Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services! However if needed, childcare is available during worship for children 5 and under on the 1st floor in the following rooms: infants 105, toddlers 104, twos and threes 110, and fours and fives 112.

**While school is in session.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

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Liturgy by Jayme Yeo.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist/accompanist. Molly Belewski, alto. Scott Brons, tenor.

Hymnic Notes: Psalm 72 is a well-known prophecy of the coming Messiah—foretelling the reign of the King and what the Kingdom of that Messiah will be like. But perhaps more than a prophecy, Psalm 72 is a prayer. In these verses the psalmist calls upon God to give justice and righteousness to the King, perhaps the newly crowned earthly king of Israel, but also the heavenly King. It is a cry for the deliverance of a broken people, for the realization of peace and light. James Montgomery’s hymn text from 1821 beautifully captures the essence of that prayer. Albert Bailey says, “His poem is more prayer than prophecy, or shall we say it is prophecy in large part unfulfilled but still capable of inspiring the Church to work for its fulfillment!” (*Bailey, Gospel in Hymns*). As we sing this beautiful hymn, we both declare our hope and our longing for the Kingdom of God, and for the coming of the one who will turn darkness to light, and whose “name to us is Love.”

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