

## GATHERING

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

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

† 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!**  
All: **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.**

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 Mary Agnes 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 Mary Agnes, 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.....Mary Mitchell

**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.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71  
*The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the singing of the hymn for the children’s moment.*

**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.**

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.....Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes  
Not by any din of drums  
Nor his manners, nor his airs  
Nor by anything he wears.

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

† Doxology.....No. 95

## SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 211 Vs. 1, 5-7.....Veni Emmanuel  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Rejoice! Rejoice!.....Veni Emmanuel

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,  
is presented for baptism.

Coley Jacquelyn Deitmen, daughter of Nicholas Macy Deitmen and Kindall  
Anne Deitmen, will be presented for baptism today in the late service.



*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](http://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: Byron Burrus

Cover art by Charles Hooper.

Liturgy by Jayme Yeo.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, director. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, assisting at the organ.

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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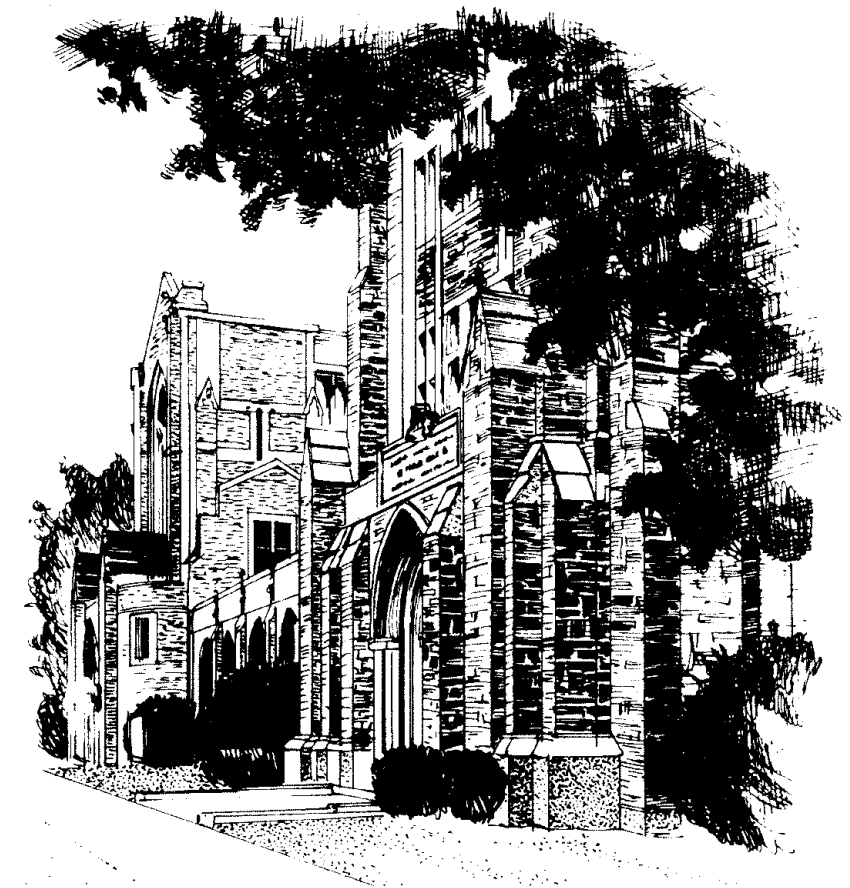
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