

GATHERING

Voluntary.....In dulci jubilo
Settings by J. S. Bach, Marcel Dupré, Dietrich Buxtehude

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: Of the Father’s Love Begotten.....Traditional Plainsong
Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

† Processional Hymn No. 188.....Christe Sanctorum
Christ Is the World’s Light

† Greeting.....Erin Racine
Liturgist: *Our souls magnify the Lord!*
People: **Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**
Liturgist: *The Mighty One has done great things for us.*
People: **Holy is God’s name!**
Liturgist: *God’s mercy extends from generation to generation.*
People: **Let us praise our Maker and Redeemer!**

Lighting the Advent Candle.....4th Story Theater

Lesson from the Prophets

Congregational Response.....Besançon
Hymn No. 202, vs 3: People, Look East
**Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word the Lord is coming.
People look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**Advent God,
we confess that we are not the people you hope us to be.
Too often, we ignore or ridicule the very people you favor.
We seek to admire and emulate the very people
you will bring low.
We are so focused on having more and more,
that we risk being sent away empty.
Forgive us, Mighty God, and look upon us with grace--
that we might live secure in your love,
seek to do your will,
and be people of peace,
following the example of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. 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.**

† 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: There is No Rose.....John Joubert
There is no rose of such virtue
as is the rose that bare Jesu: Alleluia.
For in this rose contained was
heaven and earth in little space: Res miranda.
By that rose we may well see
there be one God in persons three: Pares forma.
Then leave we all this worldly mirth
and follow we this joyous birth: Transeamus.

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 Magnolia Hamilton 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 Magnolia Hamilton, 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*).....Jenny Charles
**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 1:39-55(pew Bible, pages 831-832)

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

† Hymn No. 215: To a Maid Engaged to Joseph.....Annunciation
The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: Waiting with Joy.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 880

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Stacey Harwell-Dye

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: Mary's Magnificat.....Andrew Carter
Softly a light is stealing, sweetly a maiden sings, ever wakeful, ever wistful, watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of kings. My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. Mary her song to Jesus softly, serenely sings: “I will love you, I will serve you, may my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of kings.”

† Doxology.....95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 238: Angels We Have Heard on High.....Gloria

† Benediction

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

Voluntary: Toccata on My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord....Johann Pachelbel
*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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Magnolia Hamilton Walker, daughter of William Glenn Walker, Jr. and Allison Hamilton Walker, 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.
- 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.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

Cover art by Charles Hooper.

Music Participants: Members of the Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps and Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, are directors and organists this morning. Patricia Cullum, soprano.

Hymnic Notes: The hymn, “Angels We Have Heard on High,” paints a beautiful image: the shepherds in a great field, staring up in wonder at a sky full of the heavenly host, singing out their praise and joy, the echoes of their song reverberating off the mountains to add to the cacophony. It isn’t hard to imagine the shepherds’ response. This group of young boys must have looked at each other wide-eyed, then whooped and cheered and run as fast as they could into the village, a stampede of sheep following them. Giddy with excitement and out of breath, did they burst into the stable and crowd around the manger? Or did they stop at the stable door, suddenly shy and overwhelmed, and peek in at the couple holding a tiny baby? Did they fully understand what they were witnessing? Do we even fully understand what they were witnessing? This hymn invites us to “Come to Bethlehem and see.” Today, we go to Bethlehem. We peek through the stable doors, and we kneel in amazement before the Christ child, our ears still ringing from the angels’ song. More so than the shepherds, we are able to see who this child is because we know the Gospel story. We know that the angels would come again, this time to announce that Christ was not where the women looked for Him, but that He had risen. It isn’t hard to imagine that a “Gloria” would have been on those angels’ lips as well.

West End United Methodist Church

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- Brandon Baxter.....Pastor & Coordinator of Spiritual Formation
- Maggie Jarrell Pastor of Children & Family Ministries
- Stacey Harwell-Dye Pastor of Missions & Outreach
- Nancy Parker.....Pastor of Young Adults & Vandy Wesley

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- Allison Williams..... Music Associate
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- Shelley Kuhlmeier..... Communications Director
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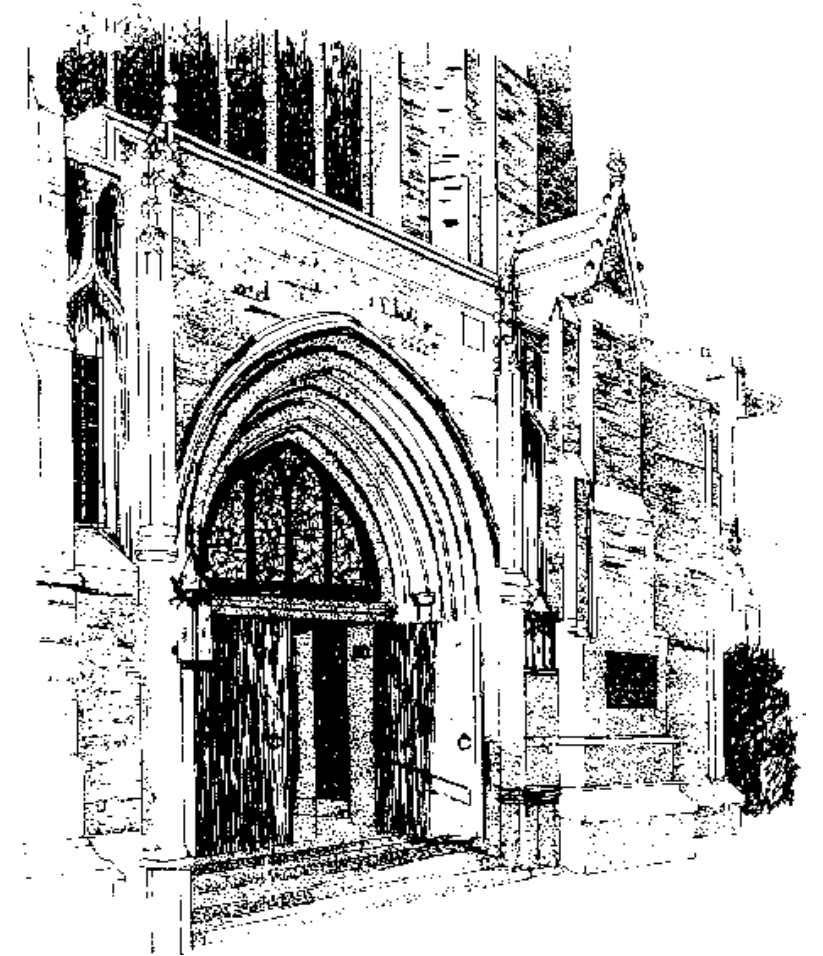
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