

GATHERING

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on "Sleepers, Wake".....J. S. Bach

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns.....Jeremiah Clarke
The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty bring:
“Hail, Christ the Lord!” thy people pray. Come quickly King of kings.

† Processional Hymn No. 213: Lift Up Your HeadsTruro

† Call to Worship.....Emily C. Robbins
Liturgist: *Our souls magnify the Lord!*
People: **Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**
Liturgist: *The Lord has brought down the powerful, and lifted up the lowly.*
People: **God has filled the hungry,
and the rich have been sent away empty.**
Liturgist: *The Mighty One has done great things for us!*
People: **Holy is God’s name!**

Lighting the Advent Candle.....Older Elementary Fellowship
Lesson from Psalms
Congregational Response.....We Three Kings (refrain)
**O, star of wonder, star of light. Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Mighty God,
Mary’s revolutionary song proclaims
that you are on the side of the lowly and the hungry.
Yet we confess that this can make us feel uncomfortable
when we have more in common
with the powerful and the rich.
O God, the truth is that you are always on our side,
whether we find ourselves in need
or find ourselves in plenty.
When we are in plenty, satisfy us with your love and your peace,
so that we may hold what we have more loosely
and seek to right the inequalities that surround us.
And when we are in need, O God, fill us with the assurance
that we are never forgotten by you,
and that as your kingdom comes,
it is the lowly who will be lifted,
the oppressed who will receive justice,
and the least who will be the greatest among us. 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!**
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.**

† 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: Magnificat in C.....Ralph Vaughan Williams
My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from
henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath
magnified me: and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath
scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the
mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled
the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He
remembering his mercy hath helped his servant Israel: as he promised to our
forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever. 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. (*Luke 1:46b-55*)

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 this
child with a community of love and forgiveness, that he
may grow in service with others. We will pray for him to
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 William Park to your
love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his
hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you,
William Park, 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.....Frank Clement
**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 New Testament: Luke 1:46-55.....(pew Bible, page 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 join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza
of the hymn for the Children’s Moment.*

Sermon: A Song of Justice and JoyCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Brandon Baxter

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: And He Shall Purify (from *Messiah*).....G. F. Handel
And he shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an
offering in righteousness. (*Malachi 3:3*)

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 198: My Soul Gives Glory.....Morning Song

† Benediction

† Benediction Response.....Veni Emmanuel
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel has come to you, O Israel!

Voluntary: Finale on "Wachet Auf"Wayne Wold

*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† The congregation is invited rise in body or in spirit.

*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 Martha and P.G. Banker, Jr. and their son, Van Gordon Banker, by their family.

William Park "Will" Moore, son of Chase Moore and Sarah Jane Moore, is presented for baptism today.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of George Milan Long on December 5 to Emily and Joel Long.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Evelyn Clare Dale on December 6 to Caroline and Aaron Dale. She is also welcomed by big brother, Hawkins.



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 Handbell Rehearsals.....4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
- Youth Small Groups.....5 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Activities

- Meal.....Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
- Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:15 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.

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. If you prefer to step out of the service, worship is live-streamed in Bishop's Parlor.

An accessible, all-gender restroom is available in Bishop's Parlor. This single-stall restroom includes a diaper changing station and assistance railing.

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.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg
Cover art: Charles Hooper
Liturgy: Sarah McCain

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist and accompanist.

Today's Music: Today's music focuses on Mary and her accepting the role as mother of Jesus. The "Magnificat" text has been sung many different ways throughout the years, both as a hymn and as a piece of choral music. Today, we experience it both as an anthem sung by the choir, and as a hymn, "My Soul Gives Glory," in a metrical setting by Miriam Therese Winter. The tune, Morning Song, is a sacred harp tune first published in 1813 in Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*.

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