

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Offertoire on “Behold the Wood of the Cross” .....Paul Benoit

Welcome.....Brandon Baxter  
*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: Make Me A Clean Heart.....George Thalben-Ball

† Processional Hymn No. No. 101..... Duke Street  
From All That Dwell Below the Skies

† Call to Worship.....Carol Cavin-Dillon  
Liturgist: *Look at the birds of the air;  
they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns.*  
People: **Yet our God provides.**  
Liturgist: *Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;  
they neither toil nor spin.*  
People: **Yet our God provides.**  
Liturgist: *Let us strive first for God's kingdom  
and God's righteousness.*  
People: **Let us worship our God who provides!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**God of Great Abundance,  
We confess that our lives are often driven by the fear of scarcity.  
We assume that there is never enough,  
that there will always be a shortage of money,  
time, patience, or love.  
We turn away when strangers ask for nourishment,  
claiming there isn't enough even for ourselves.  
Forgive us when we doubt your bounty;  
forgive us when ignore the possibilities  
in what we have been given.  
Open our eyes to the wonders that surround us,  
Help us to trust in your provision, and lead us to greater generosity.  
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.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Lenten Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....David Curtis  
**O God, we offer all of our preconceptions about this Scripture, all of our safe, familiar interpretations, to the flame of your refining fire. Turn them into ashes, and let new meaning rise like the sun at the dawn of a new day. Amen.**

A lesson from the Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34 .....(pew Bible, page 787)

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 join Brandon at the chancel during the singing of the Gloria Patri 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: “Blossoms, Birds, and Bothers” .....Brandon Baxter

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Maggie Jarrell

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: Lass Dich Nur Nichts Nicht Dauren.....Johannes Brahms

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee;  
heed God's good will, my soul, be still, compose thee.  
Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee  
God's help benign and grace sublime in mercy.  
Be true in all endeavor and ever ply bravely;  
what God decrees brings joy and peace, He'll stay thee. Amen  
(*Sung in German*)

† Doxology.....No. 95

## SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. No. 299 ..... Rockingham  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

† Benediction

† Lenten Benediction Response: Amen.....Peter C. Lutkin

Voluntary: Wer nur den lieben Gott, BWV 642 ..... J. S. Bach  
*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 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 today were donated by the Foundations Class in memory of sweet Frances "Francie" Marie Wiegand who was born to Jane and Martin Wiegand on January 23, 2020.

Mason Lynn Hartley, son of Kevin Hartley and Sara Hartley, will be presented for baptism in the 11 o'clock service today.

The rose on the table celebrates the birth of Genevieve Clare Weiss who was born on March 7 to Vivian and Michael Weiss. She is also welcomed by her older siblings Maggie and Peter.



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 everyone: every age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic and family status, ethnicity, and mental and 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](http://www.westendumc.org) or see the bulletin insert.

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Liturgy: The Prayer of Confession is adapted by a resource in Stone Soup, a liturgy from the Seekers Church.

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

Today's Music: Isaac Watts wrote our processional hymn for his 1719 publication *The Psalms of David, Imitated*. It was one of three paraphrases he wrote based on Psalm 117, and it was first published in two verses. In 1780 John Wesley published a version with an added two verses.

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**WEST END  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



And seeing the multitudes, Jesus went up into a mountain. And He opened His mouth, and taught them, saying, "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets, which were before you. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

**ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
 March 15, 2020 at Eight Forty-five  
 Third Sunday in Lent**

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