

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GATHERING

Voluntary:J.S. Bach
Chorale Prelude on "Savior of the Nations, Come" BWV 659

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon
Please take a moment to record your online attendance in the link provided in the comment section. First-time guests and other visitors 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: Creator of the Stars of Night Plainsong
Creator of the stars of night, the people's everlasting light,
O Christ redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call. Amen.

† Opening Hymn No. 211: Veni Emmanuel
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 1-4)

† Call to WorshipErin Racine
Liturgist: *Holy God, let your spirit shine upon us!*
People: **Restore us, O God—**
Liturgist: *that we might honor the lives of others.*
People: **Restore us, O God—**
Liturgist: *that we find ways to lay down our disagreements and lean into unity.*
People: **Restore us, O God—**
Liturgist: *that we may have strength to continue our diligent work.*
People: **Restore us, O God—**
Liturgist: *for we are weary and tired, and in need of your holy restoration.*
People: **Restore us, O God!**

Lighting the Advent Candle.....Jim and Nancy Culver, Emily, Anna, and Peter Bigelow

Lesson from Mark 13:24-37

Congregational Response.....People Look East
People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of Love and Light,
we confess our struggle to trust you.
We cry out to you as we wait for redemption and restoration.
We search the horizon, longing for the hope only you can give us.
Make us aware of your presence, O God.
May we refocus our gaze on you, the ultimate source of love and light. 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.**

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

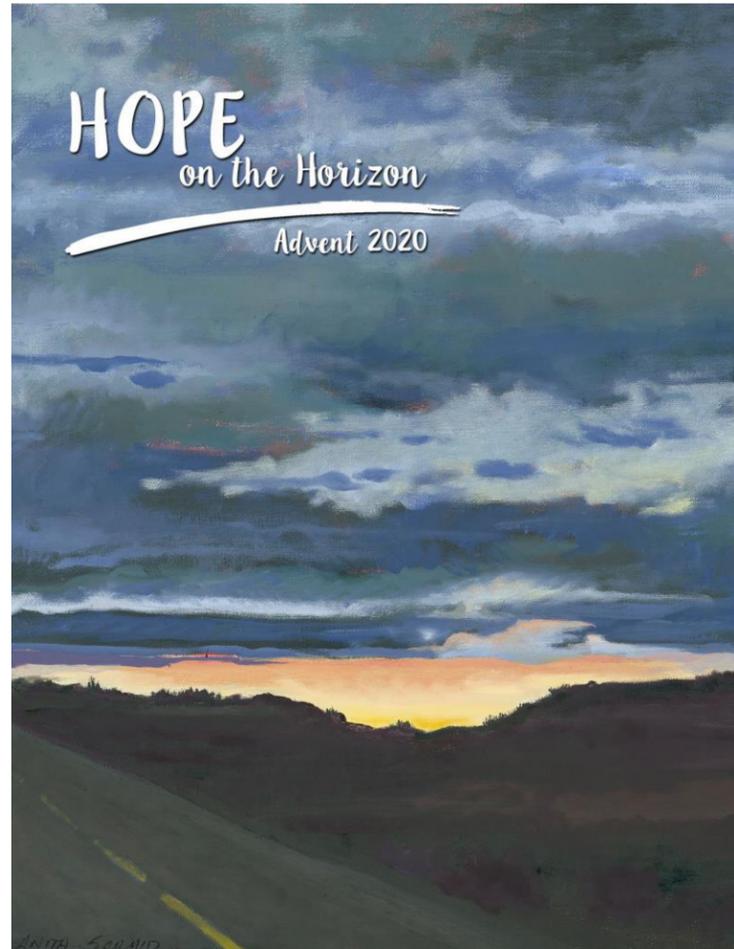
Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend Brooks Carlisle 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, Brooks Carlisle, 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..... J.L. Nave
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.



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
November 29, 2020 at Eight Forty-five
First Sunday of Advent

A lesson from: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Moment

Sermon: Longing for the Way Things Were Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith No. 881

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: Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes..... Hal H. 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.

Thou shalt know him when he comes,

Not by his crown or his gown,

But his coming known shall be

By the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.

† Doxology.....No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 206: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light.....Houston

† Benediction

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

Voluntary: Prelude on “Hyfrydol” Ralph Vaughan Williams

† *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
Dr. Robert Deaver Collins, Sr. by his family.

Brooks Carlisle Parks, son of Kevin and Hannah Parks, is presented for baptism
today.

Special thanks to Mark O'Brien, Monty Smith, and the Tulip Tree for decorating
the Sanctuary this Advent Season.



*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!*

Note: activities at the church are on a modified schedule as we practice social
distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. Please visit westendumc.org for
the latest news and updates as we continue our ministry.

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Liturgy by Katie Minnis.

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Today’s Music: The text for “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” comes from a 7-
verse poem that dates back to the 8th century. It was used in a call and
response fashion during the vespers, or evening, service. The original text
created the reverse acrostic “ero cras,” which means “I shall be with you
tomorrow,” and is particularly appropriate for the advent season. A metrical
version of five of the verses appeared in the 13th century, which was translated
into English by J.M. Neale in 1851.

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