

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GATHERING



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
December 13, 2020 at Eight Forty-five
Third Sunday of Advent

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Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on Hyfrydol..... Paul Manz

WelcomeNancy Parker
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: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns Jeremiah Clark
The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty bring:
"Hail, Christ the Lord!" thy people pray. Come quickly King of Kings.

† Opening Hymn No. 196: Hyfrydol
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

† Call to WorshipStacey Harwell-Dye
Liturgist: *Lift up your hearts.*
People: **We will shout with joy!**
Liturgist: *God has done great things for us.*
People: **We will shout with joy!**
Liturgist: *Hope is on the horizon.*
People: **We will shout with joy!**

Lighting the Advent Candle:.....Betty Dobson, and Bill and Jean Farris

Lesson from Isaiah 61: 1-3, 11

Congregational Response.....People Look East (vs. 3)
Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as nun 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 who has done great things for us,
this has been a tough year.
We are tired and overwhelmed.
We are struggling and grieving.
We are lonely and fearful.
We are having a hard time finding joy, even as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.
We confess our many emotions to you, O God; hold them and hold us in your loving embrace.
We confess our many sins to you, O Redeemer; forgive us for the harm we have caused with our words and actions and with our silence and apathy.
You call us to rejoicing; help us to have a mindset of joy, that we might be filled with your light and love, no matter our situation.
May our joy overflow because of you. 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 Duke Hawthorne 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, Duke Hawthorne, 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.....Mark Lee Taylor
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: Psalm 126

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: Past, Present, and Future Joy!Nancy Parker

† Affirmation of Faith No. 883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Katie Minnis

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: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People..... Claude Goudimel

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;

Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning neath their sorrow's load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;

Tell her that her sins I cover and her warfare now is over.

Hark the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,

Bidding all to true repentance since the kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away;

Let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;

Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;

And all earth shall see the token that his word is never broken.

(Johann Olearius)

† Doxology.....No. 94

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 213: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates..... Truro

† Benediction

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

Voluntary:.....Aaron David Miller

Prelude on "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

† *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 memory of Jane and Chase Delony, Frances Delony, Patty Chadwell, Lillian and Robert Chadwell, and Ellen and James Hofstead by Patty Delony.

Duke Hawthorne Deitmen, son of Nick and Kindall Deitmen, is presented for baptism this morning.

The rose on the table celebrates the birth of Ruth Ellen Von Lunen to Carolyn and Matt Von Lunen on December 3, 2020. She is welcomed by grandparents Laura and Rob Riley, aunt and uncle Lindsay and Robert Riley, cousins Sallyann and Carolyn Riley, and great aunt and uncle Shannon and John Barton.



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 Maggie Jarrell.

Cover Art by Laura Hood

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

Music Participants: Chamber Choir. Matthew Phelps is organist-director.

Today's Music: Wesley's original text for "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus," consisted of two stanzas of eight lines each. In some hymnals those two verses

are broken into four verses of four lines. The text is almost the same in every hymnal that includes this hymn.

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