

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GATHERING

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on "Sleepers, Wake" BWV 645J.S. Bach

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: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.....Hyfrydol

† Opening Hymn No. 209: Blessed Be the God of IsraelMerle's Tune

† Call to WorshipNancy Parker

Liturgist: *Sing to the Lord a new song!*

People: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

Liturgist: *Sing to the Lord! Bless the name of the Lord!*

People: **Share the news of God's saving work every single day!**

Liturgist: *Declare God's glory among the nations; declare God's wondrous works among all people.*

People: **The Lord is great and so worthy of praise.**

Lighting the Advent Candle.....Alfonso Cecena and Matt Darden

Lesson from Luke 1:46b-55

Congregational Response.....People Look East (vs. 4)

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*)

Holy and Loving God,

we confess we are ready to be finished with this season of waiting and preparation.

We long for Christmas Day, for the year's end, and for the opportunity to begin anew.

Compassionate Lord, you are present with us even when we, ourselves, struggle to be present in each and every moment.

Forgive us, Emmanuel, when we do not recognize you are dwelling among us, even now.

Envelop us in your everlasting love for us that in each and every breath we may be certain of your steadfast and unshakable companionship with us no matter what we face.

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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination..... Kyle Southern

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 96

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: A New SongCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith: Nicene CreedNo. 880

Joys & Concerns of the ChurchBrandon 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.

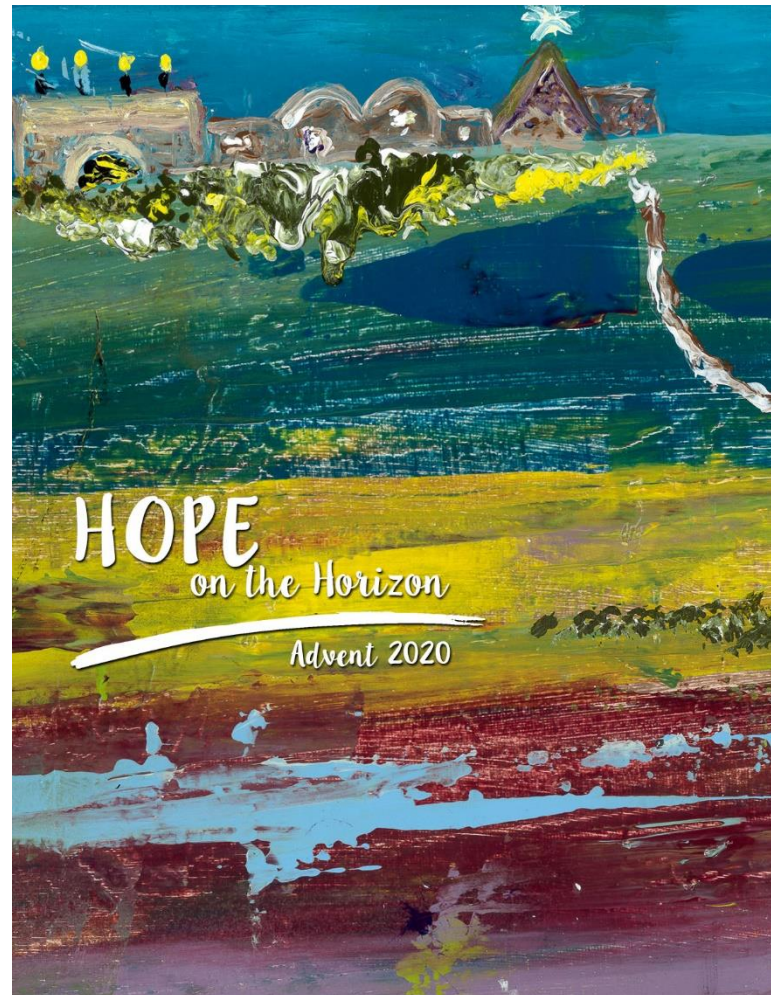
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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.



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
December 20, 2020 at Eight Forty-five
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Offertory:.....Johann Wolfgang Franck
 O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort
 O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort; O let me ne'er in sorrow pine,
 my heart and soul, yea, all my being, O Jesus, trust alone in Thee.
 Thou Prince of Peace, thou pearl from heaven, true God, true man, my
 morning star! O come, thou precious sun most radiant, thy beams illumine
 my heart and soul. O Jesus, with thy advent quiet my restless soul and
 anxious mind. In true humility I welcome Thee, Jesus Christ, my joy divine.
 My thoughts, desires, and all my longings I dedicate, O Christ, to Thee.
 O come, thou precious sun most radiant, thy beams illumine my heart and
 soul. (W. Osterwald)

† 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. 220: Angels from the Realms of Glory.....Regent Square

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Rejoice, Rejoice! Veni Emmanuel

Voluntary: From Heaven Above to Earth I ComeJohann Pachelbel

† *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
 Carolyn Bass Cate and Emmie Jackson McDonald by Cathy Sullivan and
 Hunter McDonald III.

The rose on the table celebrates the birth of Dean Henry Yoder on December
 2nd to Katie and Jordan Yoder. He is welcomed also by his grandparents Jill
 Austin Prentice and Tracy Prentice.



*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 westendmc.org for
 the latest news and updates as we continue our ministry.

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Liturgy by Sarah McCain.

Cover Art by Ray Sells. This piece is named “Bethlehem Road” to mark the
 travel of Mary and Joseph in a harsh, and empty place, pulled forward by the
 lights of Bethlehem in the distance, the young couple, no doubt weary,
 wondering if they could find a place and somehow survive this stark and
 endless road. It fits in with one of Ray’s favorite hymns: “Mary, Did You
 Know?”

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

Music Participants: Chamber Choir. Andrew Risinger is organist-director.
 Matthew Phelps is assisting at the organ.

Today’s Music: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" focuses on each of the key
 players in the Christmas story, calling them from wherever they are to “Come
 and worship Christ, the newborn King.” The angels were called from all over
 the earth, and the wise men from afar, while the shepherds were almost next
 door. As the hymn is sung, think about where you are coming from as you
 come to worship.

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