WELCOME TO WEST END UMC

Welcome!
It is a joy to greet each of you in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ. If you are our guest at this service, we bid you an especially warm welcome. If you are seeking a church home, you are invited to visit us on Sundays for worship at either 8:45 AM or 11:00 AM. On December 30, we will have one service at 11:00 AM.

Special Thanks
Thank you to John McGuire, Martha Ann Pilcher, Charlotte and James Sewell, and the Children's Council for their efforts to reimagine this worship service and to prepare the costumes, star, and manger façade. We also want to express gratitude to all the children and adults leading worship tonight for blessing us with their gifts. Thank you all for helping bring this service to life!

Today's Musicians: Allison Williams and Matthew Phelps

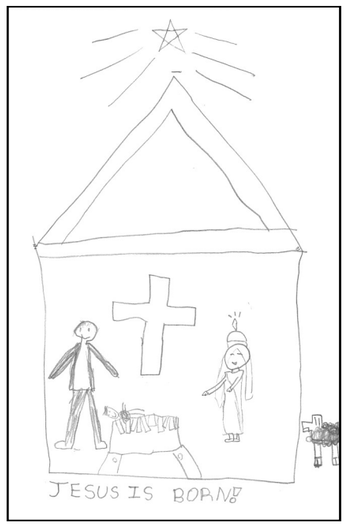
Altar Flowers
The altar and pulpit flowers are give today to the glory of God and in honor of the ministers, Carol Cavin-Dillon, Erin Racine, Brandon Baxter, Nancy Parker, Stacey Harwell-Dye, Maggie Jarrell and Emily Robbins and the Ministers of Music Matthew Phelps and Andrew Risinger and the West End Choir, by Mark O'Bryan and Monty Smith.

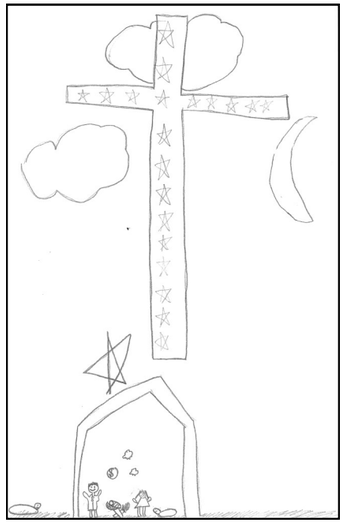
Special Communion Offering
Our Communion Offering tonight will go to support the Interfaith Dental Clinic to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Interfaith Dental Clinic started in the basement of West End United Methodist Church in 1994. In 2019 they will move into their new location and celebrate their 25th Anniversary. Our goal is to raise $25,000 to support this amazing organization and help them successfully transition into their new building. If we give at this level, we will have a family room named for West End United Methodist Church, honoring our historic partnership. You can contribute to the Special Advent Offering for Interfaith Dental Clinic tonight at the Communion Offering or throughout December. Designate your gift "Interfaith Dental Clinic" or give online at westendumc.org/idc.

Bulletin Covers
Thanks to our children for their imagination and creativity which gave us the images on the bulletin covers this evening! Our bulletin covers were specially drawn for this service by our Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd and 3rd Grade, and 4th and 5th Grade Sunday School classes. The image on your bulletin was drawn by our Kindergarten Class. If you would like to see the images from the other classes, they are on the back of this bulletin.

Cover Artwork from All Sunday School Classes

Top Left: Kindergarten
Top Right: 1st Grade
Bottom Left: 2nd and 3rd Grade
Bottom Right: 4th and 5th Grade





Family Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2018

WEST END
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 24, 2018
4:00 PM

GATHERING

Prelude Gesu Bambino Pietro A. Yon

* Opening Hymn: No. 234 O Come All Ye Faithful, v. 1-3, 6 …. Adeste Fidelis

A Word of Welcome …… Rev. Carol Cavin-Dillon

* Greeting: …… Noah Phelps

Liturgist: Tonight we are excited.
People: **Bless us with wonder!**
Liturgist: Tonight we are expectant.
People: **Bless us with gladness!**
Liturgist: Tonight we are on tiptoe.
People: **Bless us with new birth.**
All: **Let us remember why this night is a holy night!**

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and turn away from our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Words of Assurance …….. Margo Jenkins

Liturgist: Hear the good news! Christ is come! 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 offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children of all ages are invited to come gather at the front of the Sanctuary to hear the story of Jesus' birth read from Isaiah, Luke, and Matthew. Gather at the star during the singing of the First Noel and follow it around the Sanctuary to the chancel area.

* Hymn No. 245: The First Noel …….....Traditional English Carol

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 9:2,6-7	Lily Catherine Bury
Luke 1:26-35, 38	Connor Harris
Luke 2:1-7	Harper Barnes
Luke 2:8-18	Zack Fonnesbeck
Matthew 2:1-12	Samuel Wilson

Anthem: Away in a Manger. ……Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Children's Sermon …… Rev. Carol Cavin-Dillon

Lighting of the Christ Candle

* Hymn No. 240: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing …….. Mendelssohn

(Children will return to their seats during the singing of the hymn.)

*Affirmation of Faith …….. Emerson Baxter

(*Written by Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, 5th Grade, and Confirmation Classes)*

We believe God, our Creator, saves us, shepherds us, loves us, invites us to love, and lives within us all.
We believe Jesus is God's Son who teaches us, leads us with kindness, and sacrificed himself for us.
We believe Jesus came to live on earth to save our lives and to spread the joyful news of God and God's Spirit.
We believe being part of the church means friends, choir, the Lord's Prayer, and fun crafts in Sunday School.
We believe we should always speak and act kindly to everyone because God said so.

Call for the Offering

Offertory Lo, How a Rose Is Growing John Leavitt

* 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!

* The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth
And all the company of heaven,
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

…as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Breaking The Bread

Giving The Bread and Cup

(*Communion tonight will be served by intinction. Please hold out your hands to receive the bread, which you will then dip into the cup, receiving the elements together.)*

* The Prayer After Receiving (in unison)

Eternal God,
We give you thanks for this holy mystery
In which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
In the strength of your Spirit,
To give ourselves to others,
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

* Closing Hymn No. 246: Joy to the World…….....…….Antioch

SENDING FORTH

Benediction …… Rev. Maggie Jarrell

Postlude Toccata on Il Est Ne, le Divin Enfant Denis Bedard

** The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*