

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
December 4, 2016 at Eight Forty-five
Second Sunday of Advent

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!

GATHERING

Voluntary: Savior of the Nations, Come BWV 659.....J. S. Bach

WelcomeMichael Williams
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: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Christian F. Witt

† Processional Hymn No. 718..... Helmsley
Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

† Greeting.....Emily Robbins
Liturgist: *Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.*
People: **We are called to action rather than reaction.**
Liturgist: *Open your hearts to God's word and God's will.*
People: **Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.**
Liturgist: *Come, draw near to God in faith.*
People: **Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God.**
(Please be seated.)

Lighting the Advent CandleRoom In the Inn:
Kay Gray & Buddy DeFord

Lesson from the Prophets: Isaiah 2:1-5 (pew Bible, page 550)

Congregational Response.....Besançon
Hymn No. 202: 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*)
Merciful God, we confess
that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† 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!**
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.**
(You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.)

† An Act of Praise
Antiphon (Choir and Congregation)



PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Advent Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)
Holy God, help us to give voice to the wonderful news:
You, yourself are coming to dwell among us!
Quicken our imaginations to find new and creative ways
to proclaim Christ's coming. Amen.

Lesson from the Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10.....(pew Bible, page 558)

Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Meditation Michael Williams
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Nancy Parker

The Offering

Offertory: E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come.....Paul O. Manz
Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!
Adapted from Revelation 22

† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

† Doxology No. 95

† 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 God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

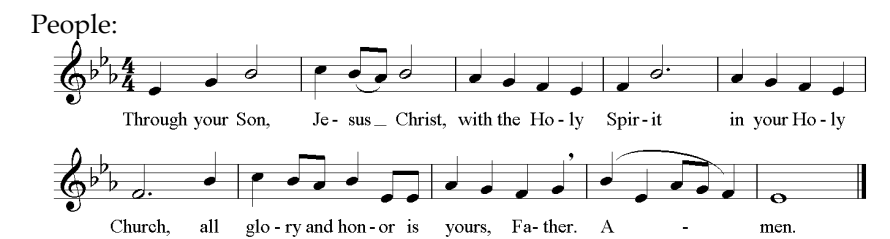
† Sanctus and Benedictus (*Choir and Congregation*)



Prayer of Remembrance



Prayer of Consecration



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.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 206, 475, 214, 211.

† Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: You have given yourself to us, Lord.
People: Now we give ourselves for others.
Celebrant: Your love has made us a new people;
People: as a people of love we will serve you with joy.
Celebrant: Your glory has filled our hearts;
People: help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

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

† Dismissal with Blessing

Celebrant: Go forth in peace.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
People: Amen.

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

Voluntary: Toccata on "Conditor Alme Siderum" Pietro Yon
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 stand.

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Head Usher: John Nance

The altar flowers are from the wedding of
Carolyn Barton Riley and Matthew Robert Von Lunen.
They are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory
of John W. Barton, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Riley, Jr.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of
Walker Hammond Reynolds
who was born November 28, 2016
to parents Jen and Will Reynolds, and big brother Will Reynolds.

Special thanks to Monty Smith, Mark O'Brian, and The Tulip Tree staff
for beautifully decorating the sanctuary for Advent.

Music Participants: Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate
Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger is directing. Caitlin Dowling is assisting
at the organ.

Hymnic Notes:

The processional is Charles Wesley's magisterial hymn, alive with vivid
biblical metaphors and images of Christ's second advent, with allusions to his
Ascension, set to the splendid, expansive, inviting tune HELMSLEY. The tune
is named after a small town in Yorkshire, England.

The recessional is an invitation to allow our hearts to receive Christ's grace
and love during this Advent season. It is a metaphor for the dialogue,
probably sung by a priestly choir, in Psalm 24:7-10 (see KJV text on left facing
page of the hymn) that accompanies the opening of the temple gates to allow
entrance of the procession of the ark, the latter representing the immediate
presence of The Lord of Hosts.

(Hymnic Notes are written by Carlton Young)

December 4, 2016
Preaching: Michael Williams
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a
branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord
shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and
the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the
Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by
what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the
poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he
shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the
breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness
shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt
around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the
leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the
lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead
them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie
down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The
nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the
weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They
will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the
earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters
cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a
signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and
his dwelling shall be glorious.



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