

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
January 10, 2016 at Eleven o'clock
Baptism of the Lord

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: Prelude and Fugue in F Major Vincent Lubeck

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: The Lord is in this Holy TempleRobert McCowen
The Lord is in this holy temple,
let all the earth keep silence before him.

† Processional Hymn No. 158..... Spanish Hymn
Come, Christians, Join to Sing

† Greeting Erin Racine
Liturgist: *Darkness is gone. New Hope has arisen.
We are marked by God as disciples.*
People: **God has entrusted us with a message of hope.**
Liturgist: *Come, Spirit of God, and rest upon us.*
People: **Enable us to be people of hope and peace! Amen.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**God of Love and Grace,
We confess that we do not always remember
that we have been marked for love and service.
We forget that you have called us by name.
We ignore your message of hope.
We behave in ways that do not promote peace and justice.
Forgive us, O God.
Turn us around.
Help us to be people who live your Loving Light:
Connected and Transformed,
serving others in Jesus' name.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

† 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.**

(Please be seated.)

Anthem: Behold Now, Praise the Lord.....Everett Titcomb

Behold now, praise the Lord all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.
(from Psalm 134)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

**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.**

Lesson from the Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.....(pew Bible, page 834)

Response to the Lesson

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

Sermon: We Need Water for the Pilgrimage.....Michael Williams

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 him with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he may 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 Richard Davis 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, Richard Davis, 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.**

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

At the appropriate moment you will be invited to proceed to one of the five Stations, touch the water, and remember your baptism. You may kneel in prayer at the rail and stay as long as you wish.

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during the renewal of baptismal vows: 605, 252, & TFWS 2248.

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.**

Joys & Concerns of the Church Lisa Gwock

Offertory: The True GloryPeter Aston

There must be a beginning of any great matter, but the continuing unto the end until it be thoroughly finished yields the true glory. The greatest things are accomplished, and the greatest achievements are won, by toil and by striving uninterrupted, toil as well of the body as of the spirit.

† DoxologyNo. 95

SENDING FORTH

- † Recessional Hymn No. 606: Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine .. Kingsfold
- † Benediction
- † Response No. TFWS 2014: Amen (all sing)Taizé Alleluia



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TAIZÉ ALLELUIA
Irregular

Voluntary: Fugue in G Major 'Gigue' BWV 577J. S. Bach
*All are invited to remain seated for a time of reflection.
If you leave, please do so quietly.*

- † *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in loving memory of a wonderful son, Max Coppinger Nance,
and in honor of the 17th anniversary of his birth on January 7
by his parents, Margo Coppinger Nance and John Nance.

Richard Davis Leow,
son of Robert Franklin Leow and Olivia Billingsley Leow
is presented for baptism.

The rose on the altar is in celebration
of the birth of Katherine "Kate" James Fowler
who was born December 28, 2015
to Katherine and Chris Fowler.
She is also welcomed by
her sister, Liza Fowler.

Today's Music:

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music Matthew Phelps,
director. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Caitlin
Dowling is assisting at the organ.

Our children's choir rehearsals resume next Wednesday January 13th.
Beginning at 6 PM (after our regular 5 PM dinner) your family can join us
for music, fellowship, and learning in a supportive and caring environment.
All children 4 years old through 6th grade are welcome. Feel free to invite
grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, anyone who may enjoy our
programming! Contact a member of the music staff to register or receive
more information.

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January 10, 2016
Preaching: Michael Williams
"We Need Water for the Pilgrimage"

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were
questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he
might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by
saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more
powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the
thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy
Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to
clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his
granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable
fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus
also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was
opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in
bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well
pleased."

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