

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
January 15, 2017 at Eight Forty-five
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: Allegretto from *Sonata IV*.....Felix Mendelssohn

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: Wash, O God, Our Sons and DaughtersBeach Spring

† Processional Hymn No. 185.....Laudes Domini
When Morning Gilds the Skies

† Greeting.....Lisa Gwock
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

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: Matthew 3:13-17.....(pew Bible, page 784)

Response to the Lesson

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

† 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.**

Sermon: When I Went Down to the River to Pray.....Michael Williams

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant and 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 she may grow in her service to
others. We will pray for her that she 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 Anna Lee
to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase
her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already
given you, Anna Lee, 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 ResponseNo. 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 Faith

*You are invited to proceed to one of the four Stations 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: 606, 252,
& TFWS 2248.*

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Stacy Gonzalez

Offertory: Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing DayJohn Gardner

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so
chance to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love; This have I done for my true love. Then was I born of
a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance; Thus was I knit to man's
nature, to call my true love to my dance... In a manger laid and
wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a
silly poor ass, To call my true love to my dance... Then afterwards
baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance, my Father's voice
heard from above, To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love,
This have I done for my true love.

† DoxologyNo. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 193Gräfenburg
Jesus! the Name High over All

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: For Your Light Has Come.....Ronald A. Nelson

Voluntary.....Zachary Wadsworth
*Variations on an Old American Hymn Tune
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.*

Head Usher: John Nance

The Flower Fund provides flowers for West End's worship service when
none have been donated. Today's flowers are made possible by this fund.
If you would like to contribute, please mark your check or envelope
"Flower Fund."

Anna Lee Rhoden,
daughter of Robert Tyler Rhoden and Nicole Lee Rhoden,
is presented for baptism.

Catherine Cornelia Munderloh,
daughter of Alexander Edward Munderloh and Emma Magee Munderloh,
will be presented for baptism at the 11:00am service.

A rose on the Communion table is in celebration of the birth of Ella Kate Wiseman, born Dec. 16, 2016 to Melissa and Rob Wiseman. She is also welcomed by her big brother, Carter Wiseman.

A rose on the Communion table is in celebration of the birth of David Shelton Allen, born December 26, 2016 in Panama City, Florida. He is welcomed by his parents, Revs. Chris and Erica Allen.

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

Hymnic Notes:
The processional hymn invites us to praise Jesus Christ in all times and all places. Its unusual structure of rhymed couplets followed by a refrain 'May Jesus Christ be praised,' is aptly expressed in Joseph Barnby's only enduring tune of the 246 he composed.

The recessional consist of seven verses from Charles Wesley's 22-verse poem, titled 'After preaching (in a church)', that his brother John (never shy to alter others texts!) made into a two-part-hymn: Verses 1-3 proclaim the Lordship and authority of Christ, and verses 4-6 are words of personal devotion and dedication that conclude with a prayer that the singer's dying words might echo those of John the Baptist, 'Behold the Lamb of God' (John 1:29). (Hymnic Notes by Carlton Young.)

January 15, 2017
Preaching: Michael Williams
"When I Went Down to the River to Pray"

Matthew 3:13-17

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River so that John would baptize him. John tried to stop him and said, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?" Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness." So John agreed to baptize Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him."

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