

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
January 29, 2017 at Eleven o'clock
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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: Slow Air in E Minor.....Herbert Howells

Welcome.....Michael Williams

Introit: Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now..... 17th Century German Tune
Lord Jesus Christ be present now, our hearts in true devotion bow.
Thy Spirit send with grace divine and let thy truth within us shine.

† Processional Hymn No. 85.....Ratisbon
We Believe in One True God

† Greeting.....Erin Racine
Liturgist: *We come as supplicants today, to pray for wholeness.*
People: **As the woman did, we touch the robe of Christ in hopes of healing.**
Liturgist: *We turn today toward Christ, who heals us.*
People: **Praise the God who shares our pain, our failings, and our brokenness.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
We confess that in pursuing our own desires we have made little room for you in our lives. Too often we avoid the inconveniences of those in need of comfort or love, and fail to do your work in the world. Often we run from the troubles of our own suffering or imperfections, and fail to see your work in our lives. Let us slow down enough to pause in life's interruptions: the distractions, the failures, the tragedies, so that we might experience the miracle of discovering you in them.

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: Prayer..... David Macdonald

I ask good things that I detest,
With speeches fair;
Heed not, I pray Thee, Lord, my breast,
But hear my prayer.

I say ill things I would not say -
Things unaware:
Regard my breast, Lord, in Thy day,
And not my prayer.

My heart is evil in Thy sight:
My good thoughts flee:
O Lord, I cannot wish aright -
Wish Thou for me.

O bend my words and acts to Thee,
However ill,
That I, whate'er I say or be,
May serve Thee still.

O let my thoughts abide in Thee
Lest I should fall:
Show me Thyself in all I see,
Thou Lord of all.
(Robert Louis Stevenson)

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 8:43-48..... (pew Bible, pages 841-842)

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

† Hymn No. 549: Where Charity and Love Prevail.....St. Peter
The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: Interruptions.....Michael Williams

† Affirmation of Faith of the United Church of CanadaNo. 883

† 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.)

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Lisa Gwock

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.

Offertory: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing.....Lloyd Pfautsch

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord. Oh to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.
(Robert Robinson)

† Doxology No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 670: Go Forth For God.....Geneva

† Benediction

† Response TFWS No. 2226: Bind Us Together (refrain).....Bind Us Together

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love. _____

Voluntary: Carillon.....Leon Boellmann

*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: Barbara Cragg

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Dr. and Mrs. William Robert Cate, Sr.
by their family.

The flowers in Reed Hall are from yesterday's memorial service,
given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
George C. Grigg, Sr.

William Dale Hawkins,
son of Aaron Dorn Dale and Caroline Shipley Dale,
was presented for baptism in the early service.

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

Hymnic Notes: The processional is a paraphrase of the Trinitarian articles in
the Apostles Creed (see hymnal 881, and 882). The first stanza is in praise of
the Trinity, followed by two stanzas relating to the Son and the Holy Ghost.

The recessional is based on a traditional benediction that in part reflects
St. Paul's reminder to the young church of Thessalonica (1 Thess. 5:14-18)
to rebuke the unruly, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be
patient, refuse to retaliate, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in
all circumstances. (Hymnic notes by Carlton Young.)

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January 29, 2017
Preaching: Michael Williams
"Interruptions"

Luke 8:43-48

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages
for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians,
no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe
of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus
asked, "Who touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the
crowds surround you and press in on you." But Jesus said, "Someone
touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me." When the
woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and
falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people
why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed.
He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

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