

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
January 29, 2017 at Eight Forty-five
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 MinorHerbert Howells

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: O Light Everlasting.....Jean Pasquet

† 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.**

(Please be seated.)

Anthem: O Sing a Song Unto the Lord.....Naomi King Walker

O sing a song a song unto the Lord our God. Let all generations give honor and praise! Make joyful music to the Lord our God. With voices and instruments join in our chorus of praise, praise the Lord!

Miriam played her tambourine and danced before the Lord; David played his harp and sang a psalm. The disciples sang a praises hymn at the table of the Lord; Paul and Silas sang together all night long. We sing, we sing our heritage of music. We sing, we sing; let ev'ryone join with the saints through the ages and sing, praise and sing!

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

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 William Hawkins 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, William Hawkins, 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.**

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.**

† Gloria Patri..... No. 71

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri to join Michael at the chancel.

**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.)

Sermon: Interruptions.....Michael Williams

† Affirmation of Faith of the United Church of Canada No. 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: I Believe This is Jesus.....arr. Undine Smith Moore
I believe this is Jesus; come and see.
The light of God shines in his face; come and see.
He offers all his pard'ning grace; come and see.

† Doxology No. 95

SENDING FORTH

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

† Benediction

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

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: John Nance

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 Hawkins Dale,
son of Aaron Dorn Dale and Caroline Shipley Dale,
is presented for baptism.

Today's liturgy was written by Jayme Yeo.

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

Today we welcome the Chapel Choir from Belmont United Methodist Church, Nashville and the Hosanna Choir from Decatur First United Methodist Church of Decatur, GA and their director Michele Wright. They are joining with West End's Chapel Choirs. Later this morning, the combined groups will sing at Belmont UMC's 10:30 a.m. service. Amy Cooper of Belmont UMC is conducting the combined groups in this service. We give thanks for the directors and all parents for making this morning's combined worship experiences possible.

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 Thes. 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.)

January 29, 2017
Preaching: Michael Williams

"Interruptions"

Luke 8:43-48

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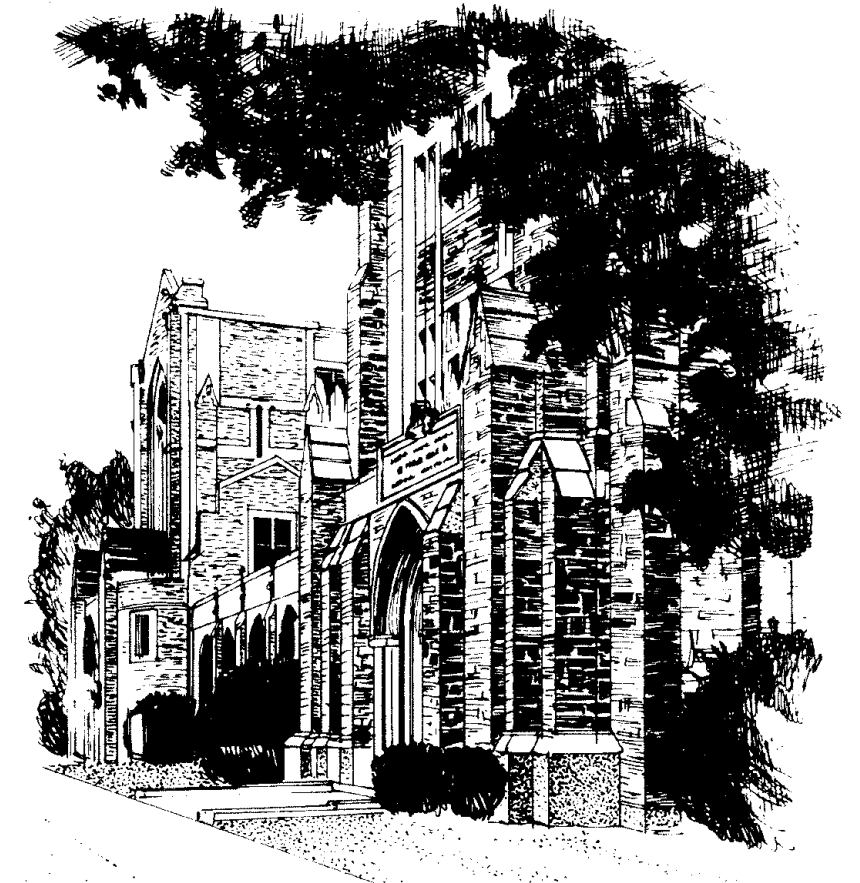
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