

GATHERING

Voluntary: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661.....J. S. Bach

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon
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 Witt
Come thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

† Processional Hymn No. 211.....Veni Emmanuel
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

† Greeting.....Brandon Baxter
Liturgist: *Now, in this holy season of Advent, we wait,*
People: **for the faithful God is coming to us.**
Liturgist: *Now, in this season of waiting, we listen,*
People: **for the faithful word speaks of good news to us.**
Liturgist: *Now in the waiting and listening we watch,*
People: **for the faithful spirit is moving among us.**

(Please be seated.)

Lighting the Advent Candle.....College Student Ministry:
Jessica Maruri and Luke McDonald

Lesson from the Psalms.....(pew Bible, pages 470-471)
Psalm 80 (selected verses)

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*)

God With Us,
even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away.
You seem hidden when we need you near.
In our hurt, doubt, and fear,
we do not try to draw closer to you;
Instead we lash out
against you, our neighbor, even those we love.
Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us!
Let your face shine until our tears are dried,
our sins are faded, and our hope is restored.
After all, we belong to you,
and in your hands, we can be made new.

Silent Confession

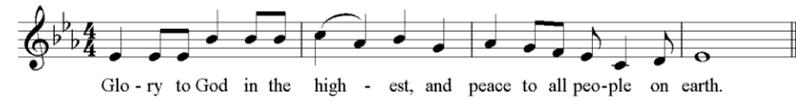
Words of Assurance

† 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)



Choir: *Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,*
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,*
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.*
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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

A lesson from the Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9.....(pew Bible, page 606)

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Meditation: The Prophet's Lament.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

The Offering

Offertory: Expectans, Expectavi.....Charles Wood
This sanctuary of my soul, unwitting I keep white and whole,
unlatch'd and lit, if thou shoud'st care to enter or to tarry there. With
parted lips and out stretch'd hands and list'ning ears thy servant
stands. Call thou early, call thou late, to thy great service dedicate my
soul, keep pure, and whole. (C. H. Sorley)

† 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.*

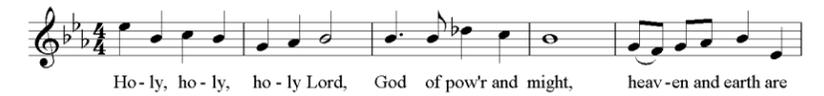
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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*)



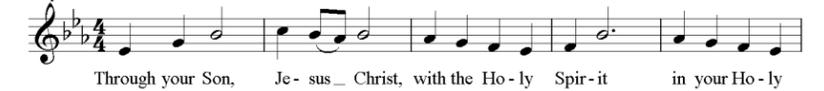
Prayer of Remembrance

People:



Prayer of Consecration

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.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 214, 475, 626, and 2259 TFWS.

† 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. 206.....Houston
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

† Dismissal with Blessing

† Benediction Response: O Come O Come Emmanuel (Refrain, all sing)
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on Hyfrydol.....Ralph Vaughan Williams
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.

Smile! Video, photography and live stream take place in our church, and your presence here indicates your cooperation.

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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Reverend and Mrs. Willard Blue, Eddie and Lucy VanVoorhees and Kathleen Shacter by Linda Lundin, Ed VanVoorhees and children.



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!

Advent Services and Activities

December 3

Worship Services.....8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
BACH Into Advent
Advent Wreath Workshop (McWhirter Hall).....4:00 p.m.
Dinner (McWhirter Hall).....5:30 p.m.
Christmas Oratorio (Sanctuary).....5:00 p.m.

December 10

Worship Services.....8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Christmas Candlelight Service.....5:30 p.m.

December 17

Worship Services.....8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.

December 24

Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Family Christmas Eve Service.....4:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service.....10:30 p.m.

December 31

Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve Taize Service.....6:30 p.m.

Building Tours are offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM, or immediately following the early service. Meet at the Welcome Center in Reed Hall, through the side doors of the Sanctuary.

For a complete listing and additional information on Sunday and Weekly Activities, please visit our website at www.westendumc.org or see the bulletin insert.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

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

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December 3, 2017 at Eleven o'clock
First Sunday of Advent

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