

GATHERING

Voluntary: Wake, Awake, A Voice is Calling.....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: Creator of the Stars of Night.....Plainsong
Creator of the Stars of Night, your people’s everlasting light. O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call. Amen.

† Processional Hymn No. 718.....Helmsley
Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

† Greeting.....Becky Peeler
Liturgist: A voice cries in the wilderness,
People: “Prepare the way of the Lord; make God’s way clear.
Liturgist: Lift up every valley; lower every mountain.
People: For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.”

(Please be seated.)

Lighting the Advent Candle.....Members of New Sunday School Classes
Evelyn Galletti (West End Neighbors) and Brian Payne (Sine Nomine)

Lesson from the Psalms: Psalm 85(pew Bible, page 473)

Congregational Response.....Besançon
Hymn No. 202: People, Look East (Vs. 2)
Furrows be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People look east and sing today: Love the Rose, is on the way.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Faithful God,
we confess that we have not led lives of holiness.
We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed;
we have not been at peace.
We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love.
Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins
that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name.
Amen.

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.)

† 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: Emmanuel.....John Stainer
O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, Hope of all nations, and their Savior. Come, and save us, O Lord our God. (Antiphon for the Second Sunday of Advent)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Advent Prayer for Illumination (in unison).....Elizabeth Ryan
Holy God, help us to give voice to the wonderful news:
you, yourself are coming to dwell among us!
Quicken our imaginations to find new and creative ways
to proclaim Christ’s coming. Amen.

Lesson from the Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-11 ... (pew Bible, pages 581-582)

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

† Hymn No. 729: O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines.....Jerusalem
The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: Comfort in the Wilderness.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 889

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Erin Racine

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.

The Offering

Offertory: E’en so Lord Jesus Quickly Come.....Paul Manz
Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, almighty God, who was and is and is to come. Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E’en so Lord Jesus quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all! (Ruth Manz)

† DoxologyNo. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 213.....Truro
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

† Benediction

† Benediction Response.....Veni Emmanuel
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Voluntary: Finale on Wake, Awake, For Night is FlyingWayne Wold
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.

Livestream and video recording happen during our church services and worship events.

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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Ewart Watts.



West End United Methodist Church

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WEST END UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Comfort

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
 December 10, 2017 at Eleven o'clock
 Second Sunday of Advent

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 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.

Hymnic Notes: Helmsley, the tune for the opening hymn, is the subject of much speculation. The tune was used for Charles Wesley's text, "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending," in the 1765 publication, *Sacred Melodies*, in which John Wesley attributed the tune to Thomas Olivers. However, the melody resembles Thomas Augustine Arne's "Thomas and Sally." Scholars debate whether Oliver would have heard this on the street and used it as the basis for his hymn tune. The text is rich with imagery of God's appearance on earth, the tragedy that befalls him in the Passion, and his reigning kingdom and the benefits of our salvation.

Paul Manz wrote the anthem "E'en so Lord Jesus Quickly Come," and his wife, Ruth, wrote the text, during a period where their three year old son was tragically ill. They wrote it as a prayer for God to come and answer their prayers for the child. The piece has been sung worldwide and is his most popular composition. Their child made a full recovery, which the couple attributed to the prayer.

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