

GATHERING

Voluntary: Savior of the Nations Come BWV 599.....J. S. Bach

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: The King Shall ComeJeremiah Clarke
The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty bring:
“Hail, Christ the Lord!” thy people pray. Come quickly King of kings.

† Processional Hymn No. 203: Hail to the Lord’s Anointed.....Ellacombe

† Greeting.....Emily C. Robbins

Liturgist: *Love has come down to us this Advent season.*

People: **Divine love which heals and transforms our lives.**

Liturgist: *With great joy, we receive that love and share it with others.*

People: **We open our hearts to all God’s children, the last, the least, and the lost, as well as those who feel privileged.**

Liturgist: *The Lord has done and continues to do great things for us.*

People: **Praise be to God who loves us so much, and who challenges us to be people of joy in this darkened world.**

(Please be seated.)

Lighting the Advent Candle..... Members of Creation Care Committee
Anita Schmid and Steve Norris

Lesson from the Psalms: Psalm 126(pew Bible, page 127)

Congregational Response.....Besançon
Hymn No. 202: People, Look East (Vs. 3)

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as the sun and moon together. People look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Patient and forgiving God,
you know we want to be people of peace and justice,
but when opportunities come to participate
in groups working for justice,
we turn our backs and walk the other way,
or we give a token pledge
and then ignore further pleas for assistance.**

**We hide our names from appearing on rolls of supporters
of justice-seeking organizations.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we give only lip service
to ministries of justice, rather than pledging our lives
to helping all people in need.**

Free us from our selfishness.

**Banish our fears, and move us in ways of peace and justice,
bringing your love and hope to all God’s children.**

We ask these things in God’s 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.**

† 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.**

Anthem: Adam Lay Y’Bounden.....Boris Ord

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond: four thousand winter
thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, an apple that he
took, as clerkes finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken
been. Ne had never our lady abeen heavnè queen. Blessed be the
time that apple taken was. Therefore we moun singen Deo gracias!

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Advent Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Davis Turner

**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..... (pew Bible, pages 603-604)
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 196: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.....Hyfrydol

*The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel
during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Sermon: The Advent of Justice.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 889

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Nancy Parker

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: Glory to God (from Christmas Oratorio).....J. S. Bach
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to all men.

† DoxologyNo. 95

Reception of New Members

Liturgist: *Brothers and Sisters in Christ, these persons are now
entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to
increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them
in love.*

People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given
you, 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.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 211.....Veni Emmanuel
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1, 5-7)

† Benediction

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

Voluntary: Paeon on Divinum Mysterium.....John Cook
*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 her husband, Robert L. Sullivan by Cathy Sullivan.

A rose on the Communion table is to celebrate the birth
of Augustus Graves Nielson on Dec. 6, 2017 to Josie and Andrew Nielson.
He is also welcomed by big brother, Barrick.

A rose on the Communion table is to celebrate the birth of
Pharrest J'nyla Nicole Balthazar on Dec. 10, 2017 to Jonathan and Nickesha
Balthazar. She is also welcomed by her grandmother, Edwina Joy Balthazar.



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 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, director and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist/accompanist.

Hymnic Notes: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel is one of the oldest hymns sung by Christians around the world. The tune comes from a 16th century French chant, and was adapted by Thomas Helmore for his publication The Hymnal Noted in 1854. The text derives from the ancient poem known as the O Antiphons. In medieval times, a verse would be chanted beginning in Advent on every day leading up to Christmas. Each verse has a different Old Testament reference to the coming Savior.

In our offertory anthem today, the text "good will to all men" is a literal translation and does not refer only to men at the exclusion of women. The term "men" in this context refers to all humanity.

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WEST END
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
December 17, 2017 at Eleven o'clock
Third Sunday of Advent