

## GATHERING

Voluntary: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.....John Ferguson  
Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus.....Christian F. Witt

† 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.....NOAH  
(Nashville Organized for Action and Hope)  
WEUMC Board Members Ellen Wolfe and Mary Campbell

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.**

*(You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.)*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Advent Prayer for Illumination.....Theresa Santillan

**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.**

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.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71

*The children are invited to come forward during the singing  
of the Gloria Patri to join Carol 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: 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: Kindle A Light.....Michael Fleming

Kindle a light to lighten the darkness, kindle a light each nation and race:  
God in the poor is coming to meet us, kindle a light to shine on his face.  
Kindle a light to lighten the darkness, kindle a light for all who despair:  
God in the poor is coming to judge us, kindle a light with fasting and prayer.  
Kindle a light to lighten the darkness, kindle a light in places of shame,  
God in the poor is coming to heal us, kindle a light with hope in its flame.  
Kindle a light to lighten the darkness, kindle a light for sorrow to cease:  
God in the poor is coming to free us, kindle a light for justice and peace.  
Christ is coming, coming in judgement, in truth and in grace:  
Meet him and greet him, and share his embrace.

*(Michael Forster)*

† Doxology .....No. 95

## SENDING FORTH

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

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Rejoice! Rejoice! .....Veni Emmanuel

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](http://www.westendumc.org) or see the bulletin insert.

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Head Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, director. Music Associate, Allison Williams, assisting at the organ.

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.

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**WEST END**  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
 December 17, 2017 at Eighty Forty-five  
 Third Sunday of Advent