

## GATHERING

Voluntary: In Dulci Jubilo.....Johann Christian Bach

Welcome.....Brandon Baxter  
*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: What Star is This.....Michael Praetorius  
What star is this that beams so bright more lovely than the noonday light? Tis sent to announce a newborn King, glad tidings of our God to bring.

† Processional Hymn No. 240.....Mendelssohn  
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

† Greeting.....Anita Peebles  
Liturgist: *Let us dance with delight in the Lord,  
and let our hearts be filled with rejoicing,*  
People: **for eternal salvation has appeared on earth. Alleluia!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Lord Jesus, yours are the seasons and the ages.  
Give us a new heart and a new spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.**  
**Jesus Christ, you are the beginning and the end  
of all that is, including our lives.  
Make a new beginning with all of us:  
Christ, have mercy.**  
**Lord Jesus, you breathe your Spirit on all creation.  
Make our old world new again:  
Lord, have mercy.**  
**Have mercy on us, Lord,  
and let your forgiveness and love come down on us  
day after day.**  
**Lead us to everlasting life.  
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.**

Anthem: Still Still Still.....Normal Luboff  
Still one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, holy star its vigil keeping. Sleep 'tis the morn of our Savior's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Dream of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber.

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Mary Mitchell  
**Holy God, help us to give voice to the wonderful news: you,  
yourself have come to dwell among us! Quicken our imaginations  
to find new and creative ways to proclaim your arrival. Amen.**

A lesson from the Gospel: Luke 2:22-40.....(pew Bible, page 833)

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

† Hymn No. 224: Good Christian, Friends Rejoice.....In Dulci Jubilo  
*The children are invited to come forward to join Brandon at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Sermon: Light and (Fore)Shadow.....Brandon Baxter

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

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  
Congregational Response:  
Liturgist: *Loving God,*  
People: **hear our prayer.**

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 Saw a Maiden.....Basque Noel, arr. Pettman  
I saw a maiden sitten and sing: She lulled the child, a sweete Lord-ing. Lullay, lullay, my dear son, my sweeting. Lullay, lullay, my dear heart, my own darling. This very Lord he made alle thing: Of lords the Lord of kinges the King. Lullay, lullay, my dear son, my sweeting. Lullay, lullay, my dear heart, my own darling. Pray we to the child and to his mother dear, His blessing to them that maken now cheer. Lullay, lullay, my dear son, my sweeting. Lullay, lullay, my dear heart, my own darling.

† Doxology.....No. 95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 251.....Go Tell It on the Mountain  
Go, Tell It on the Mountain

† Benediction

† Benediction Response No. 238 refrain (All sing).....Gloria  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Voluntary: Postlude on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.....David Willcocks  
*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 by Mark O'Bryan and Monty Smith to the glory of God for the memories and blessings of the past year, and for hope and peace for the New Year.



*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!*

**Sunday Activities**

- Service Times.....8:45 and 11 a.m.
- Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
- Youth Choir Rehearsal\*.....12:15 - 1 p.m.
- Adult Handbells.....1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- Youth Small Groups\*.....5 - 7 p.m.

**Weekly Activities**

- Meal.....Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
- Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
- Children’s Choir and Youth Handbell Rehearsals.....Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....Thursdays, 7:15pm - 9:15 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.

\*Meal provided.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director-organist.

**West End United Methodist Church**

**PASTORAL STAFF**

- Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers
- Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
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- Nancy Parker..... Pastor of Young Adults
- Anita Peebles.....Congregational Care Intern

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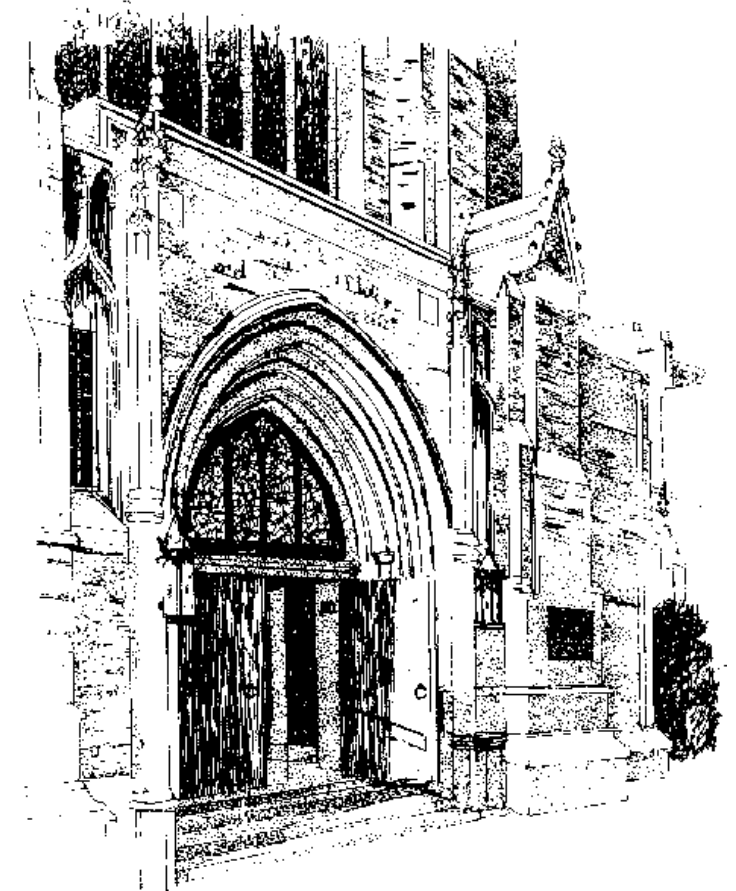
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except for Bob Hilton and Don Marler.*

**WEST END  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



**ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
December 31, 2017 at 11 o'clock  
First Sunday After Christmas Day**