

GATHERING

Voluntary: Cathedral Prelude in B-flatBasil Harwood

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: O Lamb of God Most HolyNikolaus Decius
O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer, and patient still and lowly yourself to scorn did offer; Our sins by You were taken, or hope had us forsaken: Have mercy on us, Jesus!

† Processional Hymn No. 96.....Amsterdam
Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

† Greeting.....Brandon Baxter
Liturgist: *We come before the Lord just as we are.*
People: **Christ bids us welcome and joins us at the table.**
Liturgist: *We offer our gifts in thanks for God's gracious presence.*
People: **Rejoice! Surely salvation has come to this house.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**God of all good gifts,
too often we forget the wondrous joys
of living fully in your creation.
We ignore our connection to all that surrounds us.
We deny our relationship with all of your children.
We forget your love for us.
We think of ourselves as insignificant
or at least too imperfect to do your will.
We are so much like Zacchaeus:
we do not always use our resources well, yet
we struggle to catch a glimpse of you, and
we hope to be summoned by you.
Save us gracious Lord.
We long to turn from our wrongful ways,
and give our lives back to you.**

† 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.)

Voluntary: There is a Fountain.....Alan Lohr

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: *Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?*

People: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend Samuel Franklin to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*

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

† Musical Response.....No. 611, st. 1
**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign:
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Zak Kelly
**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

A lesson from the Gospel: Luke 19:1-10.....(pew Bible, page 854)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 399: Take My Life, and Let It Be.....Messiah
The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: Why Give?.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 888

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Kalie Rhodes

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.**

Ministry Moment.....Lauren LeSturgeon

Offertory: Draw Nigh to God.....Basil Harwood
Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (James 4:8 & 10)

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 292.....Wondrous Love
What Wondrous Love Is This

† Benediction

† Benediction Response.....Tallis' Canon
**Throughout these Lenten days and nights
We turn to walk the inward way,
Where meeting Christ our Guide and Light,
We live in hope till Easter Day.**

Voluntary.....Maurice Duruflé
Fugue on the Carillon Theme from the Cathedral of Soissons
*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 Martha and P. G. Banker, Jr., and their son, Van Gordon Banker, by their family.

Samuel Franklin Leow, son of Robert and Olivia Leow, is presented for baptism today.

The rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Jacob Joseph Goodwin, born February 22, 2018 to Erin and Wes Goodwin. He is also welcomed by his sister, Audrey.



West End United Methodist Church

WEST END UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.

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.

*Meal provided.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir and Joy Ringers. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, is director and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is organist and accompanist.

Hymnic Notes: “Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above” was written by Charles Wesley and included in his *Psalms and Hymns* published in 1743. Charles Wesley’s importance in the history of hymns is almost immeasurable. The number of hymns attributed to him is over 5000 and is sometimes listed by scholars as being over 6000. The author of “What Wondrous Love is This” is considered anonymous, but it is well known that it has roots in 19th century American folk music. The tune is described by Erik Routley as, “incomparably beautiful.”

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- Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers
- Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
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- Brandon Baxter.....Pastor, Coordinator of Spiritual Formation
- Becky Peeler.....Pastor of Children and Family Ministries
- Lisa Gwock.....Pastor of Missions & Outreach
- Nancy Parker.....Pastor of Young Adults
- Anita Peebles.....Congregational Care Intern

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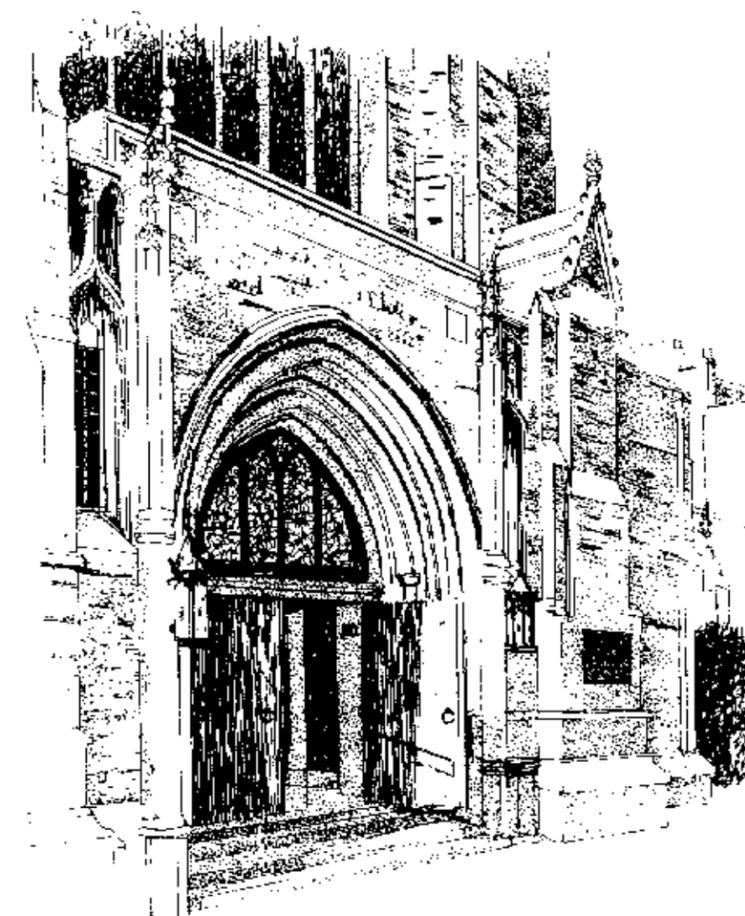
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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
March 11, 2018 at Eleven o’clock
Fourth Sunday in Lent