

GATHERING

Voluntary: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659.....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: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus.....Christian Witt
Come thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

† Processional Hymn No. 211, v 1-4.....Veni Emmanuel
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

† Greeting.....Emily C. Robbins
Liturgist: *Watch and pray for the grace of God.*
People: **Our redemption is drawing near!**
Liturgist: *There will be signs in the heavens and on the earth.*
People: **The kingdom of God is near!**
Liturgist: *Christ is coming with power and glory.*
People: **May our worship prepare us for the Promised One!**

Lighting the Advent Candle.....West End Care Partners

Lesson from the Prophets

Congregational Response.....Besançon
Hymn No. 202, vs 1: People, Look East
People look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we confess
that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!**
Glory to God. Amen.

† 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.**

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon (Choir and Congregation)



Choir: *Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Theresa Santillan
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 New Testament.....(pew Bible, page 857)
Luke 21:25-36

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Meditation.....Carol Cavin-Dillon
Stand Up and Raise Your Heads

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Brandon Baxter

The Offering

Offertory.....George Philip Telemann
Den her hat grosse ding (from *Magnificat*)
The Lord has done great things for me, and holy is God's name.
(*Luke 1:49, sung in German*)

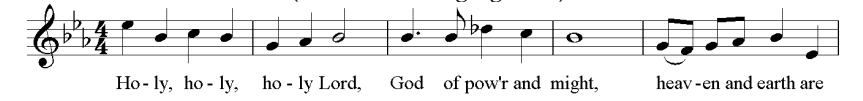
† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

† Doxology.....No. 95

† Thanksgiving
Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus (*Choir and Congregation*)



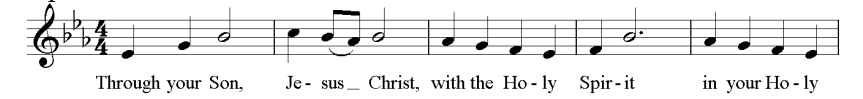
Prayer of Remembrance

People:



Prayer of Consecration

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 Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 626, 214, and 730.

Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*
People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**
Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*
People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**
Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*
People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

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

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Refrain, all sing)
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel has come to you, O Israel.

Voluntary: Fantasia on Veni EmmanuelAlec Rowley
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 in loving memory of W. Lambeth Lester
and Pattie French Byrn Lester by their children and grandchildren.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Vera Hall on November 5, 2018
to Randy and Walton Hall. She is also welcomed by her big brothers,
William and Wiley Hall and grandmother, Beth Creighton.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Charles Robert Kuhlman
on November 15, 2018 in Washington, DC to Rob and Katy Bowers Kuhlman.
He is welcomed also by his grandparents, Greg and Nan Bowers, aunt, Amy
Bowers Myers and her family, Cameron, Clyde and Loftin Myers.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Silvia Grace Fields
on November 25, 2018 to Parker Bibb & Aaron Fields. She is also
welcomed by her grandparents, Ellen Bibb and Jason Guthrie.



*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.
College Lunch.....12:00 p.m.
Youth Choir and Handbell Rehearsals.....12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Adult Handbells.....1:15 - 2:15 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.....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 or see the insert.

*Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services! However if needed,
childcare is available during worship for children 5 and under on the 1st floor
in the following rooms: infants 105, toddlers 104, twos and threes 110, and fours
and fives 112.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

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Hymnic Notes: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” originated in part from the
“Great ‘O’ Antiphons,” part of the medieval Roman Catholic Advent liturgy.
On each day of the week leading up to Christmas, one responsive verse would
be chanted, each including a different Old Testament name for the coming
Messiah. When we sing each verse of this hymn, we acknowledge Christ as the
fulfillment of these Old Testament prophecies. We sing this hymn in an
already-but-not-yet kingdom of God. Christ's first coming gives us a reason to
rejoice again and again, yet we know that all is not well with the world. So
along with our rejoicing, using the words of this hymn we plead that Christ
would come again to fulfill perfectly the promise that all darkness will be
turned to light. The original text created a reverse acrostic: “ero cras,” which
means, “I shall be with you tomorrow.” That is the promise we hold to as we
sing this beautiful hymn.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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