

GATHERING

Voluntary: Benedictus.....Alec Rowley

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 Light Everlasting.....Jean Pasquet

† Processional Hymn No. 139.....Lobe Den Herren
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

† Greeting.....Stacey Harwell-Dye

Liturgist: *A voice crying out in the wilderness:*

People: **Water from heaven, cleanse us.**

Liturgist: *"Prepare the way for the Lord"*

People: **Fire from heaven, awaken us.**

Liturgist: *"All humanity will see God's salvation"*

People: **Water from heaven, cleanse us.**

Liturgist: *Spirit from heaven, descend and make us new.*

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

God of renewal,

too often we forget who we are.

We wrap ourselves in our possessions, relationships,

and achievements and act as if these

are all we need to sustain us.

Forgive us when we define ourselves by what we have

instead of remembering who it is you created us to be.

Remind us, Father, of who we are.

As we come into contact with water in ordinary ways;

as we wash our hands or when it rains;

help us to remember our baptism

and our identity as beloved members of your eternal family.

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!**

All: **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.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Ed Zinkiewicz

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 3:15-17, 21-22.....(pew Bible, page 834)

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.

Sermon: More Than Unconditionally.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant and the Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Reaffirmation of Faith

You are invited to proceed to one of the four stations and remember your baptism. You may kneel in prayer at the rail and stay as long as you wish.

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during the renewal of baptismal vows: 605, 252, and TFWS 2248.

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

The Offering

Offertory: Nunc dimittis in A.....Charles Villiers Stanford

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. 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. (*Luke 2:29-32*)

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 500.....Morecambe
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: For Your Light Has Come.....Ronald A. Nelson

Voluntary: Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning.....Wayne L. Wold

The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.

All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.

† *The congregation is invited rise in body or in spirit.*

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 Robert Adrian Downing by his family.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Llewyn Westwood Watkins on December 24, 2018 to Matthew and Jaclyn Watkins, and big sister Jubilee.



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.

**While school is in session.

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Head Usher: Byron Burrus

Today’s liturgy was written by Sarah McCain.

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

Hymnic Notes: The hymn tune Morecambe was written in 1870 by Frederick Atkinson as a setting of the famous hymn “Abide with Me.” It was first published in 1887 and takes its name from a coastal town on the Morecambe Bay near Lancaster England. This was close to the town of Bradford where Atkinson worked as an organist. The tune is mostly associated now with “Spirit of God Descend Upon my Heart,” the hymn we sing at the conclusion of the service today.

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