

GATHERING

Voluntary: Adagio (from Symphony no. 4).....C. M. Widor

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: Make me a Clean Heart O God.....George Thalben-Ball
Make me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

† Processional Hymn No. 152.....Forest Green
I Sing the Almighty Power of God

† Call to Worship.....Erin Racine

Liturgist: *We are God's beloved people,*

People: **called to lives of kindness, humility, and compassion!**

Liturgist: *God seeks to clothe us with love and bind us together in harmony.*

People: **God desires that we bear with one another
and forgive as Christ forgives.**

Liturgist: *We are God's beloved people,*

People: **called to lives of peace and patience;
called to live with grateful hearts.**

All: **We worship the God who calls us beloved!**

Anthem: For Love Shall Be Our Song.....Douglas E. Wagner

God is love, God is peace, God is joy and gladness; may we then live our lives in love, in peace, in joy with Christ our Lord. For love shall be our song as we lift our hearts to the Lord; so as members of the family of God rejoice, give thanks and praise. And when others do us wrong, patience we will show to forgive as Christ did us; seeds of love we'll sow.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

God of all good life,

cleanse our hearts of every desire

to mimic the violence of wrongs that befall us.

Save us from becoming the evil we hate.

Save us from denial of abuses

that daily crucify Christ afresh.

Drive away the chilling cold,

the wintry frost of numbing detachment

from others' pain and our own hurts, also.

Breathe, O breathe your empowering Spirit

into the troubled hearts of your children

who wish to love but cannot.

Hear our prayer in the name of Jesus,

the Shining Way, the Truth, and the Life. 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.**

† 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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Beth Howard

**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 6:27-38a.....(pew Bible, page 838)

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 561: Jesus, United by Thy Grace.....St. Agnes

*The children are invited to join Carol at the chancel
during the last stanza of the hymn for the children's moment.*

Sermon: Love Anyway.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

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.

Offertory: My Eternal King.....Jane Marshall

My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear and manifold disgrace. Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord! E'en so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing: solely because thou art my God, and my eternal King.

† Doxology.....No. 95

Reception of New Members

Liturgist: *Brothers and Sisters in Christ, this person is now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.*

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

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 428: For the Healing of the Nations...Cwm Rhondda

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Bind Us Together (all sing).....TFWS 2226
**Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.**

Voluntary: Prelude in G Major, BWV 541.....J.S. Bach

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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Audrey Carroll Goodwin and Jacob Joseph Goodwin, daughter and son of Jacob Wesley Goodwin and Erin Rebele Goodwin, were presented for baptism today in the early service. The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of their baptism and in remembrance of their great-grandparents.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Penelope Irene Page on February 12 to Hannah Fletcher-Page and Daniel Page.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Richard Hart Snyder on February 15 to parents Elizabeth and Andy Snyder, grandparents, Fabra and Sam Belk, and great-grandparents, Jean and Dick Hart.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Thomas Edward Barnes on February 15 in Brisbane, Australia to Elizabeth Rust Barnes and James Thomas Barnes, and grandparents, Jocelyn and Stan Rust. He is also welcomed by his uncle, Ethan Rust.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Charlotte Isabel Malloy on February 2 to Kelsey and Mike Malloy.

In honor of Black History Month, the liturgy in February is sourced from African American preachers, writers, and civil rights leaders. The Call to Worship this morning was written by Rev. Dr. Safiyah Fosua, and the Prayer of Confession was excerpted from a prayer by Rev. Obie Wright, Jr.



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

Cover art by Charles Hooper.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist/accompanist. The Chapel Choirs I and II. Music Associate, Scott Brons, conductor. Carla Swank Fox, flute.

Today we bid farewell to our Music Associate, Allison Williams. Allison has decided to focus solely on her new teaching job in Portland, TN. We thank her for two years of service to our children and youth in the music program and we wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

Hymnic Notes: Isaac Watts wrote the original text for “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” in eight four-line stanzas for his *Divine Songs Attempted in Easy Language for the Use of Children*, published in 1715. It was the second song in the collection, under the title “Praise for Creation and Providence.” In his preface, Watts wrote, “The children of high and low degree, of the Church of England, or dissenters, baptized in infancy, or not, may all join together in these songs. And as I have endeavored to sink the language to the level of a child’s understanding, and yet to keep it (if possible) above contempt: so I have designed to profit all (if possible) and offend none.”

West End United Methodist Church

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