

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: Day by Day.....Harold W. Friedell

† 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!**

† 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.**

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 these children 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 them with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome
† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend Audrey Carroll and Jacob Joseph 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 Audrey Carroll and Jacob Joseph, 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.....David Curtis
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.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71
The children are invited to join Carol at the chancel during the singing of the Gloria Patri for the children's moment.

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: 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.....Ralph Vaughan Williams
Love Bade Me Welcome from *Five Mystical Songs*

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back, Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning if I lack'd anything.
A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here; Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, Who made the eyes but I?
Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame? My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat: so I did sit and eat.
(George Herbert)

† 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.*
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SENDING FORTH

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

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Grant Us, O God.....Thomas Tallis

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, are presented for baptism today. 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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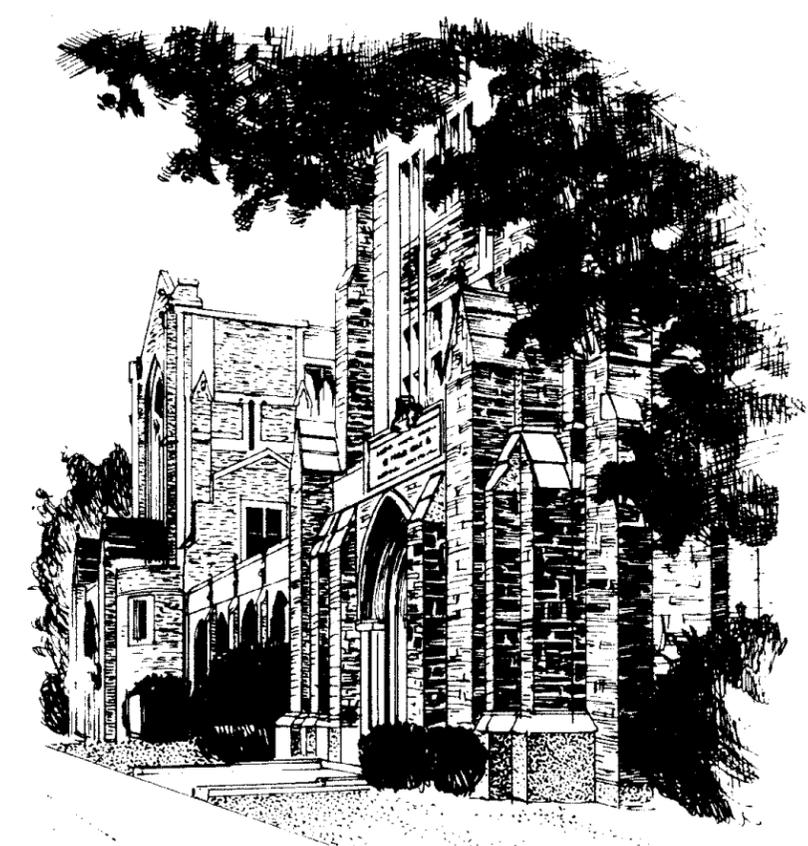
Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Ben Troxler, bass. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, director. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, assisting at the organ.

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."

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