

GATHERING

Voluntary: If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee, BWV 647..... J.S.Bach

Welcome.....Brandon Baxter

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.....G. Thalben-Ball

† Processional Hymn No. 116: The God of Abraham Praise.....Leoni

† Call to Worship.....Maggie Jarrell

Liturgist: *In this season of Lent, we recognize our own unworthiness.*

People: **We recognize our own inadequacy.**

Liturgist: *Even as we return home to God,
we hear unexpected words of forgiveness:*

People: **“Rejoice, my child, you were dead and are alive again;**

Liturgist: *you were lost and now are found.”*

All: **Let us rejoice that we are at home in God’s house!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God,

we confess that we have strayed from your ways.

Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance.

You gave us the earth for our home,

but we squander earth’s resources and hoard its bounty.

You gave us neighbors to love,

but we pursue selfish ambitions.

You gave us the commandments that lead

to human flourishing,

but we break your law and forsake your love.

Forgive us our sins and bring us to repentance.

Draw our wandering hearts back to you

that we may find freedom in obedience to your love.

Through Christ our Lord we pray. 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 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 her with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her that she 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 Clara Neal to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you Clara Neal, 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*).....Brent Clark

**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 15:1-3, 11b-32.....(pew Bible, pages 850-851)

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 Brandon 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: The Prodigal Son: First Dimension.....Brandon Baxter

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Caroline Archer

Salutation

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

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: I Shall See.....Michael John Trotta

Teach me your way; lead me in a straight path. One thing I seek, I seek to dwell in your house. Your face I seek, hide not from me. You are my light, whom should I fear? In times of trouble he shall hide me. I will not fear. He is my strength. I believe I shall see all of your good in the land of the living. Wait upon him, and he will strengthen you. Wait for him, he is your strength. I will not fear. He is my strength. (*Psalms 27*)

† Doxology.....No. 95

Commissioning of Guatemala Mission Team

Congregation: **Almighty God, whose love for the whole family of humankind has been made known to us through Jesus, send your blessing upon these your servants soon to go forth to join you in mission with the people of Guatemala. Grant that they be guided and strengthened for their task; that they be open to new truths and insights from their hosts, and that they be given good health and traveling mercies; to the end that your name be glorified in all the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 140: Great is Thy FaithfulnessFaithfulness

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen.....Peter C. Lutkin

Voluntary: “Little” Prelude and Fugue in E minor BWV 555.....Bach/Krebs

*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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A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Sadie Vaughan Graepel on March 10 to Selby and Kevin Graepel.

Clara Neal Norvell, daughter of Clarke and Liz Norvell, is presented for baptism today. The altar flowers are offered to the glory of God and in honor of her baptism, given by her grandparents, Becky and Carter Norvell and Karen and Anthony Lowery.

Vivian Rae Hardin, daughter of Matthew Charles Hardin and Janet Lynn Hardin, will be presented for baptism today in the late service.

Tristan Clayborne Peery Counts, son of Donald Lloyd Counts and Kayla Clayborne Counts, will be presented for baptism today in the late service.



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.
- 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.

Head Usher: Byron Burrus

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Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, director. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, assisting at the organ.

Hymnic Notes: "The God of Abraham Praise" comes from a Jewish creedal doxology that is sung during the Sabbath eve service every week in some traditions. Thomas Olivers made a Christological translation around 1770, from which these stanzas are taken. The hymn begins by praising God for His might and power, as displayed through His relationship with His people, and ends by looking forward to a time when all the people of God will join in everlasting praise around the throne of God in heaven.

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- Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
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- Brandon Baxter.....Pastor & Coordinator of Spiritual Formation
- Maggie Jarrell.....Pastor of Children & Family Ministries
- Stacey Harwell-Dye.....Pastor of Missions & Outreach
- Nancy Parker.....Pastor of Young Adults & Vandy Wesley

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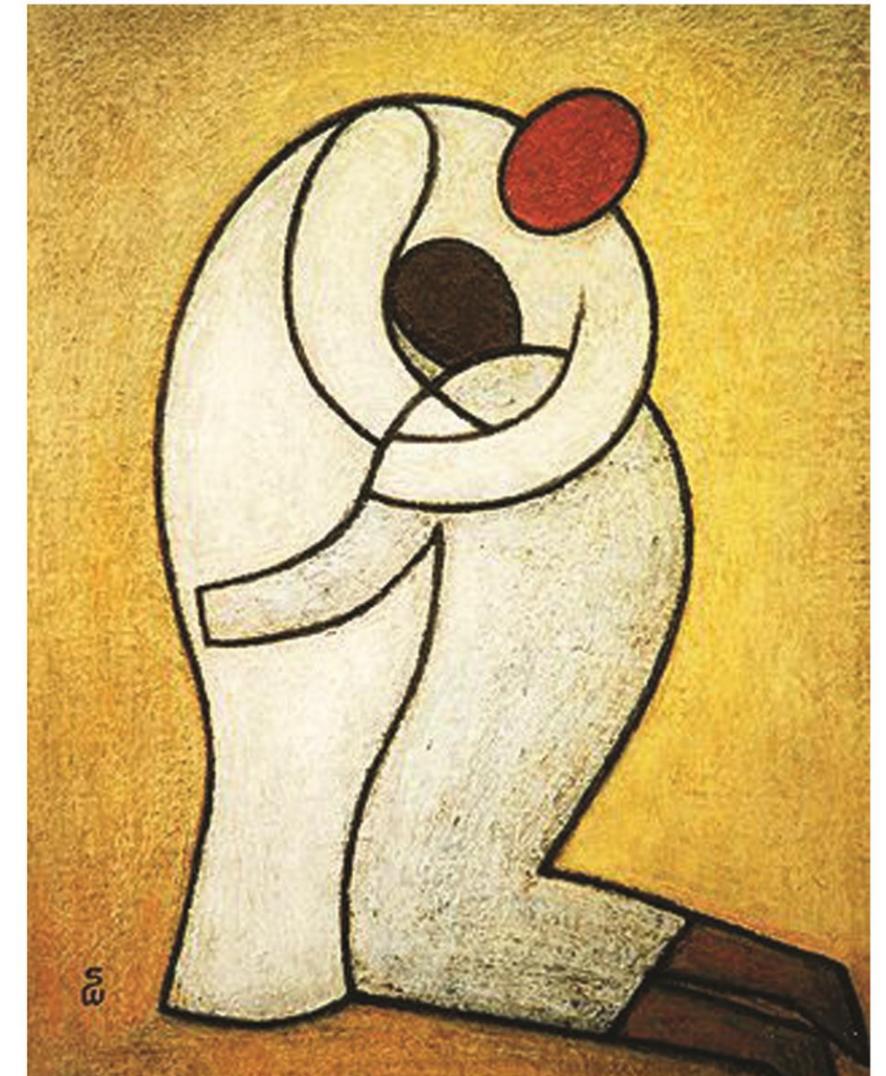
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- Caroline Archer.....Congregational Care
- Katie Minnis.....Young Adult & Spiritual Formation
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- Rachel Ternes.....Youth

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