

GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on “E’en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come”Paul Manz

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: Of the Father's Love Begotten.....Divinum Mysterium

† Processional Hymn No. 196: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus....Hyfrydol

† Call to Worship.....Erin Racine
Liturgist: *The prophet foretold it, and the psalmist longed for it.*
People: **Joseph dreamed of it, and Paul proclaimed it.**
Liturgist: *The time is near, when God will come to be with us.*
People: **Emmanuel will save us and restore us.**
Liturgist: *Let us come in awe and wonder;*
People: **let us worship the God who will make it so!**

Lighting the Advent Candle.....Andrew Ministry
Lesson from Psalms
Congregational Response.....We Three Kings (refrain)
**O, star of wonder, star of light. Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

God-With-Us,
we confess that we hear your call to trust in you,
yet we struggle to let go of our doubts and fears.
Our fear of the unknown often keeps us
from stepping out in confidence to follow where you lead.
The pain and suffering of our world
often outweigh our faith in your grace and healing power.
Forgive us, Gentle Savior.
Assure us of your presence, your provision, and your peace,
that we might rejoice in your grace
and share your love with all. 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.....Brant Phillips
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: Matthew 1:18-25.....(pew Bible, page 783)

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: The Trust of Joseph.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Katie Minnis

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: Cradle Song.....arr. John Rutter

In Bethlehem, all in a stable lies a newborn infant mild.
By his side a virgin mother watches o'er the holy child.
Jesus, lying in the manger comes to us on earth a stranger:
Lullaby, O little one sleep; angels round you watch will keep.
Saint Joseph stands beside the cradle fill'd with wonder, awe, and love.
See, the infant king lies sleeping sent from God in heav'n above.
Ox and ass before him kneeling, Mary's love his sorrows healing:
Lullaby, O little one sleep; angels round you watch will keep.
Hosanna in the highest heaven; peace, goodwill to men on earth.
Seraphim on high in chorus greet the savior's joyful birth.
Mary's voice in descant blending, joins the heav'nly song unending:
Lullaby, O little one sleep; angels round you watch will keep.

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 220.....Regent Square
Angels from the Realms of Glory

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Gloria, in excelsis deo!.....Gloria

Voluntary: Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella.....arr. Keith Chapman
*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 on December 15 were given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Robert L. Sullivan and Emmie Jackson McDonald
by Cathy Sullivan and Hunter McDonald III.

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Martha and P. G. Banker, Jr., and their son, Van Gordon Banker,
by their family.



*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.
 Youth Choir Rehearsal.....12:15 - 1 p.m.
 Adult Handbells.....1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
 Youth Handbell Rehearsals.....4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
 Youth Small Groups.....5 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Activities

Meal.....Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
 Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:15 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.

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. If you prefer to step out of the service, worship is live-streamed in Bishop's Parlor.

An accessible, all-gender restroom is available in Bishop’s Parlor. This single-stall restroom includes a diaper changing station and assistance railing.

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 www.westendumc.org or see the bulletin insert.

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Head Usher: Byron Burrus
 Cover art: Charles Hooper
 Liturgy: Erin Racine

The Call to Worship is adapted from a resource by Joanne Carlson Brown on the Ministry Matters website.

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

Today’s Music: Wesley’s original text for “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” consisted of two stanzas of eight lines each. In some hymnals, where the tune STUTTGART is used, those two verses are broken into four verses of four lines. The text is almost exactly the same in every hymnal that includes this hymn.

There are a few points of interest to note about Wesley’s text. First, he used a number of “false rhymes” when he got himself in a corner lyrically: “Jesus-release us,” “deliver-forever,” and “Spirit-merit.” Wesley was quite clever in these – one generally doesn’t notice them unless they’re pointed out. Second, Wesley uses a lot of repetition to make some key themes more obvious. For example, in the second stanza, he repeats the word “born” at the beginning of three consecutive lines to drive home the idea of the incarnation.

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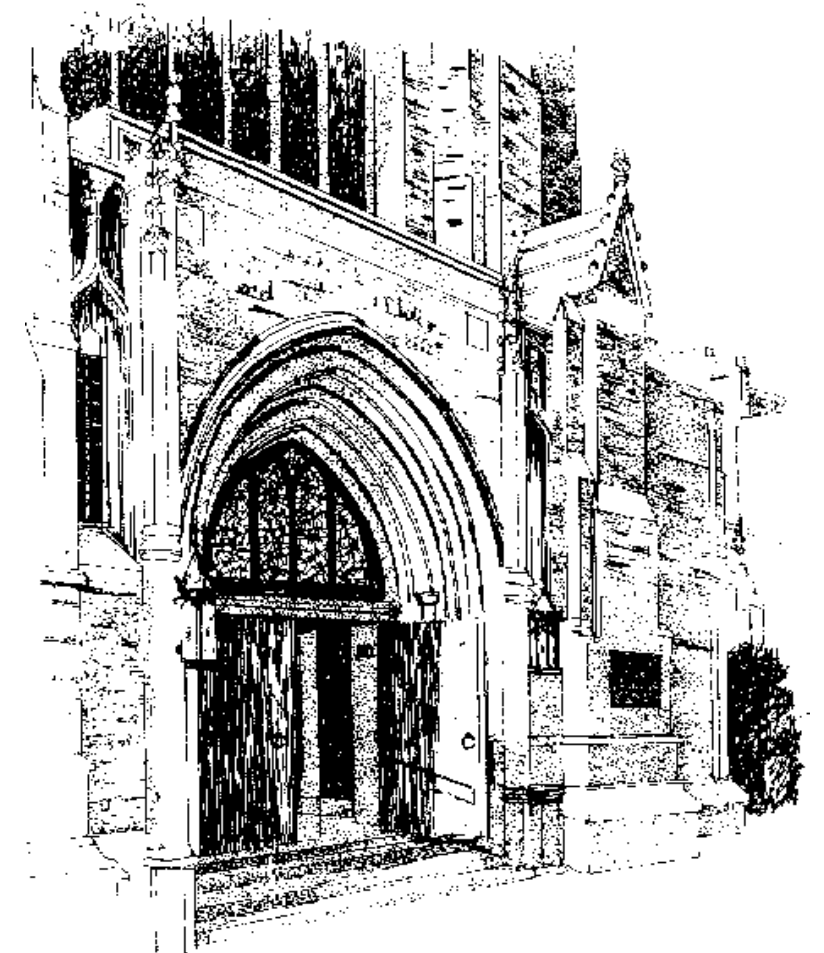
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