

GATHERING

Voluntary: Benedictus.....Max Reger

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: The Lord is in This Holy Temple.....Robert McCowen
The Lord is in this holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him.

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

† Greeting.....Katie Minnis
Liturgist: *This is the day that the Lord has made.*
People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**God of new beginnings,
we confess that in the heart of winter
our faith takes more effort.
The ground is frozen; creation is dormant.
The glow of the holidays has faded;
our resolutions are losing their luster.
And yet, you are a light to the nations;
you bring the imprisoned out of the darkness;
you are forever making all things new.
As the days quietly grow longer,
fill us with the hope that new creation brings.
Still us with your unending love for us.
Show us where you are breathing life into things
we thought had died.
May we be co-creators with you of a world
continuously bending toward justice.**

† 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.**

† Affirmation of At-One-Ment
Liturgist: *During this tumultuous time for Methodists, we affirm our shared vision for this congregation. No matter where you are on your faith journey:*

Congregation: **Everyone is welcome here; you are not alone.**

Liturgist: *We will love and support all members of this congregation as we endeavor to become better disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, embracing our diversity and encouraging others to join us.*

Congregation: **Everyone is a child of God. We belong to one another.**

Liturgist: *We find the statement in the United Methodist Book of Discipline that "homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching" irreconcilable with our mission. Instead, we will advocate for the inclusion all people in the life and ministries of The United Methodist Church, fully and without exceptions.*

All: **God loves everyone unconditionally. God is with us, every one of us, always.**

† 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.**

Anthem: Gloria (from *Missa Brevis in B-flat*).....F. J. Haydn
Glory to God in the highest.
And on earth peace to those of good will.
We praise you. We bless you. We adore you.
We glorify you.
We give thanks to you because of your great glory.
Lord God, King of heaven, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten son, Jesus Christ.
Lord God, Lamb of God, King of heaven,
Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
Receive our prayer.
Who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
Because you alone are holy.
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
(*Sung in Latin*)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)
**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: Matthew 3:13-17.....(pew Bible, page 784-785)

Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Beginning with Baptism.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant and 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 this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in service with others. We will pray for her to be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Family in Christ, I commend Ellie Luna 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, Ellie Luna, 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.**

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: 252 and 2248 TFWWS.

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

The Offering.....Ralph Vaughan Williams
Nunc Dimittis (from *Service in C major*)

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

Commissioning of New Leaders

SENDING FORTH

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

† Benediction

† Benediction Response.....Spirit of the Living God
**Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me,
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.**

Voluntary: Presto (from *Concerto in G*).....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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The flowers on the altar were donated by Byron and Aleta Trauger in loving memory of their parents, Betty and Murdick Grillos of Denver, Colorado and Elaine and Don Trauger of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Ellie Luna Hazlewood, daughter of Mike Hazlewood and Susan Luna-Hazlewood, is presented for baptism today.



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: Barbara Cragg

Liturgy: Sarah McCain

Cover Art: Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld (1794-1872)

This was published in *Die Bibel in Bildern*. Published 1851-60.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director. Associate Andrew Risinger, organist/accompanist.

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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Baptism of the Lord



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