

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on "Savior of the Nations Come"Gerald Near

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon

Please take a moment to record your online attendance in the link provided in the comment section. First-time guests and other visitors 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: On Jordan's BankWilliam H. Monk

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

† Opening Hymn No. 203: Hail to the Lord's AnointedEllacombe

† Call to Worship Brandon Baxter

Liturgist: *In the midst of chaos and corruption,*

People: **our God speaks peace!**

Liturgist: *In the midst of darkness and despair,*

People: **our God speaks peace!**

Liturgist: *In the midst of conflict and contention,*

People: **our God speaks peace!**

Liturgist: *Let us worship the God of steadfast love and faithfulness!*

People: **Let us worship the God of righteousness and peace!**

Lighting the Advent Candle..... Bill, Allison,
Magnolia, and Theodore Walker

Lesson from Mark 1:1-8

Congregational Response.....People Look East (Vs. 2)

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we confess

that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

**Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon



PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Irwin Fisher

**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 Psalm 85

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: Waiting for Salvation.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of FaithNo. 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church Maggie Jarrell

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth..... David Willcocks

Come, thou redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth:

Let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still

The Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man displayed.

The virgin womb that burden gained with virgin honour all unstained;

the banners there of virtue glow; God in his temple dwells below.

All laud, eternal Son, to thee whose advent sets thy people free,

Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

(St. Ambrose)

† Doxology.....No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

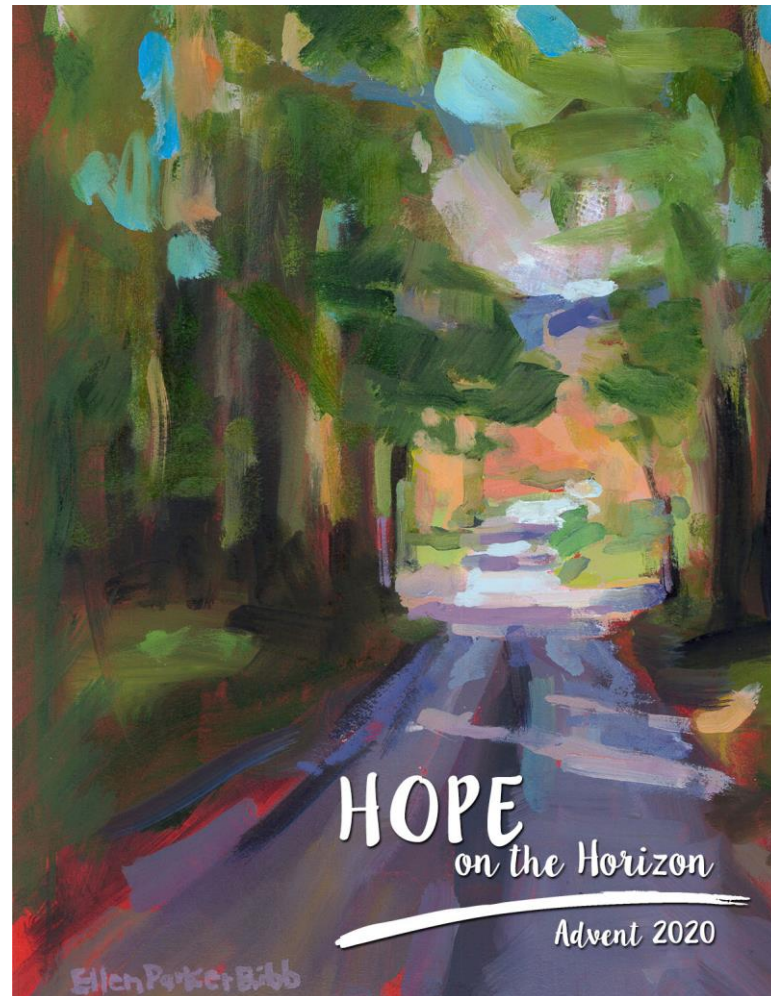
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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Second Sunday of Advent

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† Thanksgiving
 Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*
 People: **And also with you.**
 Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*
 People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
 Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
 People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are
 ful of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance
 People:

 Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration
 People:

 Through your Son, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly
 Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

Hymn after Communion No. 214:.....Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland
 Savior of the Nations Come

Prayer after Receiving
 Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*
 People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**
 Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*
 People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**
 Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*
 People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen**

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 729: O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines..... Jerusalem
 † Benediction
 † Benediction Response: Rejoice, Rejoice!..... Veni Emmanuel
 Voluntary:.....William Lloyd Webber
 Fantasia on "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending"

† *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 are given by the Sunny Day Club to the Glory of God in honor of our members and volunteers and in memory of those who have gone before us.



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!

Note: activities at the church are on a modified schedule as we practice social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. Please visit westendumc.org for the latest news and updates as we continue our ministry.

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Liturgy by Maggie Jarrell.

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Music Participants: Chamber Choir. Matthew Phelps is organist-director.

Today's Music: James Montgomery's hymn text, "Hail to the Lord's Anointed," from 1821 beautifully captures the essence of Psalm 72. Albert Bailey says, "His poem is more prayer than prophecy, or shall we say it is prophecy in large part unfulfilled but still capable of inspiring the Church to work for its fulfillment!"