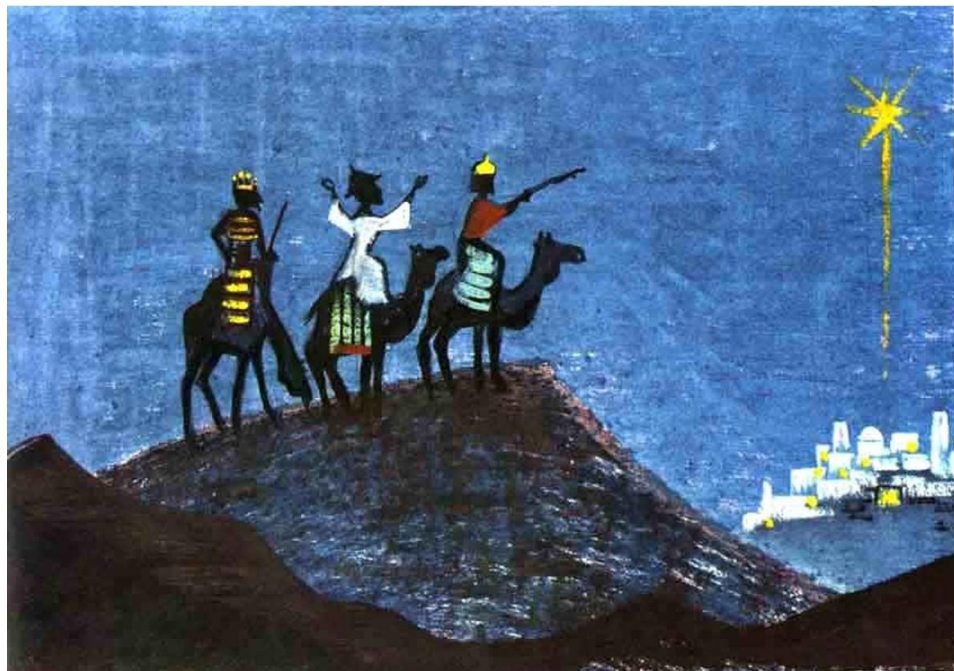


WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP January 3, 2021 at Eight Forty-five Epiphany Sunday

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GATHERING

Voluntary: What Is This Lovely Fragrancearr. Paul Manz

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: O Light EverlastingJean Pasquet
O light everlasting. O love never failing,
Do thou raise us by thy love, and draw us near to thee.

† Hymn No. 245: The First Noel.....The First Noel

† Call to Worship.....Brandon Baxter

Liturgist: *Where will we find the babe born in Bethlehem?*

People: In the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.

Liturgist: *Where will we find the child of Christmas?*

People: Where those in need find hope, and the oppressed are set free.

Liturgist: *Where will we find the Christ who has come for us?*

People: Where grace overcomes fear, and love overcomes hate.

Liturgist: *Come, let us worship the hope of the world.*

People: Let us worship the Christ Child with joy!

† 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, we will now exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Robin Moore
**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.**

Lesson from the Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment..... Brandon Baxter

Communion Meditation: A Leap of Faith.....Carlos Uroza

† Affirmation of Faith: No. 883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Erin Racine

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: Out of the Orient Crystal Skies Alan Spedding

Out of the orient crystal skies a blazing star did shine, showing the place where poorly lies a blessed babe divine. Born of a maid of royal blood who Mary hight by name, a sacred rose which once did bud by grace of heav'nly flame. This shining star three kings did guide e'en from the furthest east, to Bethlehem where it betide this blessed babe did rest, laid in a silly manger poor, betwixt an ox and ass, whom these three kings did all adore as God's high pleasure was. And for the joy of his great birth a thousand angels sing: 'Glory and peace unto the earth where born is this new King!' (c. 1610)

† 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!

† 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. 219: What Child is This Greensleeves

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. 254: We Three KingsKings of Orient

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Gloria, in excelsis Deo Gloria

Voluntary: Prelude in D William Boyce

*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
 All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of
 Linda Tittsworth Harrell by her son Trey Harrell, his wife Susan Harrell, and
 their daughters Mary Frances and Maggie Harrell.

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Music Participants: Chamber Choir. Andrew Risinger is organist-director. Matthew Phelps is assisting at the organ.

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Today’s Music: “We Three Kings” was written in 1857 by John Henry Hopkins Jr., an Episcopal priest living in Pennsylvania, and was originally intended for use as part of a Christmas pageant taking place in New York City. The opening stanza is about the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem. The middle three stanzas explain a meaning for each of the three gifts. Gold signified royalty, and frankincense, deity. Myrrh foretold that the Christ child was born to die. The last stanza summarizes the song, calling Jesus “King and God and sacrifice,” and ending in a peal of alleluias.



*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 everyone:
 every age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic and family status,
 ethnicity, and mental and physical ability.
 We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!*

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