

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GATHERING

Voluntary: A Trumpet Minuet..... Alfred Hollins

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: Thank the Lord..... René Clausen

† Opening Hymn No. 154: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name..... Coronation

† Call to Worship Sarah McCain

Liturgist: *Prepare the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight!*

People: **Hear the Good News: the Reign of Christ is coming, and it is here!**

Liturgist: *He who was born in a manger, God enfleshed without a home;*

People: **Hear the Good News: the Reign of Christ is coming, and it is here!**

Liturgist: *He who shattered hierarchy, who exalted the last ahead of the first;*

People: **Hear the Good News: the Reign of Christ is coming, and it is here!**

Liturgist: *He who ruled as a servant, who followed love to Golgotha's hill;*

People: **Hear the Good News: the Reign of Christ is coming, and it is here!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

God of Majestic Love and Grace,

we confess that our desires are often incongruent with yours.

We champion victory, accumulation, popularity, and appearance.

You uplift liberation, radical generosity, compassion, and sincerity.

We want a king who validates our biases and vanquishes those

with whom we disagree, but you emptied and humbled yourself to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Forgive us, O Lord, for you are not the ruler we expected,

and we find ourselves hesitant to answer discipleship's call.

God of all-consuming love and acceptance, may we come to trust

in the care and compassion you have for each and every one

of us, that we may know the fullness of your freedom

from these things that bind, that we may follow you in the

ways that lead to life.

† 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.**

† 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.**

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: *Members of the household of God, I commend Margery Russel 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, Margery Russel, 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 ResponseNo. 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 Ed Zinkiewicz

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: Mark 14:1-9

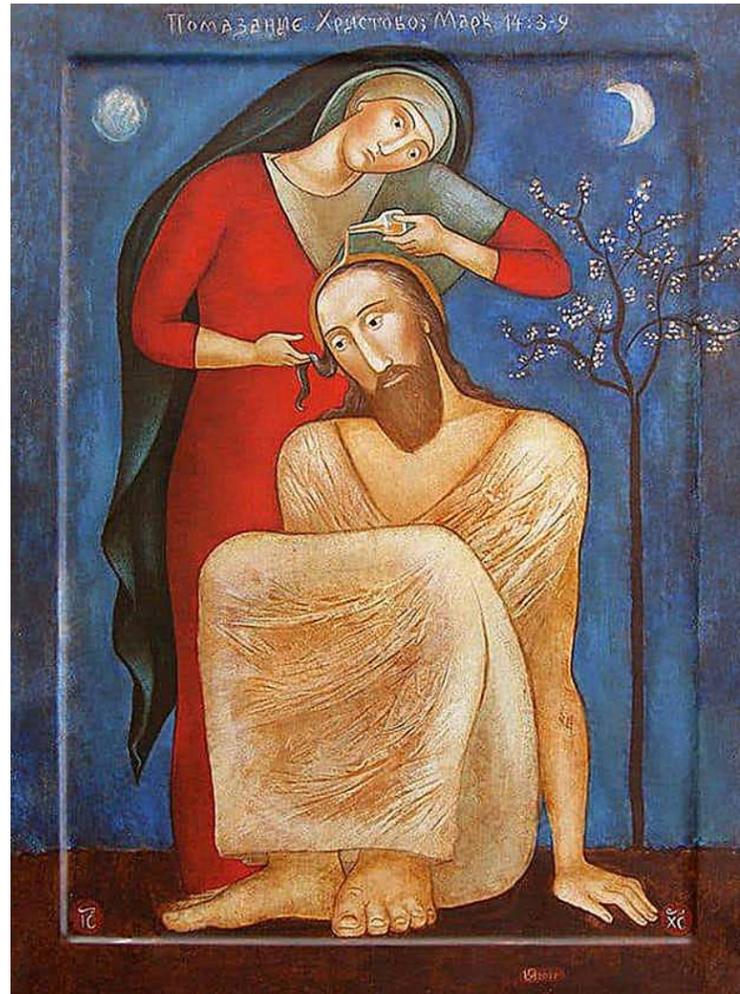
Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: The Difference a Letter MakesCarol Cavin-Dillon



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
November 21, 2021 at Eight Forty-five
Reign of Christ Sunday

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

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: Christ's Flock..... Martin Shaw
In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed, from Christ's own flock let concord hate expel; of Christ's own flock let love be so embraced, as we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell. Christ is the author of all unity, from whence proceedeth all felicity. O sing unto this glitt'ring glorious king. Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring. Alleluia! Alleluia!
(Francis Kimmewershe)

† 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!

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 102: Now Thank We All Our God..... Nun Danket

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Vaughan Williams

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

**God be with you till we meet again, loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.**

Voluntary:.....S. Karg-Elert

March Triumphal on Now Thank We All Our God

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

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

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services
and worship events.*

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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Deaver Collins, Sr. by his family.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of James Bryant Roberts to Mary Katherine and Josh Roberts on November 12. He is also welcomed by big sister Mary Margaret.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Thomas Rutherford Whitacre to Julia and Todd Whitacre on November 14. He is welcomed also by big brother Benton.

Margery Russel McNamee, daughter of David Bragg McNamee and Elizabeth Dickson McNamee, is presented for baptism today.

William Roger Smith, son of Corbin and Page Smith, will be presented for baptism later 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 identity, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

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Liturgy written by Sarah McCain.

Cover Art: "The Anointing" by an unknown iconographer.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Andrew Risinger is organist-director. Matthew Phelps is organist.

Today's Music: "Now Thank We All Our God" was written by Martin Rinkart sometime around the Thirty Years' War in the 1630s, although it wasn't published until 1663. His inspiration for the first two stanzas comes from the Apocryphal Book of Ecclesiasticus, chapter 50:22-24, which reads in part, "Now bless God of all, who in every way does great things." The third stanza is a paraphrase of the Gloria Patri, originally composed in Greek in the fourth century, although some of it was written as early as 95 CE. The second verse hints at the sickness and disease of the Thirty Years' War.



GENEROSITY: A MARK OF DISCIPLESHIP

Last week was our annual "Turn It In Sunday." If you have not yet turned in your estimate of giving for 2022, cards are in the back of each pew, or you can share your estimate online at westendumc.org/estimatetoday. Your estimate helps plan our ministry goals and budget for 2022.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 28 // 4 - 5:30 p.m.

The Advent Wreath Workshop is back in person for 2021! We will be in the gym this year making wreaths to prepare for the Advent season of waiting and hoping for the birth of Christ. Find out more and register online by November 24 at westendumc.org/adventwreath.

ADVENT MISSIONS MARKETS

We are restarting our tradition of hosting an Advent Missions Market in Reed Hall. We will be in person as well as pointing you to other vendors in our community who also have a social mission but cannot join us. Next Sunday, November 28, we welcome Earl Henry Bird Prints.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH PART 1 // Sunday, December 5 // 4:30 p.m.

Our Chancel Choir, Sanctuary Choir, and orchestra will kick-off the Christmas season with a performance of Handel's classic telling of the Christmas story. Join the choirs and orchestra, in person or livestream, for their first concert since the beginning of the pandemic.

ALL THINGS ADVENT

Visit westendumc.org/advent to find out about everything happening during the Advent season at West End this year.

GET THE LATEST NEWS

Find the latest news and events on our website at westendumc.org/thelatest.

DO YOU RECEIVE OUR FRIDAY EMAIL?

One of the ways to find out what's going on in our church is to sign up for our Friday eNews at westendumc.org/enews.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Give online at westendumc.org/give. Here you can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift.
- Text To Give. Text "Give" to 615-697-4010, and the prompts will help you set up from there. Once registered, you can use this option easily going forward.

WORSHIP INFORMATION ONLINE

Use this QR code and your phone's camera to access today's worship information online.

