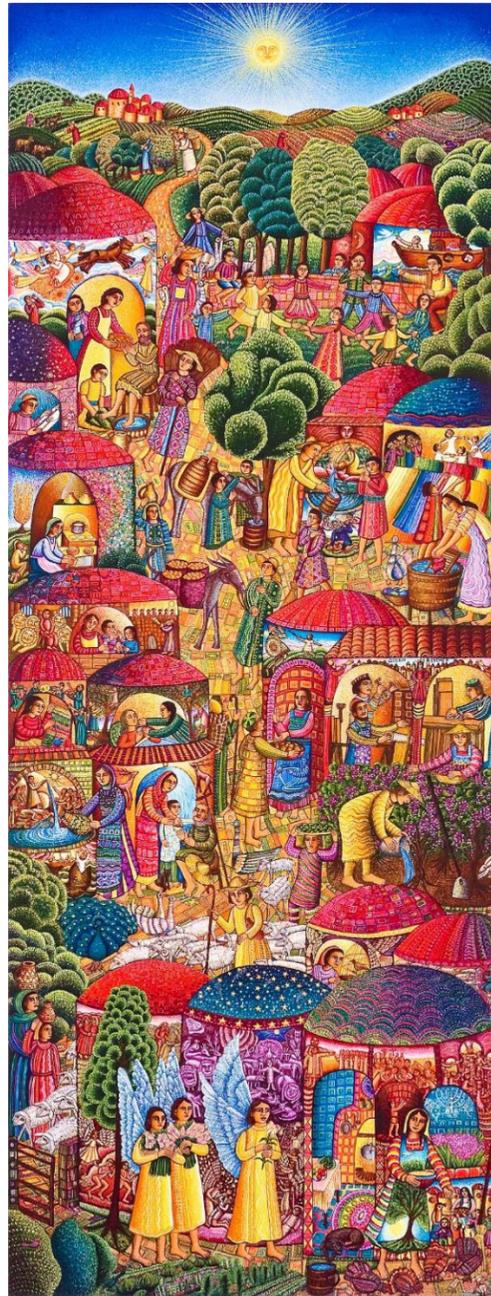


# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
November 28, 2021 at Eleven o'clock  
First Day of Advent

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## GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ..... Marilyn Biery

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: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns ..... Jeremiah Clark  
The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty bring.  
"Hail, Christ the Lord!" thy people pray. Come quickly King of kings.

† Opening Hymn No. 211: ..... Veni Emmanuel  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1-3, and 7)

† Call to Worship ..... Brandon Baxter  
Liturgist: *People of God, raise your heads!*  
People: **Our redemption is drawing near!**  
Liturgist: *Notice the sun, the moon, the stars, and the earth.*  
People: **Our redemption is drawing near!**  
Liturgist: *Be alert at all times, and pray.*  
People: **Our redemption is drawing near!**  
Liturgist: *The kingdom of God is near. This is the thrill of hope!*  
People: **Let us worship God, for our redemption is drawing near!**

Lighting the Advent Candle.....The Sunny Day Club

Lesson from Jeremiah 33:14-16

Congregational Response.....People Look East, vs. 1  
**People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of Hope,**  
we confess that we often fail to notice your movement in our world.  
We fill our lives with so much busyness and diversion  
that we miss the signs and wonders of your inbreaking reign.  
We become consumed with the latest headlines  
while ignoring the good news that our redemption is drawing near.  
We allow cynicism and anxiety to diminish the flame of hope within us.  
Awaken us to your power once again, O God.  
Remind us of your enduring word,  
that we might rejoice with our weary world  
at the dawn of a new and glorious morning.

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.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination..... Bill Miller

**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: Luke 21:25-36

Response to the Lesson

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Noticing the Signs .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

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

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: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence .....Gustav Holst  
Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought. For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation, and to be given for food to the faithful. Before him come the choirs of angels with every principality and power; the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn: Alleluia.  
(Liturgy of St. James, translated by Gerard Moultrie)

† Doxology.....No. 95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Welcoming of New Members

Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: *Family of God, these persons are now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.*

People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you 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.**

#### SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 206: I Want to Walk as Child of the Light.....Houston

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (refrain, all sing)  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on "Hyfrydol" .....Ralph Vaughan Williams

† *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 flowers are given to the glory of God and to honor the baptism today of cousins, Samuel Edward Belk and Elizabeth Scott Snyder by their grandparents, Sam and Fabra Belk and great grandparents, Richard and Jean Hart.

Samuel Edward Belk, son of Forbes and Michelle Belk, and Elizabeth Scott Snyder, daughter of Andy and Elizabeth Snyder, were presented for baptism earlier 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 Erin Racine.

Cover Art: "A Visit" by John A. Swanson.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Matthew Phelps is director and assisting at the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Sarah Dunnevant, soprano. Patrick Dunnevant, baritone.

All members of the Chancel Choir participating in today's service have been vaccinated against COVID-19.

Today's Music: The text for "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" comes from a 7-verse poem that dates back to the 8<sup>th</sup> century. It was used in a call and response fashion during the vespers, or evening, service. The original text created the reverse acrostic "ero cras," which means "I shall be with you tomorrow," and is particularly appropriate for the advent season. A metrical version of five of the verses appeared in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, which was translated into English by J.M. Neale in 1851.



#### GENEROSITY: A MARK OF DISCIPLESHIP

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/estimatesnow](http://westendumc.org/estimatesnow). 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](http://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. This 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](http://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](http://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](http://westendumc.org/enews).

#### WAYS TO GIVE

- Give online at [westendumc.org/give](http://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.

