

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
December 19, 2021 at Eight Forty-five
Fourth Sunday of Advent

2200 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

615.321.8500
www.westendumc.org

GATHERING

Voluntary:J.S. Bach
Chorale Prelude on "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

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: O Flower, Whose Fragrance Tender..... Michael Praetorius

† Opening Hymn No. 198: My Soul Gives Glory to My GodMorning Song

† Call to WorshipErin Racine
Liturgist: *Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.*
People: **God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God's servant.**
Liturgist: *God's mercy is for those who fear God from generation to generation.*
People: **God has shown strength with God's arm. God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**

Liturgist: *God has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;*

People: **God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.**

Liturgist: *Come, for God is doing a new thing!*

People: **Come, let us worship God!**

Lighting the Advent Candle.....The Gambills

Lesson from Micah 5:2-5a

Congregational Response.....People Look East, vs. 4
Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

When our spirits despair and we deny how beloved we are, forgive us, O God.

When we ignore the mighty things you have done, when we doubt your mercy, forgive us, O God.

When we are proud in the thoughts of our hearts, when our power rests on oppression of others, when our wealth causes others to go hungry, forgive us, O God.

Help us, your servants, according to the promises you have made.

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..... Brant Phillips

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 1:39-55

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: Mary and Elizabeth.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' CreedNo. 881

Joys & Concerns of the ChurchBrandon Baxter

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: Mary’s Magnificat..... Andrew Carter
Softly a light is stealing, sweetly a maiden sings, ever wakeful,
ever wistful, watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of kings.
My soul doth magnify the Lord; and my spirit hath rejoiced in God
my savior. Mary her song to Jesus softly, serenely sings: ‘I will love you,
I will serve you, may my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of kings.’

† 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.**

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 215: To a Maid Engaged to Joseph.....Annunciation

† Benediction

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

Voluntary:.....Johann Pachelbel
Chorale Prelude on “Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland”

† *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.*

+++

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Carolyn Bass and George Harrison Cate, Jr., Emmie Jackson and Hunter
McDonald, Jr. by Cathy Cate Sullivan and Hunter McDonald III.

Jack Harrison White, son of Leah London and Webb White, 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!*

+++

Call to Worship written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing and posted on *Liturgy and
Hymns by Stephen M. Fearing*. Prayer of Confession written by Joanna Harader
and posted on *Spacious Faith*.

Cover Art: “Nativity” by John August Swanson.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Patricia Cullum, soprano.
Andrew Risinger is organist-director. Matthew Phelps is organist.

Today’s Music: Howard Edwards, composer of “To a Maid Engaged to
Joseph,” has written about the origin of the hymn: The words and music were
written November 1982 at Luther Northwestern Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota,
and first sung in an Advent hymn sing. It first appeared in *Singing the Story*,
1983.” (Carlton Young)

WORSHIP INFORMATION ONLINE

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



ADVENT MISSIONS MARKETS

This week's mission market vendor is Ten Thousand Villages. Ten Thousand Villages is a local store with global, ethical, fair trade goods for sale. They will have a sampling of their goods in Reed Hall for sale this Sunday from 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM alongside our items from vendors in Guatemala.

FAMILY MOVIE DAY – TODAY AT 3 P.M.

Join Drama and Visual Arts for an interactive reading and viewing of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (2018 film, starring Benedict Cumberbatch) on Sunday, December 19 at 3 p.m. in the 4th Story Theater. This will be fun for the entire family!

SERVICE OF THE LONGEST NIGHT – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

On December 21, at 6:30 p.m. West End will hold a Service of the Longest Night, both in-person and online. We will gather, physically and virtually, to hear words from Scripture, light candles, hear comforting music, receive Communion, and pray. Find out more at westendumc.org/longestnight.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

There are two options for worship on Friday, December 24.

- **Family Christmas Eve Service** - All ages of children and families are invited to participate in our Family Christmas Eve Worship Service on December 24 at 4:00pm. We are excited to have our children lead us in worship and participate in bringing the story of Jesus’ birth to life for us on Christmas Eve. Details of the service will be provided in early December.
- **Traditional Christmas Eve Service** - With the sacrament of Holy Communion and music of the choirs, this traditional service is one of the highlights of our West End worship, celebrating Christ’s birth as a gift for all time. An organ prelude of Christmas music begins at 10 p.m. and the service begins at 10:30 p.m.

ONE SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

On Sunday, December 26, we will have one worship service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary and on Livestream. There will be no Sunday School this day.

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.

GENEROSITY: A MARK OF DISCIPLESHIP

November 14 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/estimatetnow. Your estimate helps plan our ministry goals and budget for 2022.

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.