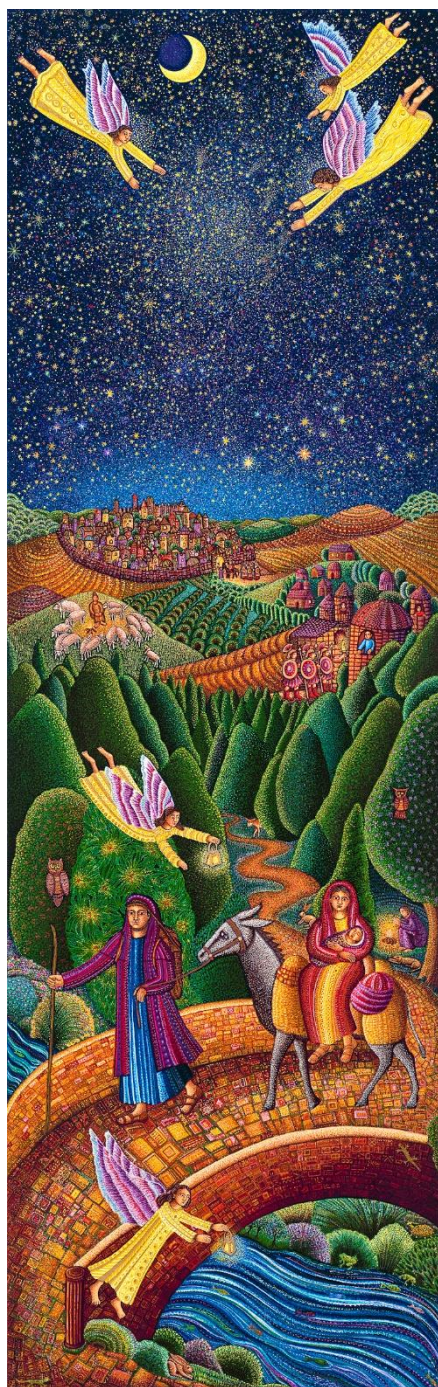


WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
January 2, 2022 at Eight Forty-five
Epiphany Sunday

2200 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on *Greensleeves*Vaughan Williams, arr. Roper

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: What Star Is This?..... Michael Praetorius

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

† Call to Worship Christopher Harris

Liturgist: *Like the Wise Ones of old, let us offer our gifts before our Savior.*

People: **What do we have to offer this newborn king?**

Liturgist: *Let us offer our joy, our love, and our laughter.*

People: **May they be made holy by the grace of Christ!**

Liturgist: *Let us offer our bitterness, our anger, and our worry.*

People: **May they be transformed by the power of Christ!**

Liturgist: *Let us offer ourselves and all that we have.*

People: **May our lives and our worship honor our Savior!**

† 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*)..... Robb Bigelow

**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 2:1-15

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: Refugees in EgyptCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith:..... No. 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Stacey Harwell-Dye

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: What is This Lovely Fragrance?Arr. Healey Willan

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring!

Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, hear you not heav'nly caroling?

What is this light so fair, so tender breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?

Never the morning star so radiant followed his course o'er eastern skies.

Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps seek the savior born today.

Low at his feet we lay our treasure, heart's adoration, love for aye.

† 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.

† 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

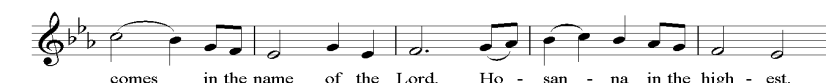
† Sanctus and Benedictus



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.

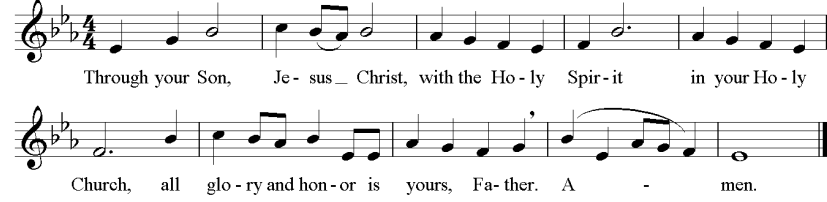
Prayer of Remembrance

People:



Prayer of Consecration

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.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 219, 224, and 236.

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 Kings..... Kings of Orient

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain, all sing)
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Voluntary: Fanfare and Procession..... Keith Chapman

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 to the glory of God in celebration of the baptism of Isaiah James Ilagan (baptized 12/26/21) son of Shana and Jay Ilagan and grandson of Rebecca and Charles Ferris and Olivia and Nestor Ilagan.

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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The Call to Worship is adapted from a prayer by Ruth C. Duck in the book, Flames of the Spirit.

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

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 the "King and God and Sacrifice," and ending in a peal of alleluias.



AS YOU JOIN US IN COMMUNION

This Sunday, we are pleased to offer the option to receive communion at the altar rail. If you choose to be served at the rail, you will receive the elements by hand from volunteer servers. As you are directed, please make your way to the communion rail by way of the center aisle. Kneel, remove one side of your mask, and open your hands. You will be given a small piece of bread and then a small cup of juice. After you have received, place your empty cup on the communion rail and secure your mask. You may stay kneeling for prayer as long as you wish, and then return to your seat by way of the outside aisle.

If you are not comfortable receiving communion elements at the rail or simply prefer to receive in your seat, pastors will bring elements to you. Those served in their seats will receive prepackaged communion wafers and cups. As you see the pastors pass by, simply raise your hand or catch their eye so they know you need to be served. After you have received, you may discard your cups in the small plastic bins at the end of each pew. ALL of our elements, both served at the rail and served in the pews, are gluten free.

Interested in joining West End?

We will offer two parallel tracks of our 4-session Membership Class beginning Sunday, January 16. An in-person session will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in McWhirter Hall, and an online session will be held on Sunday evenings at 5 PM. We will take off the week of January 23, so both classes will meet January 16, 30, and February 6,13. Contact Rev. Erin Racine with questions: eracine@westendumc.org. To register, visit westendumc.org/membership.

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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.

Estimate of Giving 2022

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