

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
January 9, 2022 at Eleven o'clock
Baptism of the Lord

GATHERING

Voluntary: Allegretto from *Sonata IV*.....Felix Mendelssohn

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: Make me a Clean Heart O God.....George Thalben-Ball
Make me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

† Processional Hymn No. 139.....Lobe Den Herren
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

† Greeting.....Brandon Baxter
Liturgist: *God, your voice moves over the waters.*
People: **Immerse us in your grace, and confirm in us your image.**
Liturgist: *God, your spirit descends on us.*
People: **Empower us to live our baptismal vows.**
Liturgist: *God, you call us your beloved children.*
People: **We will follow the example of Christ, your son.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Living God,
when the spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism,
you revealed him as your own beloved son.
You anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Through Jesus, we too are invited into the covenant of baptism.
We confess this day that sometimes
we do not live into the vows we made.
We have sinned against each other and against you.
We have turned our backs on injustice and oppression.
We have trusted in things that are not from your grace.
We have not loved our neighbors fully.
And yet, we are still your beloved children.
And yet, the remembrance of these vows calls us back to repentance
and reminds us who we are and whose we are.
Forgive us, and grant that we may boldly confess Jesus Christ
as Lord and Savior and live according to your will.

† 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 (*in unison*).....Noah Phelps
**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 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Baptized with the Holy Spirit and Fire.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant and 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 he may grow in service with others. We will pray for him to be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Family in Christ, I commend Thomas Michael to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Thomas Michael, 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 Response.....No. 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.**

Reaffirmation of Baptism

You are invited to proceed to one of the four stations and remember your baptism. You may kneel in prayer at the rail and stay as long as you wish.

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymn during the renewal of baptismal vows: 252

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

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: Nunc Dimittis in B-flat.....Charles Villiers Stanford
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. 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.
(Luke 2:29-32)

† 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

† Recessional Hymn No. 500.....Morecambe
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Spirit of the Living God.....Daniel Iverson
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me,
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

Voluntary: After the Service.....Alec Rowley

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

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

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 Linda Tittsworth Harrell by her son Trey Harrell, his wife Susan Harrell, and their daughters Mary Frances and Maggie Harrell.

Thomas Michael Reed, son of Matt and Grace Reed, is presented for baptism 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 Maggie Jarrell.

Cover Art: "Baptism of Jesus" painted by Lorenzo Scott in 1987. Scott was born in 1934 in West Point, GA, one of eleven children of a woman who worked cotton fields until she lost her job in the Depression era and they moved to the Atlanta area. Lorenzo dropped out of school after the ninth grade, preferring to draw. He worked construction for years but never gave up his passion for drawing, then painting. This painting is now housed in the Smithsonian American Art Museum. In 2002 he received the Folk Art Society of America's Award of Distinction.

Music Participants: Chancel Choir. Matthew Phelps is director and assisting at the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist.

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

Today's Music: The hymn tune, Morecambe, was written in 1870 by Frederick Atkinson as a setting of the famous hymn "Abide with Me." It was first published in 1887 and takes its name from a coastal town on the Morecambe Bay near Lancaster, England. This was close to the town of Bradford where Atkinson worked as an organist. The tune is mostly associated now with "Spirit of God Descend Upon my Heart," the hymn we sing at the conclusion of service today.



Greeters and Ushers Needed

The Hospitality Committee is looking for greeters and ushers for each service. There are no special skills or knowledge needed to help with greeting - just a friendly face! You can sign up at westendumc.org/greetersandushers. We are so grateful for your willingness to help showcase the warmth and light of the West End UMC community.

RITI SPRING NEEDS

There are several meals and dates left for our Spring Room in the Inn. We have secured an overnight host (thanks to an amazing rotation of four volunteers) but we need breakfast, lunch, and dinners for 14 guests. Breakfast and lunches are simply to-go bags. Dinners can be easily catered with our friends at Barley to Rise. Take a look at our remaining meal needs and sign up at westendumc.org/springriti. Questions? Email Stacey at: sharwelldye@westendumc.org

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.

WAYS TO GIVE

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WORSHIP INFORMATION ONLINE

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

