

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVE

is patient;
is kind;

**is not envious or boastful
or arrogant or rude;
does not insist on its own way;
is not irritable or resentful;
does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
rejoices in the truth.**

**bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.**

Love never ends.

LOVE ALWAYS

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
January 30, 2022 at Eight Forty-five
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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GATHERING

- Voluntary: Prelude on York Tune Charles Wood
- 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 G. Thalben-Ball
- † Opening Hymn No. 103: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise St. Denio
- † Call to Worship Brandon Baxter
Liturgist: *We come before God as equal in God's sight.*
People: **God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.**
Liturgist: *None of us is perfect and without blemish.*
People: **We are called to compassion and humility.**
Liturgist: *We are God's children! God has freed us for joyful obedience!*
People: **Let us worship God, who pours abundant love upon us!**
- † Call to Confession
- † Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
O God,
we confess an unwillingness
to see the world that you have created.
We look upon others in judgment
and upon ourselves with arrogance.
We critique the faults of others,
even as we avoid the flaws that are within us.
Be thou our vision, O Lord.
Help us to see you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.
- † 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 Beret Gray 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, Beret Gray, 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.**

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 18:9-14

Response to the Lesson

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Love Does Not Compare Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church Emily Robbins

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: God Be In My HeadJohn Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding, God be in mine eyes
and in my looking, God be in my mouth and in my speaking,
God be in my heart and in my thinking, and God be at mine end
and at my departing. (*Old English Prayer*)

† 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. 357: Just as I Am, Without One PleaWoodworth

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Taizé Alleluia



Voluntary: Klein Praeludium – Poco Vivace Hermann Schroeder

† *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 to the glory of God and to honor the baptism of Beret Gray Amundson by her grandparents Steven and Marilyn Whisenant, Ted and Dee Snyder, and Roger and Kim Amundson.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Virginia Townley Morrison on January 19th to Sara and Mark Morrison. She is welcomed also by big brothers Roscoe and Charlie.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Robert Clark Perkins on January 25th to Emma Jackson and Clark Perkins.

Beret Gray Amundson, daughter of Paul and Jennifer Amundson, 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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The Call to Worship is adapted from a resource by Nancy C. Townley on the Ministry Matters website. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer by Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. in his book, "Prayers and Liturgies of Confession and Assurance."

Cover Art by Shelley Kuhlmeier.

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

Today's Music: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" was originally published under this Scripture: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen" (1 Timothy 1:17 KJV). After paraphrasing this verse in the first stanza, the author goes on to elaborate on the themes of light, immortality, and glory in the following stanzas.



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.

Slate Floor Replacement

The state floor replacement project is underway, and demolition is now complete. The slate floor is being removed and replaced because of safety concerns and chipping. New tile will be laid over the coming weeks.

Film Screening: By Design: The Shaping of Nashville's Public Schools

Wednesday, February 2 // 6:30-8 p.m. // 4th Story Theater

The Nashville Public Education Foundation has produced a new documentary, "By Design: The Shaping of Nashville's Public Schools" examining the historical moments that shaped our public schools dating back to the 1800s. It features accounts from historians, policymakers, and former Nashville teachers and students that outline the community priorities and policy decisions that shaped the public education system we know in Nashville today. The film is intended to educate the community about how public policy and community priorities have formed the basis for the city's current education system, and to generate awareness and advocacy to stimulate policy solutions for a better public school system where all students thrive. Join us in the 4th Story Theater as we watch the film together, followed by a time of discussion as we discuss what we learned and ponder what our loving response should be. No registration required.

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