

GATHERING

Voluntary: Allegro (from Concerto in F)..... Michel Corrette

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon

Please take a moment to record your attendance.

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.

Ministry Moment.....Betsy Hay

Introit: O Be Joyful in the Lord Edwin Fissinger

† Processional Hymn No. 154: Coronation
All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

† Call to Worship Emily Robbins

Liturgist: *The Spirit of God brought us here.*

People: **The Lord set us down here, though our bones are tired.**

Liturgist: *Can these dry bones live?*

People: **Yes! The breath of God will revive us. The Word of God will awaken us.**

Liturgist: *Today, we come together to experience new life.*

People: **Let us give thanks for God's life-giving Spirit among us.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of love and compassion,

**forgive us for when we turn away from the world
as it really is.**

We forsake lively and risky faith.

We refuse our call to be agents of love and transformation.

We ignore your grace as you yearn to breathe life into the world.

**Renew us with your grace, and ground us in your Spirit,
that we may be empowered to live in word and deed
as testimonies to the power of your love.**

† 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..... Lynda Jones

**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 Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 420: Breathe on Me, Breath of God.....Trentham

Children's Moment.....Maggie Jarrell

Sermon: What Do You See?.....Jefferson Furtado

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

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: Short Festival Te Deum Gustav Holst

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud; the heavens and all the powers therein. To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee. The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee, the Father of an infinite majesty, thine honorable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of

heav'n to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify thee; and we worship thy name: ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us; as our trust is in thee. O Lord in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.
(Traditional 4th century hymn)

† Doxology.....No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 539: O Spirit of the Living God.....Forest Green

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: God Be With You Till We Meet Again.....Randolph
**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.**

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune in E-flat William Fuhrer

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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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!

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God by Charlotte and James Sewell and in memory of Charlotte's mother, Ruth Close.

The Call to Worship is adapted from *www.worshipcloset.com* by Amy Loving. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from *www.ministrymatters.com*, written by John Indermark.

Bulletin Cover Art: "The Vision of Ezekiel," painted in 1912 by the British artist, David Bomberg (1890-1957). Bomberg was noted for combining cubist and futurist styles, as can be seen in this painting of the ancient vision from Ezekiel 37.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Matthew Phelps is organist-director.

Today's Music: Henry H. Tweedy wrote our recessional hymn, "O Spirit of the Living God," in 1933. Robert G. McCutchan quotes Tweedy on his hymn: "Some of the old Pentecostal hymns were to me unsatisfactory, and I was eager to interpret the symbolism of the story in Acts in a way that modern men could understand and sincerely mean" (Our Hymnody, p. 228). The text was first published in The Methodist Hymnal of 1935.



TAIZÉ SERVICE AT 5 P.M.

Quiet the mind, open the heart, feed the soul. Our Monthly Taizé Service of Prayer and Healing will be this afternoon in the Sanctuary at 5 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

ADVENT MINI RETREAT // SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Start the Advent season with an experience that seeks to connect you with your whole self, both your humanity and the spark of divinity that God has given you. Join us for a mini-retreat led by Whitney Simpson, author of our Advent Devotional, *Fully Human, Fully Divine: An Advent Devotional for the Whole Self*. Cost for the mini-retreat is \$10 per person. Scholarships are available. Find out more or register at westendumc.org/advent-retreat.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP // SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

The Advent Wreath Workshop is Sunday, December 4. We will be in the gym making wreaths to prepare for the Advent season of waiting and hoping for the birth of Christ. We will be asking everyone to register to attend the event so we can be ready for everyone with space and supplies. Register online or find out more at westendumc.org/adventwreath.

A COLLECTION OF CRECHES: A NATIVITIES DISPLAY

During the season of Advent on Sunday mornings, the Drama and Visual Arts Ministry will be displaying an impressive array of nativities in the 4th Story Theater Lobby. We welcome and encourage you to participate by contributing your best (or most unique) nativity set to this popular installation, including both 2-D and 3-D displays. We had over 30 creches on display in 2019, so if you have one to display, please bring it to the 4th Story Theater on Sunday, November 20 between 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - just in time to share with everyone! We would ask that you return on Sunday, January 9 between 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to retrieve your nativity. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact Jonathan Harwell-Dye at jondyeart@gmail.com.

SUNNY DAY CLUB SEEKS MEMBERS

The Sunny Day Club is a respite ministry for those in the early stages of memory loss. Each Monday, members and volunteers gather at the church for fun and fellowship in a safe and caring environment, while members' caregivers enjoy three hours to run errands or rest. Members bring a sack lunch, and beverages are provided. Dues are \$1 per week. If you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry, contact Erin Racine at eracine@westendumc.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT WEST END

Wednesday Nights at West End are back! Take a moment in the middle of your week to fellowship with other believers and encounter God. It starts with Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:15 p.m. Children Choirs and the new Encounter worship service begin at 6:15 p.m. Find out more and RSVP for dinner at westendumc.org/Wednesday.

JOIN A SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

Looking for a way to connect further on Sunday mornings outside of our worship service? We have several welcoming Sunday Morning Classes where you can find community and deepen your spiritual relationship. Visit the Welcome Center or westendumc.org/sundayschool to find out more.

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.

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.



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