

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on “Savior of the Nations, Come” .....Gerald Near

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.*

Introit: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus.....Christian F. Witt

† Processional Hymn No. 211: ..... Veni Emmanuel  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1-3, and 7)

† Call to Worship .....Bill Miller

Liturgist: *Jesus is the hope of every generation.*

People: **O come, O come Emmanuel!**

Liturgist: *Jesus is peace for every generation.*

People: **O come, O come Emmanuel!**

Liturgist: *Jesus is the joy of every generation.*

People: **O come, O come Emmanuel!**

Liturgist: *Let us open our hearts to Love Incarnate.*

People: **Let us worship the God of every generation!**

Lighting the Advent Candle

Young Professionals/Young Couples Small Group

Lesson from Psalm 122

Congregational Response.....People Look East, vs. 1

**People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the  
year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the  
hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**O God, we look beyond ourselves,  
upon a world of false hopes and broken promises,  
and we are prone to lower our expectations.**

**We look within ourselves,  
upon mixed motives and wounded hearts,  
and we are inclined to despair.**

**And yet the good news is sure and worthy of full acceptance:  
your promise will be fulfilled;  
your covenant is everlasting;  
your words will not pass away.**

**Draw near to us;  
fill us with hope;  
remind us of your faithfulness in every generation.**

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..... Drama Ministry Team Members

James and Charlotte Sewell, Jonathan Harwell-Dye, Ken Nelson, and  
Derek and LaDonna Weber

**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: Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Moment

Sermon: Scandal in the Family .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 881  
The Apostles’ Creed

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

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: Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain .....Carolyn Jennings

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world,  
Lift up your voice, shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will carry the lambs in his arms,  
He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you.  
He who made the stars in the heaven, he who fashioned the earth and the sea,  
From time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, he. Behold, your Lord!  
He will come in pow’r, he will rule with truth, hope of all the nations, light of  
all. He will love the little children, he will hold them in this arms. Love him and  
trust him as a child, Behold, your Lord comes to you. Love him as a child.

*(Adapted form Isaiah 40)*

† 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.**

Welcoming of New Members

Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: *Family of God, these persons are now entrusted to your love and  
care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their  
hope, and perfect them in love.*

People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
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.**

## SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 206: I Want to Walk as Child of the Light .....Houston

† Benediction

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

Voluntary: Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 661 ..... J. S. Bach

*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 memory of Lucy  
and Edward VanVoorhees, Kathleen Shacter and Reverend and Mrs. Willard  
Blue by Ed VanVoorhees and Linda Lundin.

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 Erin Racine. 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*.

Bulletin Cover: The chart of the Genealogy of Jesus, an unattributed manuscript.

Thank you to Mark O'Bryan, Monty Smith, and The Tulip Tree for this year's Advent decorations.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Andrew Risinger is organist-director. Matthew Phelps is organist.

Today's Music: The text for "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" comes from a 7-verse poem that dates back to the 8th century. It was used in a call and response fashion during the vespers, or evening, service. The original text created the reverse acrostic "ero cras," which means "I shall be with you tomorrow," and is particularly appropriate for the advent season. A metrical version of five of the verses appeared in the 13th century, which was translated into English by J.M. Neale in 1851.



### ADVENT MISSIONS MARKETS

During the Sundays of Advent vendors will be in Reed Hall, including Chimes for Justice (the stained glass/stepping stones), Harvest Hands (coffees and soaps), The Little Match Girl, Ten Thousand Villages, as well as items we've brought back from our trip to Guatemala. These vendors will be in Reed Hall shortly before early service through to fifteen minutes after the late worship service.

### ADVENT SPECIAL OFFERING // LUNCHESES FOR HOPE PROGRAM

This year's Advent Offering will go to the Lunches for Hope Program in the Dassa-Zoume region of Benin, Africa. The funds will be used by former West End member Hilarion Vegba who worshipped and studied with us when he was enrolled in a program at Vanderbilt. He had a great idea to provide a daily lunch to the 30 girls enrolled in the program. These thirty girls will receive lunch five days a week for nine months of school. Before this program, girls without this lunch money asked for the money from men who took advantage of their situation. West End funded this program last year and there was a dramatic decrease in girls dropping out of school, early pregnancy and trafficking. Our goal is \$5400 which will fully fund lunches for one year. You can give online by marking the "Other" and writing in "Advent Special Offering" or by check with "Advent Special Offering" in the memo line.

### 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](http://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](http://westendumc.org/adventwreath).

### A COLLECTION OF CRECHES: A NATIVITIES DISPLAY

During the season of Advent on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., an impressive array of nativities will be on display in the 4th Story Theater Lobby. The Drama and Visual Arts Ministry invite you to come take a self-guided tour of creches from around the world, old and new, and in all shapes and sizes. Members of our West End UMC community have generously loaned their precious nativity sets for this popular installation.

### 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](http://westendumc.org/enews).

### WAYS TO GIVE

- Give online at [westendumc.org/give](http://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.

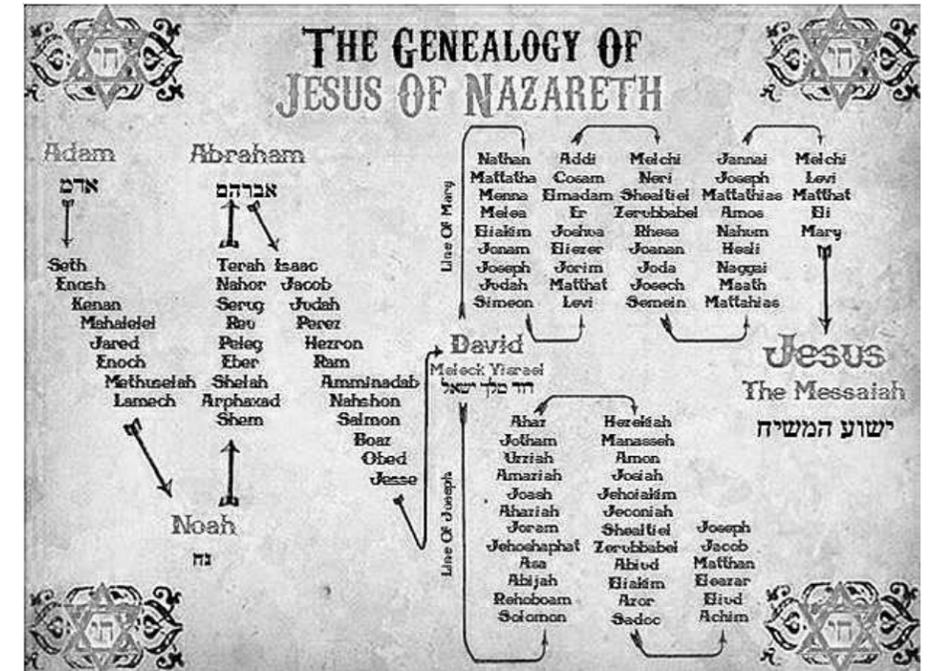


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