

GATHERING

Voluntary: Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 659.....J. S. Bach

Welcome..... Nancy Parker

Introit: Creator of the Stars of Night Plainsong
Creator of the stars of night, your people’s everlasting light.
O Christ redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.
Amen.

† Processional Hymn No. 567: Heralds of ChristNational Hymn

† Call to Worship Carol Cavin-Dillon
Liturgist: *The prophet Isaiah declared that justice and peace shall come through the family of Jesus.*
People: **This justice shall be for all of creation.**
Liturgist: *Peace shall be established in all the world.*
People: **Get ready! Prepare for God’s peace to reign!**
Liturgist: *Blessed be God who does such wondrous things!*
People: **We give thanks to God for this time of healing and hope.**

Lighting the Advent Candle.....Quiet Place Hosts
Lesson from Psalm 72:1-7

Congregational Response.....People Look East, #202, vs. 2
Furrows be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted here. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People look East and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

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



Choir: *Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.*

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*) Drama Team Member, Derek 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.

Lesson from the Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10

Response to the Lesson

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

Children’s Moment

Communion Meditation: “Impossible Possibilities”Nancy Parker

† 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: Lord We Beseech Thee Adrian Batten
Lord, we beseech thee, give ear unto our prayers;
And by thy gracious visitation lighten the darkness of our hearts,
by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (traditional prayer for Advent)

† 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



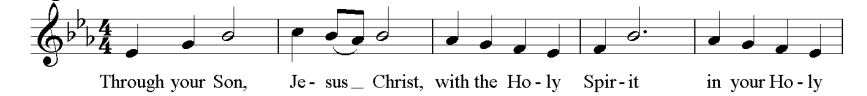
Prayer of Remembrance

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: 214, 203, and 216.

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

† Recessional Hymn No. 196: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.....Hyfrydol

† Benediction

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

Voluntary: Prelude on "Hyfrydol"Ralph Vaughan Williams

*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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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 altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane and Chase Delony, Frances Delony, Patty Chadwell, Lillian and Robert Chadwell, and Ellen and James Hofstead by Patty Delony.

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The Call to Worship comes from the Worship Connections blog on ministrymatters.com by Nancy C. Townley.

Bulletin Cover: "Peaceable Kingdom," a 1994 painting by John August Swanson, is based on Isaiah 11.6-8, part of our scripture reading for today.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Andrew Risinger is organist-director.

Today's Music: Wesley's original text for our recessional hymn, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" consisted of two stanzas of eight lines each. In some hymnals, where the tune STUTTGART is used, those two verses are broken into four verses of four lines. Our hymnal maintains Wesley's original design. The text is almost exactly the same in every hymnal that includes this hymn.

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.
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WORSHIP INFORMATION ONLINE

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



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ADVENT MISSIONS MARKET

During the Sundays of Advent vendors will be in Reed Hall, including Chimes for Justice (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 // LUNCHES FOR HOPE PROGRAM

This year's Advent Offering will go to the Lunches for Hope Program in the Dassa-Zoume region of Benin, Africa to help provide a daily lunch to the 30 girls enrolled in the program. 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 \$5,400 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 WREATH WORKSHOP // TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

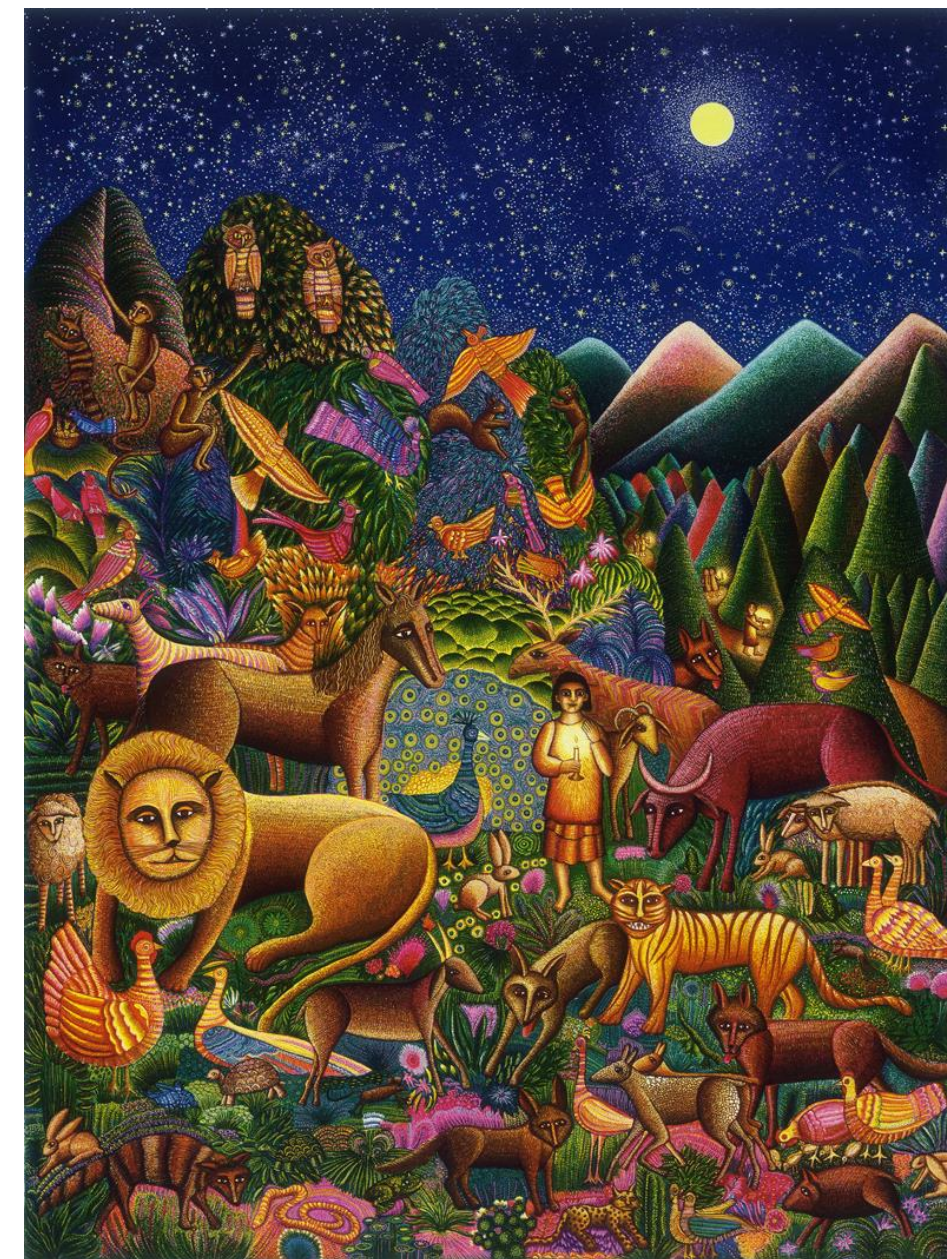
The Advent Wreath Workshop is this afternoon at 4 p.m. We will be in the gym making wreaths to prepare for the Advent season of waiting and hoping for the birth of Christ. We will be asking everyone to register to attend the event so we can be ready for everyone with space and supplies. Register online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

CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE // SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

The Candlelighting Service is a long time West End tradition featuring all the singing choirs and all the handbell choirs. At 5:10 p.m., the handbell choirs begin ringing carols with the service beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The service retells the Christmas story through scripture, from the prophecy to the birth, with carols being sung by the choirs and congregation. The service ends with lighting of candles and singing of Silent Night. It is a very meaningful way to celebrate the Christmas season by focusing on the birth of the Christ-child and the implication it has on our lives today. Early arrival is encouraged as this service fills up quickly.

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 invites 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.



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
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