

GATHERING

Voluntary:Dietrich Buxtehude
Chorale Fantasia on “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

Welcome Maggie Jarrell

Introit: O Light EverlastingJean Pasquet
O light everlasting, O love never failing,
do thou raise us by thy love, and draw us near to thee.

† Processional Hymn No. 245: The First Noel The First Noel

† Call to Worship Frances Merritt
Liturgist: *Lord you have been our dwelling place in all generations.*
People: **From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**
Liturgist: *We come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace,*
People: **and to enter anew into covenant with you.**
Liturgist: *As this New Year begins,*
People: **let us lift our hearts and voices to praise your name.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Creative God,
you make all things new in heaven and on earth.
We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears,
new decisions and old controversies,
new dreams and old weaknesses.
Because you are a God of hope,
we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.
Because you are a God of love,
we know that you accept and forgive all the
mistakes of the past.
Forgive us, God, and free us from our sin as we enter this new year,
as we enter again into covenant relationship with you.
May we seek to do your will every 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, 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*) James Sewell
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: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Moment

Communion Meditation: A Time for Everything Maggie Jarrell

† Invitation and Wesley Covenant PrayerNo. 607
I am no longer my own but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Joys & Concerns of the ChurchStacey Harwell-Dye

Salutation

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: Ding Dong Merrily on High Charles Wood
Ding dong, merrily on high in heav’n the bells are ringing. Ding dong, verily the sky is riv’n with angel singing. Gloria, hosanna in excelsis! E’en so here below, let steeple bells be swungen, And “i-o, i-o, i-o,” by priest and people sungen. Pray you, dutifully prime your Matin chime, ye ringers; may you beautifully rime your Evetime song, ye singers. (G. R. Woodward)

† DoxologyNo. 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



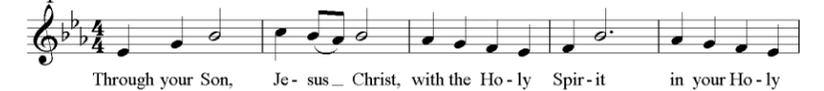
Prayer of Remembrance

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: 219, 224, and 236.

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. 240: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: (All Sing)Gloria
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune on the "The First Noel" Matthew Phelps

*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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INTERESTED IN JOINING WEST END?

Our next 4-week membership class will begin Sunday, January 15 at 9:45 a.m. in McWhirter Hall. No registration is required. For mor information, contact Erin Racine at eracine@westendumc.org.

COMMUNION PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each month, volunteers are needed to prepare the bread and juice for Communion, set the Communion table prior to worship, and clean up afterward. Preparation takes place during the week prior to Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month). If you can help with preparation during the week and/or set up and clean up on Sundays, contact Ashley Darling at ashleyjdarling@gmail.com.

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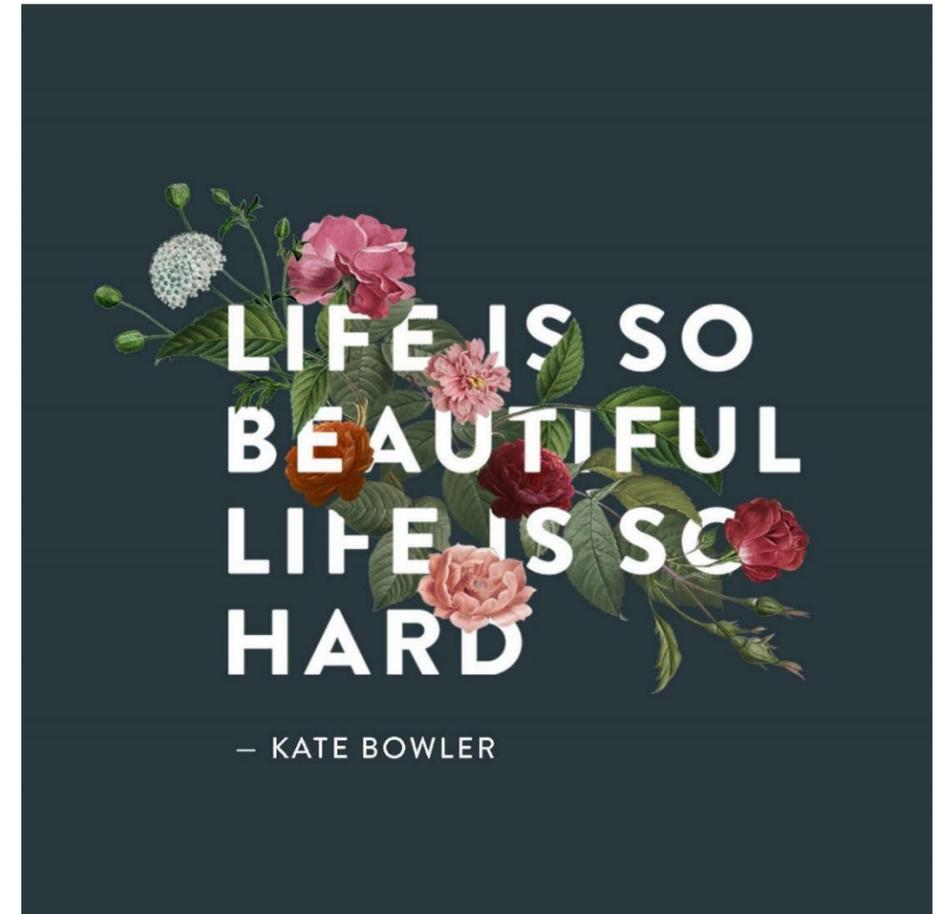
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