

GATHERING

Voluntary: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme.....J. S. Bach

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Ministry Moment: Interfaith Dental Clinic.....Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi

Introit: Comfort My People.....Sally Ahner
Comfort, O Comfort my People says your God.

† Processional Hymn No. 209: Blessed Be the God of Israel.....Merle’s Tune

† Greeting.....Nancy Parker
Liturgist: *People living in darkness have seen a great light.*
People: **The dawn from heaven will break upon us.**
Liturgist: *People sitting in darkness will be led to peace.*
People: **The dawn from heaven will break upon us.**
Liturgist: *Awaken our souls to see:*
People: **The dawn from heaven will break upon us.**

Lighting the Advent Candle.....Mosaic Sunday School Class

Lesson from the Prophets

Congregational Response.....Besançon
Hymn No. 202, vs 2: People, Look East
**Furrows be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
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*)

**God of the Dawn,
we confess how much we love the darkness:
it is where we are comfortable; where we get our way;
where we look out for ourselves.
Free us from these prisons we have fashioned,
the cells where we have made ourselves a home.
Everywhere we look, O God, you are there.
Forgive us when we quietly choose not to see you.
Increase our sensitivity to the places you are moving
in and around us. 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!
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.**

Anthem: And the Glory of the Lord (from Messiah).....G. F. Handel
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (*Isaiah 15:5*)

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 her with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may 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 Mary Margaret 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 Mary Margaret, 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 (*in unison*).....Davis Turner

**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 1:68-79(pew Bible, page 832)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 196: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.....Hyfrydol
The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: Waiting in SilenceCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Katie Minnis

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.....Traditional melody, arr. Willcocks

Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Come thou Redeemer of the earth and manifest thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.
Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man displayed.
The virgin womb that burden gained with virgin honour all unstained;
The banners there of virtue glow; God in his temple dwells below.
All laud to God the Father be, all praise, eternal Son, to thee:
All glory, as is ever meet, to the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

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

† Benediction

† Benediction Response.....Veni Emmanuel
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel has come to you, O Israel!

Voluntary.....Hugo Distler

Sleepers Awake, the Voice Is Calling, Op. 8, No. 2
*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 stand.*

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 loving memory of Jane and Chase Delony, Frances Delony, Patty Chadwell, Lillian and Robert Chadwell, and Ellen and James Hofstead by Patty Delony.

Mary Margaret Roberts, daughter of Joshua Bryant Roberts and Mary Katherine Roberts, 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, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

Sunday Activities

- Service Times*.....8:45 and 11 a.m.
- Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
- College Lunch**.....12:00 p.m.
- Youth Choir and Handbell Rehearsals.....12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
- Adult Handbells.....1:15 - 2:15 p.m.
- Youth Small Groups.....5 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Activities

- Meal.....Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
- Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
- Children's Choir.....Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....Thursdays, 7:15pm - 9:15 p.m.

Building Tours are offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM, or immediately following the early service. Meet at the Welcome Center in Reed Hall, through the side doors of the Sanctuary.

For a complete listing and additional information on Sunday and Weekly Activities, please visit our website at www.westendumc.org or see the insert.

*Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services! However if needed, childcare is available during worship for children 5 and under on the 1st floor in the following rooms: infants 105, toddlers 104, twos and threes 110, and fours and fives 112.

**While school is in sessions.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

Cover art by Charles Hooper.

Liturgy written by Sarah McCain.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist/accompanist. Music Associate, Allison Williams, assisting at the organ. Youth Vocal Ensemble & Youth Handbell Choir. Allison Williams & Carla Fox, directors.

Hymnic Notes: Merle's Tune was written by American composer Hal Hopson. With more than 3,000 published works for 30 publishers, Mr. Hopson's music is heard weekly in congregations throughout our country. His compositions reflect respect for the best liturgical tradition, scripture, and theology. Mr. Hopson composes music accessible to nearly all choirs and congregations, striving always to include rather than to exclude. His published repertoire includes almost every conceivable genre: anthems for children, youth, adult choirs and compositions for organ, piano, harpsichord, and handbells. Mr. Hopson writes especially for congregations in concertato anthems, hymn tunes, responsorial psalm settings, and liturgical services.

West End United Methodist Church

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