

## GATHERING

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

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon  
*Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center. First-time guests 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. 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!**  
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.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Julia Johnson  
**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.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71  
*The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the singing of the hymn for the children’s moment.*

**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.**

Sermon: Waiting in Silence .....Carol 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.**

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

Offertory: E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come.....Paul O. Manz  
Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,  
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.  
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,  
who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord!  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth,  
ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus,  
quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor  
lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all.  
*(Adapted from Revelation 22)*

† Doxology.....No. 95

## SENDING FORTH

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

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Rejoice! Rejoice!.....Veni Emmanuel

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, will be presented for baptism today in the late service.



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](http://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: Byron Burrus

Cover art by Charles Hooper.

Liturgy written by Sarah McCain.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, director. Music Associate, Allison Williams, assisting at the organ.

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.

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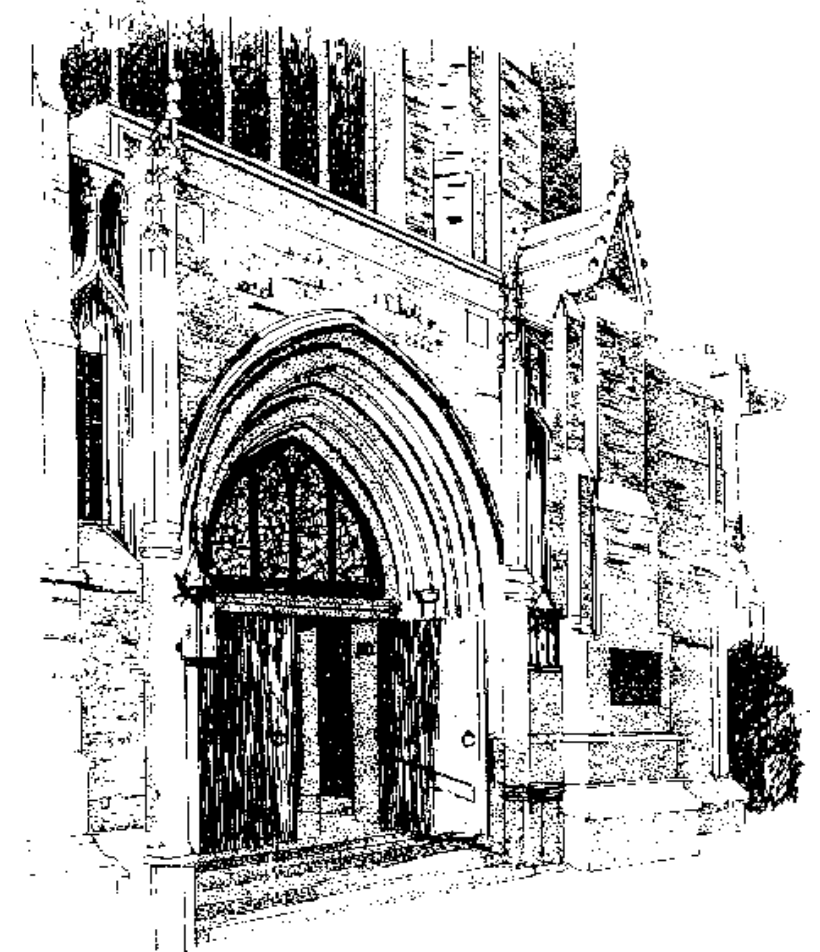
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