

GATHERING

Voluntary: Symphonia on Hyfrodol.....Kevin McChesney

Welcome.....Erin Racine
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. 211.....Veni Emmanuel
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1-4)

† Call to Worship.....Maggie Jarrell
Liturgist: *Come, let us go to the house of the Lord,*
People: **that we may learn God’s ways and walk in God’s paths.**
Liturgist: *Let us learn from the One who teaches peace.*
People: **Let us bend our swords and spears.**
Liturgist: *O people of God, come!*
People: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

Lighting the Advent Candle.....Sunny Day Club

Lesson from the Psalms

Congregational Response.....We Three Kings (refrain)
Star of wonder, star of light. Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.


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, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**

† An Act of Praise
Antiphon (Choir and Congregation)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Laura Creekmore
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 Prophet: Isaiah 2:1-5.....(pew Bible, page 550)

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

Communion Meditation: Daring to Dream.....Erin Racine

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Brandon Baxter

The Offering

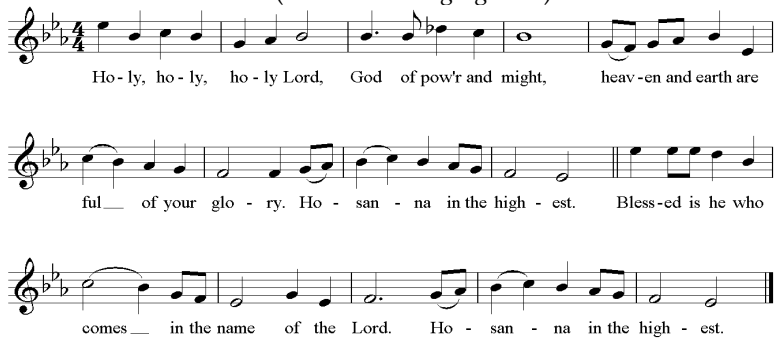
Offertory: Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes.....Hal H. Hopson
Thou shalt know him when he comes; not by any din of drums,
nor the manner of his airs, nor by anything he wears.
Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or his gown,
but his coming known shall be by the holy harmony
which his coming makes in thee. (*Anonymous*)


† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

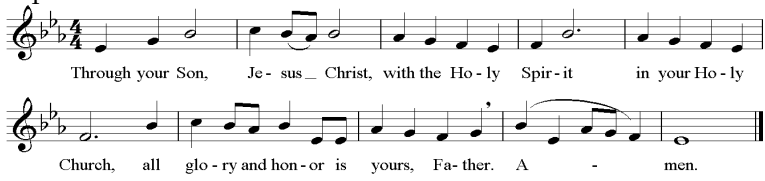
† Doxology.....No. 95

† 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 (*Choir and Congregation*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
ful of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance
People:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration
People:

Through your Son, Je - sus _ Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly
Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

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, 730, and 475.

† 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. 729: O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines....Jerusalem

† Benediction

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

Voluntary: Toccata on Nun Komm Der Heiden Heiland..Johann Pachelbel
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.*

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.

The Advent greenery was installed by the staff of The Tulip Tree in memory of
Marcos Reyes Hernandez.

The new altar paraments were made possible by a gift to the glory of God from
the estate of Elizabeth Weaver Proctor.



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.
Youth Choir Rehearsal.....12:15 - 1 p.m.
Adult Handbells.....1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Youth Handbell Rehearsals.....4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
Youth Small Groups.....5 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Activities

Meal.....Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:15 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.

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. If you prefer to step out of the service, worship is live-streamed in Bishop's Parlor.

An accessible, all-gender restroom is available in Bishop’s Parlor. This single-stall restroom includes a diaper changing station and assistance railing.

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 www.westendumc.org or see the bulletin insert.

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Head Usher: Byron Burrus
Liturgy: Erin Racine

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Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, director. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, assisting at the organ. Megan Swank Kennedy, solo handbells. Carla Fox, piano.

Today’s Music: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” originated in part from the “Great ‘O’ Antiphons,” part of the medieval Roman Catholic Advent liturgy. On each day of the week leading up to Christmas, one responsive verse would be chanted, each including a different Old Testament name for the coming Messiah. When we sing each verse of this hymn, we acknowledge Christ as the fulfillment of these Old Testament prophecies. We sing this hymn in an already-but-not-yet-kingdom of God. Christ's first coming gives us a reason to rejoice again and again, yet we know that all is not well with the world. So along with our rejoicing, using the words of this hymn we plead that Christ would come again to fulfill the promise perfectly that all darkness will be turned to light. The original text created a reverse acrostic: “ero cras,” which means, “I shall be with you tomorrow.” That is the promise we hold to as we sing this beautiful hymn.

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