

2024 CONFIRMANDS

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WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
MAY 5, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

GATHERING

Voluntary: MeditationGabriel Dupont

Welcome..... Will McLeane
Please take a moment to let us know you are here today by either filling out the attendance form in the pew or by visiting westendumc.org/attendance. If you are a first-time guest with us today, please share a way to connect so that we can share more information about West End UMC with you!

Introit: O Let Us Praise Thee.....Richard Farrant

† Processional Hymn No. 545: The Church's One Foundation Aurelia

† Call to WorshipStacey Harwell-Dye

Leader: O sing a new song to the Lord who has done marvelous things.
People: God has remembered God's steadfast love and faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession
**God of grace and glory,
we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions,
but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.
Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow
where you lead so that, in Christ, your name may be glorified in all the
earth.**

† 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 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.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Lucy Garrison
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 New Testament 1 John 5:1-6

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

Children's Moment
*Children's church is located in Scales Chapel, which is down the hall from the sanctuary.
If it's your first time, a grown-up should please follow us after the children's moment to drop off.
Pick up will at the same location immediately following the service.*

Sermon: Love Is the Way..... Will McLeane

Joys and Concerns of the ChurchMaggie Jarrell

Salutation
Liturgist: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Liturgist: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer
**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: A Prayer of St. Patrick..... John Rutter
Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
(from St. Patrick's Breastplate, 5th c.)

† Doxology No. 94
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Baptismal Covenant and Confirmation

Presentation of Confirmands.....Maggie Jarrell

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: And now to the members of the congregation and family members present, I ask: do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Liturgist: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons 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 these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

† Affirmation of Faith Confirmation Affirmation of Faith 2024
**We believe God is our amazing creator, leader, and father almighty.
We believe in Jesus, the messiah, the king of kings,
who came to be a leader, teacher, healer, and example to all.
We believe the Holy Spirit lives in us as the promised advocate, guide,
and comforter.
We believe in grace as a gift from God that protects us from sin and that helps us receive and offer forgiveness through the kindness of our hearts.**

**We believe the Bible tells of the adventures of God and God's people,
and God's holy word is our source of truth.
We believe worship is finding the bridge between heaven and earth
through prayer, silent confession, going to church, learning, and
praising God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
We believe discipleship means trusting in Jesus, following God's holy
footsteps, carrying God's word to the world in word and service,
faithfully adventuring with God, and learning from mistakes
along the way.
We believe God calls us to serve others without hesitation, to respect
everyone, to love and help our neighbors at anytime, to share our
gifts, and to be there for others and let others be there for us.**

Confirmation

Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you 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.

Youth Welcome.....Sam Wilson

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 396: O Jesus I Have PromisedAngel's Story

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Together Met, Together Bound.....Land of Rest
**Together met, together bound we go our different ways,
and as God's people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.**

Voluntary: Allegro con Spirito.....Frank Bridge
*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.*

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and to thank and honor our Sunday school class, Cornerstone, for 30 years of connection, instruction, accountability, and spiritual growth. We're off to a good start.

Today's liturgy was adapted by Rev. Maggie Jarrell; the Call to Worship comes from Psalm 98:1, 3-4 and the Prayer of Confession is from the Book of Worship.

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Today's Music

In the mid-nineteenth century, Bishop John William Colenso of Natal raised a ruckus in the Catholic Church when he challenged the historicity and authority of many of the Old Testament books. Bishop Gray of Capetown wrote a stirring response of defense, which, in 1866, inspired Samuel Stone, to write "The Church's One Foundation," basing his text on Article 9 of the Apostle's Creed: "The Holy Catholic (Universal) Church; the Communion of Saints; He is the Head of this Body." Now an affirmation of Christ as the foundation of our faith, we sing this hymn with those who have gone before us and with Christians around the world, declaring that beyond any theological differences, cultural divides, and variances in practice, we are all part of the same body, the body of Christ.

This summer, everyone is welcome to sing in Summer Choir. For our 10 am service, we will have singers from both of our adult choirs, and you can join them. No commitment is necessary, just show up before 9:30 for warm-up, and we will hand you a robe and music. If you have thought about singing in our choirs, this is an excellent chance to try it out. If you have any questions, email Matt Phelps at mphelps@westendumc.org.

WEST END STAFF

Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
Rev. Will McLeanePastor of Spiritual Formation
Rev. Maggie JarrellPastor of Children and Families
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye Pastor of Mercy and Justice
Rev. Shannon Baxter ..Pastor of Congregational Connection
Rev. Aimee Baxter.....Pastor of Young Adults
Emily C. Robbins.....Minister of Youth
Molly Borneman..... Pastoral Fellow
Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn.....Congregational Care Intern
Matthew Phelps.....Minister of Music
Andrew Risinger.....Associate Minister of Music
Nico Zavala.....Music Intern
Melanie Paulson.....Director, HR & Operations
Shelley Kuhlmeier.....Communications Director
Lazaro Kapella.....Church Financial Officer

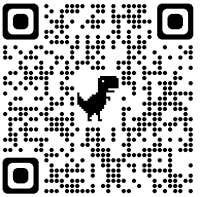
Jim Raver.....Property Operations Manager
Corye NelsonPreschool Executive Director
Christina ShoptawPreschool Operations Manager
Cheryl ReevesPreschool Curriculum Coordinator
Karina GurgenzChildcare Coordinator
Cindy Siemer..... Senior Administrative Assistant
Julie Catterton.....Assistant to Senior Pastor
Andrew Callis..... Administrative Assistant
Tosha Jackson.....Receptionist
Devon Bardo.....Receptionist
Chase Bencin.....Media Coordinator
Cin Tuang..... Media Assistant
Open..... Building Superintendent
Sam Bady.....Safety and Security Coordinator
Richard Thomas..... Custodian

A WARM WELCOME TO WEST END

Welcome to West End United Methodist Church! 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!

Scan this QR Code or visit westendumc.org/links to register your attendance with us, find out more about our Sunday Morning Classes, sign up for our weekly email, and learn more about the different ways to give at West End.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Sympathies:** Stan and Rebecca Burcham and their family are mourning the death of Stan's father, Robert Burcham, who passed away on April 27th in Jackson, TN. Services were held in Selmer, TN on April 30th.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Alan Tuck; Susan Griffin; Kathy Osten; Stacie Denton; Dr. Will Noel; Dr. Alex Townes; Crystal Vines; Mark Owen; Gina Dixon; Tennessee State Legislature Session; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; those mourning the loss of a loved one; peace in Palestine/Israel and Ukraine

If you have an emergency and need to contact one of the Pastors after hours, please call 615.321.8500, Ext. 8853. The Pastor on Call for May 6-12 will be Rev. Will McLeane. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

BOOK DISCUSSION :: MAY 5

We are delighted to reconvene our four churches for a reading of Jemar Tisby's *The Color of Compromise* and *How to Fight Racism*, as well as for a Nashville Black History Immersion experience on May 11. Join us this afternoon in McWhirter Hall from 2-3:30 pm for a discussion. All are welcome!

NASHVILLE BLACK HISTORY IMMERSION TOUR :: MAY 11

Join us on Saturday, May 11 for the Nashville Black History Immersion Tour. We will explore the history of Nashville, focusing on the history of Black Nashvillians with an on/off bus tour. We will depart in the morning at 8 am from Gordon Memorial UMC and return by 3 pm. Register at westendumc.org/tour.

MAY: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

To highlight the importance of our own mental health and its effect on our spiritual growth, West End UMC is sponsoring two events for you to participate in!

- ♦ The first is the NAMI (National Association of Mental Illness) Walk to be held on **Saturday, May 18** at the Nashville Sounds baseball stadium. Festivities include a kids "run the bases" event! If you would like to join the walk team or just make a donation to support the work of NAMI, visit our team site at westendumc.org/namiwalk.

- ♦ The second will be a presentation by our Congregational Care Intern, Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn, called Mental Health 101. It will be an opportunity to learn terminology, get acquainted with our Mental Health Initiative team, and ask questions about resources and support on **Sunday, May 19 at 4 pm** in the 4th Story Theater.

For more info, please contact Rev. Shannon Baxter at sbaxter@westendumc.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP :: MAY 6

Beginning Monday, May 6 at 6 pm in the Bishop's Parlor, we will partner with The Counseling Center to offer a six-week Grief Support Group here at the church. The purpose of this gathering is to provide an opportunity for those working through their grief to build community with those traveling the same road and receive some professional guidance. Cara Lindell of The Counseling Center, will convene each session. To register for the group, please visit westendumc.org/support or reach out to Shannon Baxter at sbaxter@westendumc.org for more information.

LGBTQ GATHERING :: MAY 19

We'd like to invite all LGBTQIA+ members and allies to join us on Sunday, May 19, after the 11 am worship service in McWhirter Hall for a lunch gathering. We will have a time to gather together, break bread, and process General Conference. We will also talk about opportunities to serve with West End during Pride 2024 on June 22 and 23.

Visit westendumc.org/may19lunch to RSVP. Also, mark the date - June 7 - on your calendar for another gathering at the home of Bryan and Rodney. Details forthcoming.

ACOLYTE TRAINING :: MAY 19

On Sunday, May 19 from 1-2 pm there will be an acolyte training in the Sanctuary. The Acolyte Ministry at West End is an opportunity for children and youth to lead in our worship services each week by carrying the light of Christ into the sanctuary and back out into the world. Kids who are currently in 3rd grade and older are invited to participate. For more information, email Maggie Jarrell at mjarrell@westendumc.org or visit westendumc.org/acolyte to RSVP.

TAIZÉ SERVICE :: MAY 19

The music and liturgy of the Taizé community ground us in practices of stillness, contemplation, and restorative healing. Join us on Sunday, May 19 at 5 pm for a Taizé worship service in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

Taizé Dates for 2024 - May 19 :: July 21 :: September 15 :: November 17

MAY'S COMMUNION OFFERING BENEFITS RAISE THE ROOF

Raise the Roof develops high-quality education centers, provides community health programs, creates income generating opportunities, and grows alongside local leaders in rural Uganda. Their multi-faceted, participatory approach builds local capacities and long-term relationships to create lasting, community-wide advancement, rather than a transactional supply of assistance. For more information, check out their website at raisetherooftacademy.org.



VBS 2024 June 10-13 ♦ 5 - 7:15 pm

Join us for a fun summer program for children 3 years old through rising 5th grade! VBS will be 5-7:15 pm each evening and cost \$10 per child. We hope you will join us for a week of learning to trust that God will go with us, lead the way, share wisdom, give us peace, and spark joy as we celebrate the good news of Jesus in our own lives and in the lives of others.

Register online westendumc.org/vbs2024

Adults are needed to serve as activity leaders and small group leaders, as well as help us with decoration set up and clean up. To volunteer, contact Maggie Jarrell at mjarrell@westendumc.org or Julie Catterton at jcatterton@westendumc.org.

ACCESS YOUR REALM ACCOUNT

Realm is our church membership database, and each person can have their own profile that will allow you the ability to update your information, communicate with your small groups, and more. If you do not have a Realm profile yet, visit westendumc.org/realm to request an email invitation today.

IT'S TIME FOR PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

West End is partnering with Project Transformation TN for its 13th summer. Project Transformation is a United Methodist-affiliated ministry that provides leadership development and ministry exploration opportunities to college-aged young adults. Working with churches in low-income neighborhoods in Middle Tennessee, these emerging leaders coordinate community-oriented programs for underserved children and youth focusing on literacy and social emotional learning. Contact Jennifer Hoffman with questions at 615.390.0033 or jenniferhoffman@outlook.com. Here are some ways you can be involved:

- ♦ **Read with Children** – West End's reading week will be Monday – Thursday, July 8–11 at Woodbine UMC from 9:30 am–12:15 pm. Each day, we will provide 10 volunteers to read with children. Ages 13 years and up are encouraged to volunteer.
- ♦ **Provide a Meal** – 21 young adult interns will be living in community as they lead programming and explore vocational opportunities while working on ministry and leadership skills. They are usually a hungry bunch after a day of camp! West End's dinner dates are Wednesday, June 12 and Wednesday, July 10 from 5:40 – 7 pm.
- ♦ **Donate Supplies** – Donate supplies for PT's summer programming. Scan the QR code for their Wish List. There will be a bin on the 1st floor for donations. Deadline is Sunday, May 19.
- ♦ **Letters of Encouragement** – Write encouraging letters to the interns as they embark on a summer of discovery.
- ♦ **Pray** – You are invited to pray that God's transforming love is reflected in PT's efforts. Please pray for the interns and site churches, as well as the children, volunteers, and neighborhoods that will be served.

Volunteer at westendumc.org/PT



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER JUNIOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This summer, we are pleased to be back at Bethlehem Centers shepherding 14 and 15 year olds in their first experience of work. We meet with the students once a week during their internship. Instead of one on one mentoring, we have switched to a curriculum that engages learning around the world of work that anyone can participate in once, twice, or all six weeks. If you'd like to be part of the junior internship program, please reach out to Marcia McDonald at mamcd915@gmail.com.

THE QUIET PLACE IS OPEN

The Quiet Place is a ministry of the church that serves as an outreach program for the local unhoused community. About a year ago, due to some security concerns, the Quiet Place was temporarily shut down while the concerns were addressed. We are happy to announce that The Quiet Place reopened in April with even more security efforts than before. Scan this QR code to read the letter from leadership that was emailed earlier this month.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AWARDS FOR 2024-2025 YEAR

The West End Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the awards for the 2024-2025 academic year! Eleven deserving students will receive a total of \$63,648.00 from the Blakemore, Rodes, Castles, and Casparis scholarship funds. These students will be enrolled in Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, The School of Art at the University of Tennessee Knoxville, the University of Memphis, Nashville State Community College, Kennesaw State University, and Vanderbilt University Divinity School. We congratulate our eleven awardees and wish them well in the academic programs in their chosen career paths! Thanks to Reverend Carol Cavin-Dillon, Kay Gabbert, Susanne Frensley, Marcia McDonald, and John Bernard for their conscientious collaboration throughout this important and rewarding process. Bonnie Seay, secretary

**SUMMER
SCHEDULE
CHANGE**

Sunday School ♦ 9 a.m.
Worship ♦ 10 a.m.
Special Events ♦ 11 a.m.

Change effective May 26 thru July 28



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