



# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
MAY 26, 2024 AT TEN O'CLOCK  
TRINITY SUNDAY

# GATHERING

Voluntary: Fugue ..... William Selby  
Voluntary ..... Thomas Loud

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon  
*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: Praise and Thanksgiving.....Anonymous Round

† Processional Hymn No. 64: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty..... Nicaea

† Call to Worship .....Shannon Baxter

Liturgist: Triune God, today you invite us into the dance of your eternal embrace.

**People: Come with your peace, with your invitation, bind us together in holy love.**

Liturgist: You gather us from near and far to rejoice with all creation at the wonders of your restoring grace.

**People: Come with your peace, with your invitation, bind us together in holy love.**

Liturgist: You inspire us to worship and find our voices in the song of all the saints who are lost in wonder, awe, and praise of the depths of your love.

**People: Come with your peace, with your invitation, bind us together in holy love.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

**God of Everlasting Love,  
we acknowledge our fear of mystery.**

**We name how our demand for convenience and certainty has  
disrupted our willingness to keep searching, questioning, and  
experiencing your patient way of love.**

**We confess our need to conform and control when we cannot fully  
understand holy matters, especially with regard to your children and  
image-bearers.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, draw us into  
the reality of your merciful embrace of all creation.**

† 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.**

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 these children 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 children with a community of love and forgiveness that they may grow in service with others. We will pray for them to be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

† Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: Members of the household of God, I commend Sarah, Maggie, and Abel to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hopes, and perfect them in love.

**People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Sarah, Maggie, and Abel, 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 ..... Ed Zinkiewicz

**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..... John 3:1-17

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 267: O Love, How Deep ..... Deo Gracias

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: Born into Love (Again) .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883 .....Aimee Baxter

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.  
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made Flesh,  
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns of the Church

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: Make in Me, O Lord, a Pure Heart .....Johannes Brahms  
Make in me, O Lord, a pure heart, renew thy righteous spirit within my breast.  
(from *Psalms 51*)

† Doxology ..... No. 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.**

### SENDING FORTH

Welcoming of New Members

Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: Family of God, Paul is now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your  
power to increase his faith, confirm his hopes, and perfect him in love.  
**People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Paul,  
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.**

A Moment of Blessing

† Recessional Hymn No. 159: Lift High the Cross.....Crucifer

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen.....Danish



Voluntary: Final from *Symphony No. 1*..... Louis Vierne

*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 altar flowers today are given by Earl and Helen Gaye Brewster in memory of Helen's mother, Martha Helen Lord Ashworth.*

*Anna Margaret "Maggie" Rowland, child of Sarah and Will Rowland, is presented for baptism.*

*Abel Camden Joseph Harwell-Dye, child of Jonathan and Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye, is presented for baptism.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Sammy McLester Swor who was born May 19th to Lauren LeSturgeon and Richard Swor. He is welcomed also by his grandparents, all West End members, Sammy and Sallie Swor and Wallace and Carol LeSturgeon.*

*A rose celebrates the birth of Cameron Wesley Robertson who was born April 7th to parents Melissa and Stephen Robertson.*

*Today's liturgy was written by Rev. Will McLeane.*

*The response for the "Call to Worship" having been inspired by "Trinity Song," written by Nashville-based artist Sandra McCracken.*

## Music Participants

Summer Choir

Matthew Phelps: Director / Assisting at Organ

Andrew Risinger: Organist

## Today's Music

*Lift High the Cross* was originally titled, "Jesus Christ, and Him Crucified," and was written by George William Kitchin and Michael Newbolt. The tune *Crucifer* was written for "Lift High the Cross," and was first included in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1916. The tune's name literally means "Cross-bearer." (Carlton Young)

We welcome everyone to join us this summer 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! There's 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](mailto:mphelps@westendumc.org).

## Bulletin Cover Art

"Trinity" is an icon by artist Scott Erickson, a touring painter, performance speaker, and creative curate who mixes autobiography, mythology, and aesthetics to create art and moments that speak to our deepest experiences.

## WEST END STAFF

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

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor

Rev. Will McLeane .....Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Rev. Maggie Jarrell.....Pastor 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.....Pastoral Intern

Matthew Phelps.....Minister of Music

Andrew Risinger.....Associate Minister of Music

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Christina Shoptaw.....Preschool Operations Manager

Cheryl Reeves.....Preschool Curriculum Coordinator

Karina Gurgendze.....Childcare 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

.....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](https://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

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Zach and Payton (Owensboror, KY); Jane Tai; Kathy Osten; Gina Dixon; 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, Haiti, Sudan, 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 27 - June 2 will be Rev. Maggie Jarrell. To submit a prayer request, visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](https://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).

## 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](https://raisetherooftacademy.org).

## FAITH AND MENTAL HEALTH DISCUSSION AND LUNCH :: MAY 30

We'll end Mental Health Awareness Month with a Faith and Mental Health Discussion over lunch. Join us in McWhirter Hall at 12:30 pm on Thursday, May 30, as we are led in conversation by the Rev. Claire Harris-Kramer, PCUSA. Register at [westendumc.org/discussion](https://westendumc.org/discussion).

## WEUMC WALKING GROUP :: JUNE 8

Come on a walk with new and old friends! On the second Saturday of each month, we will walk the greenways and trails of Nashville. Pay attention to the bulletin over the Summer for exact times and locations for our meetings. For questions, contact Andrew Breeden at [agarlandbreeden@gmail.com](mailto:agarlandbreeden@gmail.com).



**Church-Wide Potluck** - Let's start the summer with a well-loved favorite, a potluck! Bring your favorite entree, side dish, or dessert to the party! RSVP at [westendumc.org/potluck](https://westendumc.org/potluck) and let us know what you plan to bring so we can ensure there is enough for everyone.

**Volunteer Expo** - The request for volunteers at West End UMC are numerous because we are a very active church! We are challenged to "walk the faith" in almost every sermon and yet we feel restraint many times. Having limited time, being unsure of our gifts, being unclear about expectations, and other quiet feelings keep us from stepping up.

As you check out the volunteer



opportunities during the Volunteer Expo during the Church-wide Potluck on Sunday, June 2, you can be assured of several promises if you will investigate an area for service: the time commitment will be limited, there is always training available, and there are many current and past volunteers who are a great resource for information!

The rewards are so many when one volunteers: "well done faithful servant" is the whisper from our Lord ... meeting new people ... finding community on a committee or project. If you have any questions about getting involved, please reach out to our Pastors or give me a call! Kay Gray, Chair of Lay Leadership Committee

## PRINCIPLED FAITH: WESLEYAN WITNESS TODAY

2024 is a significant year in the life of our church, country, and world. On the heels of the UMC General Conference and in preparation for the US General Election, we will ground ourselves in our Wesleyan heritage as we engage in holy conversation around some of the pressing issues of our contemporary moment. Together we will explore how Scripture, the witness of the saints, and our UM Social Principles offer us direction as we wonder "how we might live" both as individuals and as Christ's Church. Join us at 9 am in the lobby of the 4th Story Theater on June 2nd, and in McWhirter Hall the remaining Sundays of June, as we engage in these critical conversations.

**VBS 2024**  
 June 10-13 ♦ 5-7:15 pm  
 3 years old by June - rising 5th grade

**westendumc.org/vbs2024**

**LGBTQIA+ GATHERING - LOOKING FORWARD :: JUNE 7**

Church members Rodney & Bryan want to invite all in the LGBTQIA+ Community to their house for a good ol' fashioned Methodist potluck supper and conversation on Friday, June 7, at 6 p.m. Cane's chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring appetizers, sides, or desserts to share. At this gathering, we will talk about what we want this group to become and discuss any loose ends for the church's ministry at the Pride Parade and Festival. RSVP by June 5 and let us know if you can attend and what you'd like to bring at [westendumc.org/june7gathering](http://westendumc.org/june7gathering).

**VBS CELEBRATION :: JUNE 16**

Join us on Sunday June 16 to celebrate another wonderful VBS! We'll incorporate parts of VBS into worship at 10 a.m. and then have a picnic party on the West Lawn at 11 a.m. We'll have snacks and activities for all ages! Kids and volunteers are encouraged to wear a VBS shirt from any year to church on Sunday.



**PRIDE 2024**  
 June 22 and 23

Join us for the  
 Pride Parade  
 or help host our booth  
 at the Pride Festival.

**westendumc.org/pride24**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**



**SARAH  
 ROWLAND**



**PAUL  
 PICELLI**

**GOOD AT TECH SUPPORT?**

The West End Family NEEDS YOU! You who easily deal with issues on your phone or your laptop: you may be somebody's offspring or grandchild who frequently answers questions. We are organizing a "Tech Support Team" who can help these "left out" folks with joining Realm, getting on Zoom, or even joining Worship online. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, contact Jan Ward at [jan.ward@gmail.com](mailto:jan.ward@gmail.com) or 703.407.4327.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR  
 JR 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](mailto:mamcd915@gmail.com).

**GIVE LIFE  
 GIVE BLOOD**



**Sunday, July 14  
 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Visit [westendumc.org/blooddrive](http://westendumc.org/blooddrive) for more info  
 or scan the QR code to make your appointment.



## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

Do you love kids? Do you love Bible stories and games and coloring? Would you be willing to share the love of God with children? Then we would love to have you volunteer for children's ministry in the 2024-2025 school year! We need Sunday school teachers who serve 1-2 Sundays a month throughout the school year. We also need Children's Church volunteers who serve two Sundays a throughout the year. Contact our Children's Pastor Maggie Jarrell at [mjarrell@westendumc.org](mailto:mjarrell@westendumc.org) for more info and to volunteer

## **ACOLYTE TRAINING :: JUNE 2**

On Sunday, June 2 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. Visit [westendumc.org/acolyte](http://westendumc.org/acolyte) to register.

## **SPECIAL TOWN HALL :: JULY 7**

On Sunday, July 7, at 9 a.m. we invite everyone to join us for a Town Hall in the 4th Story Theater to hear updates from the UMC General Conference and our Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference. The General Conference, which met in late April, is a global gathering of United Methodists and the legislative body for our denomination.

The Annual Conference is the gathering of UMC delegates from the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference. This town hall will be livestreamed and recorded for folks who might be away for the holiday weekend.

## **GET INVOLVED WITH 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-age young adults. Working with churches in low-income neighborhoods in Middle Tennessee, these emerging leaders coordinate community-oriented programs for under-served children and youth focusing on literacy and social-emotional learning. There are several ways you can be involved this summer, such as reading with kids, providing meals for interns, and letter writing. There is also an Amazon wishlist for supplies and donations. To find out more and sign up, visit [westendumc.org/pt](http://westendumc.org/pt).



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