



# WEST END

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
JULY 21, 2024 AT TEN O'CLOCK  
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on *In Dulci Jubilo* ..... Johann Michael Bach  
Prelude on *In Dulci Jubilo* ..... Dieterich Buxtehude

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: Of the Father's Love Begotten ..... Plainchant

† Processional Hymn No. 234: O Come All Ye Faithful, v 1-3.....Adeste Fidelis

† Call to Worship ..... Will McLeane  
Liturgist: Come to me, all who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death!  
**People: On you has a great light shone!**  
Liturgist: For Jesus Christ is the light of the world!  
**People: The light shines in darkness and the darkness could not put it out!**  
Liturgist: We join with the angels in their hymn of praise;  
**All: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, Alleluia!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession  
**O God,**  
**full of creative and sustaining light, we confess that we too often**  
**turn away from the beams of your glory.**  
**Your searching luminescence finds its way into all crevices,**  
**offering truth and grace; yet we feel exposed and seen,**  
**and seek to return to the secrecy of darkness.**  
**Forgive us, we pray, and open our eyes to what you desire for us to know!**  
**May we see your light as a beacon of comfort and peace,**  
**as we yearn to be more like you.**  
**Shine your light into the darkest places, drawing all people to the grace**  
**offered by your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

† 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 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 this child with a community of love and forgiveness that he may grow in service with others. We will pray for him to 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 Cameron Wesley to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.  
**People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Cameron Wesley, 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 .....Theresa Santillan  
**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 1:1-18

† Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 216: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ..... Es ist ein Ros

*Children may begin making their way to the front for the Children's Moment during the final verse of the hymn.*

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: In the Beginning .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Nicene Creed, No. 880.....Shannon Baxter

**We believe in one God,  
The Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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.**

Ministry Moment.....Habitat for Humanity

Offertory: I Will Not Leave You Comfortless .....Everett Titcomb

I will not leave you comfortless. Alleluia.  
I go and come again to you. Alleluia.  
And your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia. (John 14:18)

† 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**

† Recessional Hymn No. 246: Joy to the World ..... Antioch

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Alleluia.....Jacques Berthier

Voluntary: Paeon on *Divinum Mysterium*.....John Cook  
*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 a West End family in honor and appreciation for Heath Jones' many, many years of teaching outstanding Sunday School classes.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Greer Elisabeth Dabbs who was born July 12th to Emma Sholl and Spence Dabbs. She is also welcomed by her siblings Eloise and George.*

*Leo Banks Salato was born July 9th to Jay and Kristin Salato.  
He is welcomed by his brother Micah and sister Sienna,  
as well as his grandparents, Sue and Mike Salato and Martha and Keith Garman.*

*Cameron Wesley Robertson, son of Melissa and Stephen Robertson,  
is presented for baptism today.*

*Today's Call to Worship was adapted from the words of Carol Penner's  
"Leading in Worship." The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Shannon Baxter.*

### Music Participants

The Summer Choir

Matthew Phelps: Director / Assisting at Organ

Andrew Risinger: Organist / Accompanist

### Today's Music

Today, we celebrate "Christmas in July" with some of our favorite Christmas Carols. However, "Joy to the Word," was not originally written for Christmas. Rather, Isaac Watts wrote the hymn as a paraphrase of the last five verses in *Psalms 98* for his 1719 publication, *The Psalms of David Imitated*. In this hymnal, Watts rewrites many of the psalms using a Christological lens. His versification of *Psalms 98* is no different. Verse nine of the psalm reads, "...let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity." Watts unapologetically interprets this as a reference to Christ. The theme of "Christ coming" made it an apt hymn to be sung at Christmastime, and it has since become one of the most beloved Christmas carols.

### Bulletin Cover Art

Today, we celebrate Christmas in July with the upper portion of "Nativity," one panel of an Advent Triptych by John August Swanson, an American artist who was born, grew up, and died in Los Angeles, the son of a Mexican mother and a Swedish father. His unique style is recognizable, and we have used Swanson's paintings for our bulletin covers a number of times.

Description: The upper third of the painting depicts six angels playing instruments and four angels dancing in the sky high above the earth. In the background and middle third of the painting, we see the night sky filled with stars and the moon. The lower third depicts the fields and homes that populate the area around Bethlehem.

## WEST END STAFF

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

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor  
Rev. Will McLeane.....Spiritual Formation  
Rev. Maggie Jarrell.....Children and Families  
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye.....Mercy and Justice  
Rev. Shannon Baxter.....Congregational Connection  
Rev. Aimee Baxter.....Young Adults  
Emily C. Robbins.....Minister of Youth  
Thornton Muncher.....Pastoral Intern  
Dr. 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 Nelson.....Preschool Executive Director  
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  
Kathryn Ware.....Receptionist  
Chase Bencin.....Media Coordinator  
Ronnie Franklin.....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](http://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:** Barbara Cragg and family; 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; peace and unity in the lead up to our national elections

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 July 22-28th will be Rev. Carol Cavin-Dillon. To submit a prayer request, visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](http://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).

## JULY'S COMMUNION OFFERING :: PRISON MINISTRIES

Money from our communion offering this month will go to support our prison ministries through holiday meals, commissary for those inside, holiday gifts, and needs of those re-entering society after incarceration.

# CHRISTMAS IN JULY :: JULY 21



Come celebrate “Christmas in July” with us to raise money for West End UMC partner Habitat for Humanity! Immediately following worship, the joyful celebration will begin in the gym at 11 a.m. on July 21. There will be complimentary refreshments, festive games, Christmas caroling, a photo booth with Santa Claus, as well as a donation-based bake sale. All proceeds will go to support the Nashville Chapter of Habitat for Humanity’s mission of putting God’s love into action to build homes, communities, and hope for all people. Children, young adults, families, and all people are welcome to attend this event. If you are interested in learning more, volunteering during the event, or donating a baked good for the bake sale, contact Thornton Muncher at [tmuncher@westendumc.org](mailto:tmuncher@westendumc.org) for more info.

## ONE-DAY MEMBERSHIP CLASS :: TODAY AT 11 A.M.

Anyone who has been interested in becoming a member of the church or would like to brush up on what is going on in the life of the church is welcome to attend! We’ll meet in McWhirter Hall following the worship service for about an hour and a half. Lunch will be provided for all who register at [westendumc.org/membership](http://westendumc.org/membership).

## SUMMER TAIZÉ SERVICE :: TODAY AT 5 P.M.

Join us for a contemplative service rooted in the music of the Taizé community of France. Our worship service will include a space for healing prayer. Prior experience with contemplative worship or the music of Taizé is not required to fully engage in our liturgy. All are welcome!



## SUMMER FINALE - BIG BAND COOKOUT :: JULY 28

Come hear some great music featuring the Moonlighter’s Big Band and eat some delicious cookout-style food! It will be a great way to celebrate our summer together and prepare for more ministry in the fall!

## BACK TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING

Our Summer Schedule ends on July 28. We will be back to our regular schedule on Sunday, August 4 with worship at 8:45 and 11 a.m. and our Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m. We hope you have enjoyed the summer fun! Watch for a survey soon.



Our Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to congratulate

### **JIM RAVER** **PROPERTY OPERATIONS MANAGER**

*Jim celebrated his 5 year anniversary on July 18.*

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## REGISTER NOW FOR CHILDREN’S CHOIRS AND YOUTH MUSIC

It might be summertime, but it’s not too early to register for Children’s Choir and Youth Bells and Ensemble! We are looking forward to the next season of bells and choirs and would love to have your child or youth join us! Visit [westendumc.org/childrenschoirs](http://westendumc.org/childrenschoirs) or [westendumc.org/youthmusic](http://westendumc.org/youthmusic) to find out more!

## MAILING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Friday, July 26, we will be preparing our Fall Newsletter for mailing. Volunteers are needed to help in Room 310 at 10:30 a.m. Let Julie Catterton know if you can help: [jcatterton@westendumc.org](mailto:jcatterton@westendumc.org).

## WEST END LUNCH FORUM

A time when any of our church members meet with our Senior Pastor for food, fellowship and conversation, the West End Lunch Forum, meets the first Tuesday of each month at Swett’s Cafeteria on 28th Avenue. To receive reminders prior to each lunch date, rsvp at [westendumc.org/swettlunchforum](http://westendumc.org/swettlunchforum).

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## **Better Together** **An Intergenerational Sunday School Class**

July 14, 21 and 28 ♦ 9-9:55 a.m. // August 4 and 11 ♦ 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Children, youth, and all adults are invited to come together for a space of learning, fellowship, and fun. Using an intergenerational Sunday school model, we will explore stories of our faith, play and laugh, and foster a deeper sense of belonging within our community. Come and see how life is better together! Nursery care and traditional Sunday school are provided for infants through rising Kindergartners.



**Take me out to the**  
**BALLGAME**  
 Church Wide Nashville Sounds Baseball Game

**Tuesday, July 23 at 7:05 pm**  
**Get your tickets at [westendumc.org/baseball](https://westendumc.org/baseball)**

### NEW MOMS GROUP

Do you have a baby? Would you like to meet other new parents at West End UMC? Contact Emma Sholl at [emmawickhamsholl@gmail.com](mailto:emmawickhamsholl@gmail.com) to learn more about our New Moms Group.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you expecting a child? When your baby is born, please email our Children's Pastor, Maggie Jarrell at [mjarrell@westendumc.org](mailto:mjarrell@westendumc.org). We'd love to celebrate your new baby as part of our church family with a rose on the altar.

### LGBTQIA+ GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Anyone who identifies as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community and is experiencing grief, living or death-related loss, is invited to participate in a new support group being offered in partnership with Nashville Grief. The group meets every two weeks on Mondays at 6 p.m. in the Bishop's Parlor. Registration is required for the event and can be found at [www.tinyurl.com/NashvilleGrief](http://www.tinyurl.com/NashvilleGrief). Nashville Grief offers queer-led, secular grief support to the LGBTQIA+ community and is facilitated by Associate Humanist Chaplain Krista Westervelt, MTS (they/she). For more info, email [nashvillegrief@gmail.com](mailto:nashvillegrief@gmail.com).

### ACCESSIBILITY IN WORSHIP

♦ **Service Dogs** - On Sundays, we may have congregants with service or guide dogs in worship with us. Please warmly welcome them both but refrain from petting the dog because it is a distraction to the animal while it's working.

♦ **Braille Bulletins** - Also, we are now able to offer braille bulletins for those who may need it to fully participate in our worship service. Please email Andrew Callis at [acallis@westendumc.org](mailto:acallis@westendumc.org) so we can make those arrangements and have it available for you.

♦ **Adult and Youth Sensory Bags** - We have sensory bags at each sanctuary entrance for adults and youth. If this is a need of yours, feel free to grab a bag and return it to the cart at the end of the service. Our intention is to make our service welcoming for all individuals with the hope that you feel best equipped for a fulfilling worship experience.

♦ **Assistive Listening Devices** - There are assisted listening devices available for anyone who may need them. They can be found in the Narthex or in Reed Hall.

**CHURCH WIDE**  
**Fall Retreat**  
**2024**

**FRIDAY TO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27-29**  
**BEERSHEBA SPRINGS ASSEMBLY**  
**[WESTENDUMC.ORG/FALLRETREAT24](https://westendumc.org/fallretreat24)**



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