

WESTERND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP August 4, 2024 at Eleven o'clock Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

Voluntary: Pr Pr	relude on <i>For the Bread</i> relude on <i>Song 46</i>	Matthew Phelps Leo Sowerby		
Please take a pew or by v	noment to let us know you are here today by either filling out the isiting westendumc.org/attendance. If you are a first-time guest iy to connect so that we can share more information about West	e attendance form in the with us today, please		
Introit: My God, Thy Table Now Is SpreadRockingham Old				
⁺ Processional Hymn No. 100: God Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us Lauda Anima				
 ⁺ Call to Worship				
⁺ Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession				

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.

⁺ Silent Confession

⁺ Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that Liturgist: proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **People:** Glory to God. Amen. All:

[†] Passing the Peace

As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation Liturgist: and love. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. **People:**

[†] An Act of Praise

Antiphon



Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

(Antiphon) All:

- Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
- (Antiphon) All:
- Choir: You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.
- (Antiphon) All:
- Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.
- All: (Antiphon)
- With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Choir:
- All: (Antiphon)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationPatrick Dunnevant 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 6:24-35

Response to the Lesson

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

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.

Communion Meditation: The Bread of Life.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

⁺ Affirmation of Faith Thornton Muncher

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

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

Prayers of the People

Offertory: Beneath the Forms of Outward RiteLeo Sowerby Beneath the forms of outward rite thy supper, Lord, is spread in every quiet upper room where fainting souls are fed. The bread is always consecrate that friend divide with friend; each act of true community repeats thy feast again. The blessed cup is only passed true memory of thee, when life anew pours out its wine with rich sufficiency. O Master, through these symbols shared, thine own dear self impart, that in our daily life may flame the passion of thy heart.

[†] DoxologyNo. 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.

[†] Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. And also with you. **People:** Celebrant: Lift up vour hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. **People:** Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise. **People:**

⁺ Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving



The Lord's Praver

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: 357, 629, and 453

⁺ Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: You have given yourself to us, Lord. Now we give ourselves for others **People:** Celebrant: Your love has made us a new people; as a people of love we will serve you with joy. **People:** Celebrant: Your glory has filled our hearts; **People:** help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

[†] Recessional Hymn No. 614: For the Bread Which You Have Broken For th	le Bread
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⁺ Benediction

Randolph
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t The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.

Bulletin Cover Art

"Feeding the 5000" is a painting by contemporary artist Laura James who lives and works in the Bronx, NY. She is not only an artist, but she originated and is Executive Director of BX200, a database of over 200 Bronx artists and art organizations, and she serves on several boards of museums and art funding organizations. She has also published several children's books.

<u>Covert Art Description:</u> In the foreground of today's cover art, we see a dark-skinned Jesus standing in the center wearing blue and yellow robes. We see flowing water directly behind Jesus with red, yellow, and green fish swimming in many different directions as the water moves to the upper right corner of the painting. To his left stand his disciples, one of whom is kneeling to place loaves of bread onto a plate and another who is assisting Jesus in handing out the loaves and fishes to the masses. To Jesus' right, we see the crowd of five thousand who wear brightly colored robes and await their turns to receive food.

WEST END STAFF

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Virginia and Percy Wilkins by their family.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Greyson Wyatt Garrett who was born July 22 to Jordan and Chad Garrett. He is also welcomed by his grandparents, Ms. Vonde and Mr. Jim Caden, and his uncle, Jimmy Caden.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Meri Shea Kennedy who was born July 29 to parents Sara and Sean Kennedy. She is also welcomed by her brother, Remi.

Today's Call to Worship was written by Rev. Aimee Baxter.

Music Participants

The Chancel Ĉhoir Matthew Phelps: Director / Organist

Today's Music

John Goss (1800-1880) was a chorister at the Chapel Royal and later sang in the opera chorus of the Covent Garden Theater. He was a professor of music at the Royal Academy of Music and organist of St. Paul Cathedral, London; in both positions he exerted significant influence on the reform of British cathedral music. He wrote *Lauda Anima*, the tune for our processional hymn, in 1869.

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Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon	
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
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Ronnie Franklin	Building Superintendent
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Richard Thomas	Custodian

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

• **Prayer Requests:** Kathy Osten; the family of 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 August 5-11 will be Rev. Maggie Jarrell. To submit a prayer request, visit *westendumc.org/prayerrequest*.

Better Together

An Intergenerational Sunday School Cl

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.



WEST END WALKING GROUP // AUGUST 10

Mark your calendar for some beautiful Fall mornings with the West End Walking Group! The group meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month - 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9. For our next outing on Saturday, August 10, let's take an urban walk around the Vanderbilt/midtown area — our own WEUMC neighborhood. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and set out from there. Pay attention to the bulletin to learn where the group will be hiking next or contact Andrew Breeden for questions at *agarlandbreeden@gmail.com*.

YOUTH MINISTRY FALL SCHEDULE

Youth Council Meeting • Sunday, August 11 at noon. Open to ALL YOUTH.
 Youth Parent Meeting • Sunday, August 18 at 9:45 am in 4th Story Theater
 Youth Small Groups • begin on Sunday, August 25th from 5:00-7:00 pm
 Youth Fall Retreat • November 1-3 watch for registration info
 Parking Lot Fundraisers for 2025 Service Trip • August 31, September 7, October 5, 19, 26, November 9 and 30



Youth Fall Kick-Off: 2024 EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, August 18 + 4:45-7 p.m. Who will be our 2024 Champs??

All YOUTH AND Parents are invited to join us Sunday, August 18 at 4:45 p.m! It will be a night full of fun, fellowship, food, and messy egg competitions! Bring \$5 for dinner. Make sure to wear clothing that can get messy & wet and bring a towel for your ride home!! See you there and bring a friend!

Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks!

Join us August 18 for Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks! Promotion Sunday is the day when all of our Sunday School children, 3 year olds through 6th grade, will promote to the next grade or class. The fun begins at 9:45 AM in McWhirter Hall. We will have a celebration for parents and kids and then kids will go to their new classrooms while parents will stay for a parent meeting and fellowship time.

Each year in Sunday school, kids will have an opportunity to make new friends, learn about and experience Jesus' love, and hear Bible stories that help us love God and one another in our world today.

Also, as part of our preparations for the new school year, we will be having a Blessing of the Backpacks in 8:45 and 11:00 worship. This will be an opportunity for us to pray for kids and school staff as they go back to school. Students will be invited to bring their backpacks with them and come forward during the service.

For more information about Promotion Sunday or Sunday School, contact Maggie Jarrell at *mjarrell@westendumc.org*.

WEST END FAMILY MEET UP // AUGUST 18

Families of all ages and shapes and sizes are welcome to join us at our West End Family Meet Ups this fall for fun and fellowship! Our next Meet Up will be August 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with Popsicles on the West End UMC Playground!

REGISTER NOW FOR YOUTH MUSIC

We have two unique opportunites for our Youth to participate in music: Youth Bells and Vocal Ensemble! We are looking forward to the next season of bells and choirs and would love to have your child or youth join us! Register at *westendumc.org/youthmusic*.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS BEGIN AUGUST 21

Get ready to make music on Wednesday nights at West End. Children aged 3 yrs through 6th grade are invited to be part of Children's Choirs, 6:15-7:00 p.m. each Wednesday, beginning August 21. We have a wonderful group of leaders who are not only fine musicians but also know the importance of helping your child grow in faith. Every child's voice is a gift, and we want to help everyone develop their unique instrument. Visit *westendumc.org/childrenschoir* to find out more and register. Questions? Contact Andrew Risinger at *arisinger@westendumc.org*

AUGUST'S COMMUNION OFFERING :: HG HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

This month we are raising money for our partnership with H.G. Hill Middle School. We are a United4Hope school, meaning that we support the work of HG Hill Middle in four areas: parent/family support, teacher support, student support, and inkind donations. This money has gone the past two years for a teacher appreciation luncheon.

CHAT & CHEW RESUMES AUGUST 25

All local Nashville college and grad students are invited to attend lunch at a local restaurant (West End's treat!) every Sunday after the 11:00 service beginning August 25. Contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at *abaxter@westendumc.org* to find out more.

OLDER ELEMENTARY FELLOWSHIP KICKOFF // AUGUST 25

All 4th, 5th and 6th graders are invited to join us for older elementary fellowship (OEF) this year! We meet monthly during the school year for different fun activities and service projects. Kids AND parents are invited to join us for the kickoff 5-7pm in McWhirter Hall. The plan will be to have a snack supper followed by some games and some planning of our other activities for the rest of the year. If you plan to join us, please RSVP by Friday 8/23 at westendumc.org/oefkickoff so I can order pizza!

VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY THIS FALL!

We're looking for volunteers who love kids and want to share God's love with them. We need Sunday school teachers, children's church volunteers, Sunday school greeters, and acolyte helpers. If you want to help the kids at West End feel loved and known by volunteering in children's ministry. For more information contact Maggie Jarrell at *mjarrell@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/swettslunchforum*.

HOMEBOUND VISITATION TEAM

We are currently recruiting a new team that will support our outreach to members of West End UMC that are often unable to leave their homes. Our goal is to ensure that even if someone is unable to make it to the church for events or worship services, that they still feel connected to their West End family. If you are interested in being a connecting point for these very important members of our church, visit or reach out to Rev. Shannon Baxter at sbaxter@westendumc.org. It takes a village to care for the village!



PICKLEBALL If you are an avid player of the fastest growing sport in the US or you have always wanted to try it, we are forming a club of individuals that will gather at the church on evenings or weekends to play Pickleball in the gym. If you are interested in being a part of the Pickleball Club, let us know by visiting *westendumc.org/ pickleball*. Dates of the matches are yet to be determined, but once we get a critical mass we will get things going!

DO YOU KNOW THESE MEMBERS?

If you have an updated address for the following members, please contact Cindy Siemer at *csiemer@westendumc.org* or 615-321-8500 ext. 8822

Terri Ashford Madera Dickerson Beckham Phyllis Mund Sally Nordlund Henry Marable Tune (Hap) Ken Whittaker June Denise Brooks Vallie Carlton Brooks, III (Trey) Samuel Gregory Brooks John Cowden Heryl William Duckwitz (Bill) Eric Perkins Moriah Williams Reed Turner Eric Dale Perkins Peggy L. Byram Leah Grace Hiller Richard Dennis Kirk Stephen Louis Gill Thomas Archer Kevin Robert Babb Justin Clark Barrett Kerri Kahtz Barrett Rachel Leila Bressman Hart Jamie Joan Carr Weaver Mary Helen Collins Brown Margaret Cooper Melissa Abigail Atkins (Abby) Abigail Catherine Kanak (Abby)

Also, we have 100+ adult children (ages 25-35) who are on our membership roll and still listed at their parents' address. If you are the parent of an adult child, could you please contact Cindy to update the address and contact information of your child or let us know if they should be taken off our roll entirely because of a move away from Nashville or transfer to another church?



Porch sits, fireside conversations, boardgame marathons, and intentional spaces for reflection, holy conversation, and worship await you at our WEUMC Fall Retreat! We cannot wait to gather again atop the plataeu as together we rejoice in the wonder of God's creation.

Friday to Sunday, September 27-29 Beersheba Springs Assembly

Register now at *westendumc.org/fallretreat24*

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.





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