

COME TO
ME...
AND I WILL
GIVE YOU
REST



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
AUGUST 18, 2024 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Adagio in A Minor, BWV 564..... J. S. Bach

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: Where Charity and Love Prevail..... Dundee

† Processional Hymn No. 60: I'll Praise My Maker While I've BreathOld 113th

† Call to WorshipMaggie Jarrell

One: Calling all children of the Living God; the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

All: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

One: The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with work, play, and rest.

All: Let us worship together, every generation.

One: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"

All: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

**God of all generations,
we gather this morning with hearts full of feelings, with our minds full of thoughts, and with our never-ending to do lists.**

The world around us sends us messages of "you are what you produce," "go and do," and "hurry up."

You call us to a better way: a rhythm of work and rest.

Forgive us when we hold ourselves and others to the standards of busyness and productivity.

Help us to breathe. Help us to resist. Help us to return to your grace of rest and offer peace to those around us.

† 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.**

Anthem: O Be Joyful in the Lord..... Charles Wood

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;

it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,

and into his courts with praise;

be thankful to him and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son;

glory be to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Psalm 100)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationAnita Schmid

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 Old Testament.....Exodus 5:1-9

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

† Hymn: O Hear the Word the Lord Declared.....Land of Rest

- 1 O hear the word the Lord declared,
to Pharaoh long ago:
“My people live to worship me,
their faith and love to show.”**
- 2 But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened still,
refusing to obey,
“Who is the Lord?” he questioned loud,
“To heed what He might say?”**
- 3 No rest for those oppressed by toil,
no respite from their pain,
he burdened them with heavier loads,
and scorned the Lord’s great name.**
- 4 Yet God’s command will not be stopped,
his purpose stands above,
God frees the people from their chains,
in justice and in love.**
- 5 O God of might, we praise your name,
and trust your mighty hand,
deliver us from bondage now,
lead us to freedom’s land.**

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

Children’s Moment and Blessing of the BackpacksMaggie Jarrell

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: Rest as Resistance.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of FaithShannon 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 live with respect in Creation,

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.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Offertory: Praise Our God and King..... Anonymous 15th c. Carol
Praise, O praise our God and King! Hymns of adoration sing;
for his mercies still endure, ever faithful ever sure.

Praise Him that He made the sun, Day by day its course to run;
for his mercies still endure, ever faithful ever sure.

And the silver moon by night, shining with her gentle light;
for his mercies still endure, ever faithful ever sure.

Glory to our bounteous King! Glory let creation sing!
Glory to the Father, Son, and blest Spirit Three in One.
- Henry Baker

† 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. *2234: Lead On, O Cloud of Presence..... Lancashire

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go With Us Lord..... Tallis Canon
**Go with us Lord and guide our way
through this and every coming day,
that in your spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.**

Voluntary: Toccata..... Charles Tournemire
*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.*
* *The Faith We Sing, pew edition*

*The altar flowers are given by Steve Hyman & Mark Lee Taylor
in memory of their mothers, Ruth Hyman and Virginia Taylor.*

*Wallace Murray Reed, son of Grace and Matt Reed,
was presented for baptism at the early service today.*

Today's liturgy was written by Rev. Maggie Jarrell.

Music Participants

The Chancel Choir

Matthew Phelps: Director / Assisting at Organ

Andrew Risinger: Organist / Accompanist

Today's Music

"I'll Praise My Maker while I've Breath," is a paraphrase of Psalm 146, originally entitled, "Praise to God for his Goodness and Truth." It was published in Issac Watts' *Psalms of David, Imitated in the Language of the New Testament*, 1719. John Wesley made slight changes to the hymn and included it in his *Charlestown Collection*, 1737. Today's middle hymn, "O Hear the Word the Lord Declared," has lyrics written by ChatGPT and edited by West End UMC staff according to the scripture lesson from Exodus and is specific to the familiar hymn tune, *Land of Rest*.

Bulletin Cover Art

Today's bulletin cover shows a still lake with pastel reflections of the sunset in purple and pink. In the background, we see hills and knobs along the lake shore. In the foreground, we see an empty, wooden dock extending over the water inviting us into its serenity. Overlaying this image are the words: *Come to me...and I will give you rest.*

IT'S PROMOTION SUNDAY AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

We are excited to celebrate with our Sunday School children, 3 year olds through 6th grade, as they promote to the next grade or class. At 9:45 am in McWhirter Hall, there will be a celebration for parents and kids before children go to their new classrooms while parents stay for a parent meeting and fellowship time.

We will also take time during both of our worship services today to have a Blessing of the Backpacks. 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.



WEST END FAMILY MEET UP // TODAY ON THE PLAYGROUND

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! Join us today on the playground from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Popsicles on the West End UMC Playground!



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 pm! 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!

YOUTH MINISTRY FALL SCHEDULE

Youth Parent Meeting ♦ Sunday, August 18 at 9:45 am in 4th Story Theater

Youth Small Groups ♦ beginning Sunday, August 25 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

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ Sympathies to the family of Gina Dixon who passed away on August 1. Gina was a teacher for West End Preschool for several years.

♦ Sympathies to Allan Horner and family as they grieve the death of Allan's brother, Mark Horner of Chattanooga.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Kids and parents as school starts up; Sally Thornton and Melba Muncher; Loren Mitchell; Kathy Osten; 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 19-25 will be Rev. Carol Cavin-Dillon. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

SUMMER SCHEDULE AND CHRISTMAS EVE SURVEY

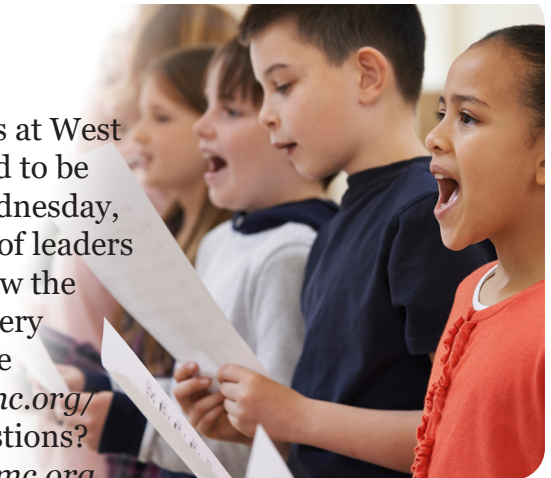
Our Summer Schedule has ended and we are back to our regularly scheduled programming. We hope you enjoyed the change of pace this summer and were able to participate in a few of our fellowship events that took place after worship. Please take a moment to complete the survey found at westendumc.org/survey to help us as we plan for next summer, as well as Christmas Eve, at West End UMC.

AUGUST'S COMMUNION OFFERING :: HG HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS BEGIN AUGUST 21

Get ready to make music on Wednesday nights at West End. Children ages 3 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 who 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



YOUTH MUSIC BEGINS AUGUST 25 // REGISTER NOW

We have two unique opportunities 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 youth join us! Register at westendumc.org/youthmusic.

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 from 5-7 pm 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, August 23 at westendumc.org/oefkickoff.

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.

SMALL GROUPS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Are you interested in joining a Sunday school class or small group this fall? Contact Rev. Will McLeane at wmclean@westendumc.org to learn about the different classes and groups that meet on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

HOMEBOUND VISITATION TEAM

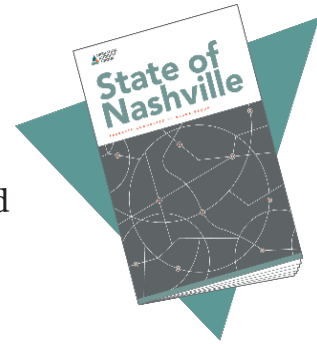
We are currently recruiting a new team that will support our outreach to members of West End UMC that are often unable to leave their homes. Our goal is to ensure that even if someone is unable to make it to the church for events or worship services, that they still feel connected to their West End family.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

FIRST WEDNESDAY // SEPTEMBER 4: "THE STATE OF NASHVILLE"

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month this fall for a time of shared fellowship around the table and learning from local authors and ministry leaders. We will kick off on September 4 with the "State of Nashville" report led by Adam Buzard of the Operation Andrew Group.

Operation Andrew Group seeks to unite the Body of Christ and partner with the local church to love God and our neighbors. In 2022 & 2023, Operation Andrew Group partnered with the Barna Group and Charis Foundation to find the answer to the question "How is Nashville?" by listening to Nashville residents through a demographically representative study.

Dinner starts at 5:15 pm in McWhirter Hall, and programming begins at 6 pm. Register at westendumc.org/firstwednesday.



WESLEY IN THE WOODS RETREAT // SEPTEMBER 13-15

Wesley in the Woods is a TWK UMC spiritual formation retreat for 5th-8th graders. This retreat will be a chance to get away, learn, grow, pray, and play together for kids in the TWK UMC who are approaching or have recently completed confirmation. We will offer opportunities in line with our shared Wesleyan heritage for worship, connection, service, spiritual formation, and play for kids and leaders alike during this milestone season of faith development. Pastor Maggie will be taking a group from West End to this retreat at Camp Cedar Crest. The cost is \$90 per student. Register now at westendumc.org/wesleyinthewoods.



A Warm Welcome

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.

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.



We believe that God loves everyone unconditionally!

West End Staff

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Rev. Maggie Jarrell..... *Children and Families*
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