

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



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
AUGUST 25, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Preludes on Hymn Tunes..... Dale Wood
Jesus Calls Us
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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: Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join Orlando Gibbons

† Processional Hymn No. 96: Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above Amsterdam

† Call to Worship Shannon Baxter

Liturgist: Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy loads.

People: Let us receive the grace of Jesus Christ.

Liturgist: Come, all who struggle to keep pace in a busy world.

People: Let us walk together in the gentle way of our Lord.

Liturgist: Come, all who long for belonging and abiding rest.

People: May the Spirit fill us with God's love and peace.

† Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Gentle God,

your humility and meekness guide us into the life that is truly life.

Yet, in our striving to get it all done, we find ourselves burnt-out and

disconnected from the people we love and the means of grace.

Forgive us for the oppressive burdens we expect of ourselves, we put on

each other, and we force on your creation.

By your Spirit, mark our steps to keep pace with Jesus as he leads us into

the liberation of your sabbath rest.

† 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 Lowell William 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, Lowell William, 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 IlluminationRobb Bigelow

**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.....Matthew 11:28-12:8

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: Jesus as SabbathCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith Will McLeane

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.

Offertory: 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

† 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

Prayer for Pastor Carol Will McLeane

† Recessional Hymn No. 451: Be Thou My Vision..... Slane

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Voluntary: Tuba Tune in D.....C. S. Lang

*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 are given to the glory of God in celebration of the baptism of
Constance Grace Deidiker by her family.*

*Lowell William Franquemont, son of Dan and Madeline Franquemont,
is presented for baptism today.*

*Constance Grace Deidiker, daughter of Connie and Nick Deidiker,
will be presented for baptism today at the late service.*

Today's liturgy was written by Rev. Will McLeane

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir

Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Today's Music

According to mythology, when St. Patrick was a missionary in Ireland in the 5th century, King Logaire of Tara decreed that no one was allowed to light any fires until a pagan festival was begun by the lighting of a fire on Slane Hill. In a move of defiance against this pagan ritual, St. Patrick did light a fire, and, rather than execute him, the king was so impressed by his devotion that he let Patrick continue his missionary work. Three centuries later, a monk named Dallan Forgaill wrote the Irish poem, "Rop tú mo Baile" (*Be Thou My Vision*), to remember and honor the faith of St. Patrick.

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.*





JOIN US FOR CHAT & CHEW TODAY

All local Nashville undergrad 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 // TONIGHT

All 4th, 5th and 6th graders are invited to join us for older elementary fellowship (OEF) this year! OEF meets 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.

YOUTH SMALL GROUPS // TONIGHT

All Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us tonight for our first night of Small Groups of the fall! We meet from 5-7 pm in the Youth Center on the 3rd Floor. We eat dinner together, play games and then separate in to groups by age/grade. Email Emily Robbins at erobbins@westendumc.org for more information.



YOUTH MUSIC BEGINS TODAY // 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.



VANDY/VA TECH PLFR // AUGUST 31

If you have plans to attend Vanderbilt home football games this season, make plans to park in our lot! Our Youth host a Parking Lot Fundraiser for each home game on the Vandy schedule to raise money for the summer service trips. The first PLFR is Saturday, August 31, from 8-11 am.

SUMMER SCHEDULE AND CHRISTMAS EVE SURVEY

Last Chance! 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 our survey 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.

WEST END LUNCH FORUM

First Tuesday of the month ♦ 11 a.m.

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.



SHEPHERDING MINISTRY

Getting involved in the many classes, activities, and ministries of West End UMC can be tricky. For some of us, it may be helpful to have someone to connect us with the right people or just someone to grab some coffee to ask questions about the church. If you would love to be connected with a guide OR if you would like to be that guide for a newer visitor or member of the church, visit westendumc.org/shepherd and let us know! We have wonderful leaders who would love to be a resource for greater involvement and knowledge about West End UMC.

HOMEBOUND VISITATION TEAM

We are currently recruiting a new team to serve as 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, they still feel connected to their West End family. If you are interested in being a connection 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!

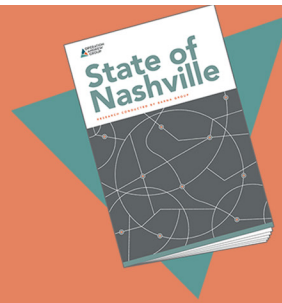
First Wednesday: September 4

The State of Nashville with Operation Andrew Group

Dinner - 5:15 p.m. ♦ Program - 6 p.m.

McWhirter Hall

Reservations ♦ westendumc.org/firstwednesday



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 a “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.



Young Adult Gathering Every 1st Tuesday of the Month

Our first Brewed Theology of the program year will meet Tuesday, September 3 at 6:30 pm at Five Points Pizza (West). All young adults and professionals are invited to join us for a laid-back conversation around a particular theological topic each month. For more info, contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org.

WE HELP // NEW TECH SUPPORT GROUP

Our newly formed Technology Support Team (WE Help) has begun to organize with Daniel Cantrell as the chair. The group will meet to decide how and when to offer support. ANYONE WHO WISHES TO HELP, let us know at westendumc.org/wehelp. After training, we will begin announcing how you may seek their help. We hope that anyone who cannot log into the worship service, navigate the church website, get on Zoom, Livestream, or do basic operations on the phone or tablet will seek help from this group when we know their how-when-where plans!

WEST END FAMILY MEETUP // SEPTEMBER 8

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! On Sunday, September 8, we'll meet for food and fun at Yogi's Pizzeria from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. See you there!

WESLEY IN THE WOODS RETREAT // SEPTEMBER 13-15



Wesley in the Woods is a Tennessee-Western Kentucky 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 Camp Cedar Crest for this retreat. The cost is \$90 per student. Register now at westendumc.org/wesleyinthewoods.

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.

We are excited to announce that WEUMC member Vicki Brier will begin hosting a WEUMC online small group on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 am starting on September 8th. The online small group will create space for community and reflection on Sunday's scripture and sermon. Vicki is a church member who lives in England and has found a vibrant spiritual home at WEUMC. If you would like to learn more about joining this small group, please contact Rev. McLeane.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ Sympathies to Tony Holshouser and family as they grieve the death of Ann Holshouser on May 25.

♦ Sympathies to Caroline, Chris, Mary and Ella Peacock as they grieve the death of Caroline's mother, Beth Rose, on August 17.

♦ Prayer Requests: Kathy Osten; 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 Aug. 26 through Sept. 1 will be Rev. Will McLeane. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

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

Members of West End UMC 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*
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