

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Lied Louis Vierne

Welcome..... Will McLeane
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, Ye That Love the Lord arr. Alice Parker

† Processional Hymn No. 57: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 1-5, 7).....Azmon

† Call to WorshipMaggie Jarrell

Liturgist: Children of God, our lives are more than what is visible to the outside world.

People: Create in us a clean heart, O God.

Liturgist: Open our inner lives to receive the kin-dom of God,

People: and renew a right spirit within us.

† Call to Confession

† 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

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.

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationLaura Creekmore

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.....Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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.

Communion Meditation: An Examination of Heart.....Thornton Muncher

† 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

Offertory: Show Me Thy WaysWalter L. Pelz

Show me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths;

lead me in thy truth and teach me.

For thou art the God of my salvation.

And on thee do I wait all the day.

(Psalm 25:4, 5)

† 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.

† Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are

ful_ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes_ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance

Christ has died, Christ is_ ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

Through your Son, Je- sus_ Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in your Ho - ly
Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa-ther. A - men.

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.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

Andante from *Violin Sonata No.2 in A minor, BWV 1003* - J. S. Bach

*The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns:
612, 623, and 480*

† Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: You have given yourself to us, Lord.

People: Now we give ourselves for others

Celebrant: Your love has made us a new people;

People: as a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Celebrant: Your glory has filled our hearts;

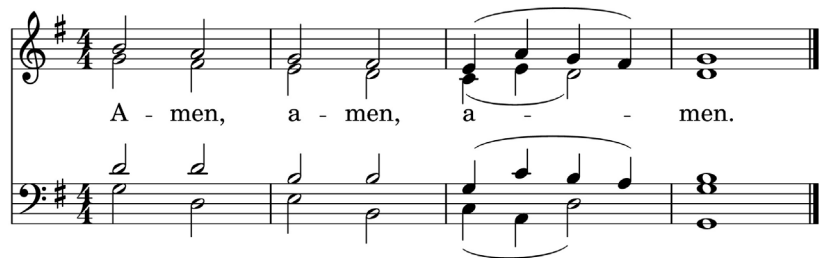
People: help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 397: I Need Thee Every HourNeed

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen.....Danish



Voluntary: Allegro Moderato e serioso from *Sonata No. 1*..... Felix Mendelssohn
*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 today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marie and Buck Cowan, by their son Tommy Cowan.

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

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Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist
Matthew Phelps: Assisting at the Organ
Richard Todd, classical guitar

Today's Music

"I Need Thee Every Hour," was first sung at the 1872 convention of the National Baptist Sunday School Association. It first appeared in *Royal Diadem for Sunday School*, 1873, under the scripture sentence from John 15:5, "Without me, ye can do nothing." The hymn entered Methodist hymnals in 1875. (Carlton Young)

Bulletin Cover Art

Disciples Eating with Unwashed Hands is the title of an unattributed work of art offered by the "Bible Art" website. In this image, we see Jesus placing bread in his mouth as he sits at a table wearing white and tan robes. In front of him and his disciples, this table holds several plates of bread and a small basket with bread in it. We see the outstretched hands of some of his disciples, as well as the care-worn, multi-ethnic faces of ten of them as they are cloaked in robes of green, orange, blue, and white.



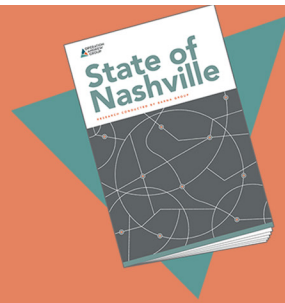
First Wednesday: September 4

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.

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 throughout the fall semester. Contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org to find out more.

BREWED THEOLOGY

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.

VANDY/ALCORN STATE PLFR

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 next PLFR is Saturday, September 7, from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

WEST END FAMILY MEETUP

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. Hope to see you there!

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/swettlunchforum.



SEPTEMBER’S COMMUNION OFFERING // CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Our September communion offering will benefit the four Wesley Foundations in Nashville. Wesley Foundations are places for college students to connect with God and one another. They are often entry ways to students who have never experienced the United Methodist Church and are part of the call stories of many UM pastors. This offering will be split four ways so please give generously.

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!

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!

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 that will provide 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. Pastor Maggie will be taking a group from West End to Camp Cedar Crest for this retreat. The cost is \$90 per student. Register 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 member Vicki Brier will begin hosting an online small group on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m. starting September 8. This 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 West End. To learn more about joining this small group, please contact Rev. McLeane.

TAIZE: SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING

Sanctuary // 5-6 p.m. // September 15 // November 17

Come and be still through a contemplative service rooted in the music of the Taizé community of France. Our worship service will include a space for healing prayer. Experience with contemplative worship or the music of Taizé is not required to fully engage in our liturgy. All are welcome!

THEOLOGY AND THE ARTS SERIES

Sundays, October 6 - November 10 // 9:45 a.m. // 4th Story Theater

High schoolers through adults are invited to attend this special series hosted by the Young Adult Ministry where we will explore how our spiritual life can be articulated and enhanced through the arts. Sessions include discussions around women's roles in the Bible and theater, Taylor Swift and the Psalms, Mythology and Storytelling, etc. The group will also attend a TPAC performance in the fall. Register at westendumc.org/theologyandart by September 15 if you are interested in participating.

FALL NEW MEMBERS CLASS

If you have felt the nudge to make West End UMC your official church home by becoming a member, you are invited to join our next four-week class beginning October 6. The class will take place Sunday mornings in McWhirter Hall at 10 a.m. and will entail conversations around our Methodist heritage, how to get connected with the life of the church, and what it means to be a member at West End UMC. To participate in the class, register at westendumc.org/membership.

JOIN US IN BEAUTIFUL GUATEMALA!

We are headed to Guatemala again in 2025 and there are two trip options! Visit westendumc.org/guatemala to let us know you want to find out more!

Antigua // Transitions Trip

Saturday – Thursday, March 8-13 // Cost \$1200
All ages are invited to stay in Antigua for a shorter Mission Trip and work with Transitions.

ODIM – March 8-16 - \$2000

All medical professionals needed for medical clinic

CHILDREN'S SABBATH AND BIBLE SUNDAY

September 22 // Both Worship Services

This year we're expanding Bible Sunday to include children leading us in worship! Kids will take on all the worship leader roles and children's choirs will sing. We're excited to try this on a Sunday morning in an expanded way from what we do on Christmas Eve.

We will also be presenting Bibles to our 3 and 4 year olds AND our 3rd graders in worship on Sunday September 22. 3s and 4s will receive Spark Story Book Bible to read with their families in the hopes that they will begin to develop a love for God and scripture to connect with God through reading the stories of the Bible. 3rd graders will receive a Deep Blue Kids Bible to continue the long-held tradition of giving Bibles to our 3rd graders as they continue to grow in their faith and begin to read and discover God's word for themselves.

There will also be a reception with snacks for everyone between the services in Reed Hall. More info about how your child can lead in worship as part of children's sabbath and how to register your child to receive a Bible coming soon!

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

- ♦ Sympathies to Peggy and Ken Luten in the death of Peggy's brother Bo Adams.
- ♦ 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

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Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
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Rev. Maggie Jarrell..... Children and Families
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye..... Mercy and Justice
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