



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Aria Flor Peeters

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: Thank the Lord René Clausen

† Processional Hymn No. 158: Come Christians, Join to Sing Spanish Hymn

† Call to Worship Hampton Randall

Liturgist: Let us open our hearts in thanksgiving as we celebrate God's open doors to all people!

People: We give thanks for the work of Jesus Christ in making a way for us.

Liturgist: May our actions and words challenge our world to live within the equity and equality of God's Kingdom!

People: Lord, take our hearts and mold them during our worship today to be more like you!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

**Creator God,
you have made all people in your image and called all people to show the world your grace and mercy.**

Yet, at times we place more stock in possessions and privilege, causing us to close the doors to those who don't fit into our mold.

Forgive us for becoming blind to the splinters in our eye and making extra barriers to entrance into your kingdom.

Renew our hearts as we remember that we are all created in your image and are heirs to your abundant life!

Guide the work we do in your world to bring about a beloved community for all people filled with acceptance, hope, and love.

† 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: Praise to God in the Highest Sydney Campbell

Praise to God in the highest, bless us O Father.

Guide and prosper the nation, rulers and, people.

Praise to Thee. May the truth in its beauty flourish triumphant.

May the good be obeyed and evil be conquered. Praise to Thee.

Give us laughter and set us gaily rejoicing. Praise to Thee.

Peace on earth and goodwill be forever amongst us. Praise to Thee.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Frank Clement

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 New Testament James 2:1-10, 14-17

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

† Hymn No. 175: Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee.....St. Agnes
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: Good Company Will McLeane

† Affirmation of Faith Aimee 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.

Offertory: O Savior of the World John Goss

O Savior of the world,
who by thy cross and precious blood
hast redeemed us, save us and help us,
we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

† Doxology No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 529: How Firm a Foundation Foundation

† Benediction

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

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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Voluntary: Voluntary in D George Dyson

*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 and to bless the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hughes Dobson III, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warthen Smith, and Matthew Hughes Dobson IV by their family.

Joseph Daniel McAnally, son of Liz and Scott McAnally, was presented for baptism today at the early service.

Today's liturgy was written by Rev. Shannon Baxter.

Music Participants

The Chancel Choir
Matthew Phelps: Director / Assisting at Organ
Andrew Risinger: Organist

Today's Music

How Firm a Foundation is a hymn that, for over two centuries, has assured believers of the faithfulness of Christ and the certainty of hope. The first verse acts almost as an introduction to the rest of the text, giving us cause to stop and ponder the word of assurance that God has given us, described in greater detail in the next four verses. Those four verses are, in fact, paraphrases of Scripture passages: Isaiah 41:10, 43:2, Romans 8:3-39, Hebrews 13:5, and Deuteronomy 31:6.

Bulletin Cover Art

Today's bulletin cover art is a photograph of the Nashville skyline from the east side of the Cumberland River. The mid-ground of the photo illustrates the buildings of Nashville, centered on the famous "Batman" building, at the golden hour before sunset. In the foreground, we see the pedestrian bridge in lights as it stands over the river between downtown and east Nashville. The river reflects the twinkling lights of the city's historic buildings along First Avenue and of the streetlights. This photograph was taken in June 2024 and characterizes the ever-evolving skyline of our modern city. Credit: Sean Pavone; iStock #2156327459.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Kathy Osten; Alex Townes; 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 Sept. 9-15 will be Rev. Shannon Baxter. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.





WESLEY IN THE WOODS

September 13-15
at Cedar Crest Camp

*A TWK UMC spiritual formation retreat for
5th - 8th graders who are on their Confirmation journey!*

Register at westendumc.org/wesleyinthewoods

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 calling stories of many UMC pastors. This offering will be split four ways so please give generously.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 wmcleane@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 am 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.

WEST END FAMILY MEETUP // TODAY

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 for food and fun at Boombozz Pizza in East Nashville from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

CHAT & CHEW LUNCH FOR COLLEGE AND GRADS // 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.

WEST END WALKING GROUP // SEPTEMBER 14

Mark your calendar for some beautiful fall mornings with the West End Walking Group! The group meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month - 9/14, 10/12, 11/9. Our next walk will be Saturday, September 14 at the Richland Creek Greenway. We will meet in the parking lot behind McCabe Golf Course at 9:00 am. Pay attention to the bulletin to learn where the group will be hiking next or contact Andrew Breeden for questions at agarlandbreeden@gmail.com.



TAIZÉ: SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING

Sanctuary // 5-6 pm // 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!

CHILDREN'S SABBATH AND BIBLE SUNDAY // SEPTEMBER 22

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 will also be presenting Bibles to our 3 and 4 year olds AND our 3rd graders in worship on Sunday September 22. Threes and Fours will receive a 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. Third 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. To register to receive your child a Bible, visit westendumc.org/biblemilestone.

FALL NEW MEMBERS CLASS // BEGINS OCTOBER 6

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 am 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.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK STUDY // BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Tuesdays (except for 1st Tuesdays) from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 317. We will be studying *Atlas of the Heart* by Brene Brown beginning Tuesday, September 10. For more information, contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org.

WE HELP // 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 or Livestream, or do basic operations on the phone or tablet will seek help from this group when we know their how-when-where plans!

BREWED THEOLOGY

Young Adult Gathering Every 1st Tuesday of the Month - Brewed Theology will meet Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 pm at L&L Market. 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.

LGBTQIA+ GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

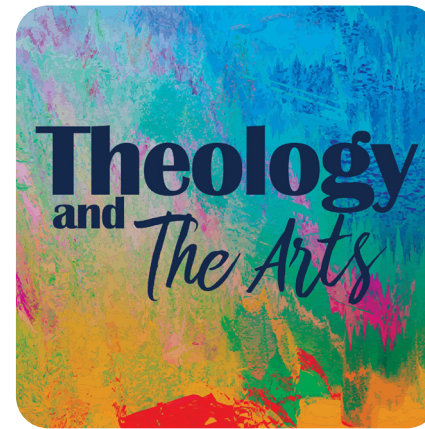
Anyone who identifies as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community and is experiencing grief living or death-related loss is invited to participate in a new support group being offered in partnership with Nashville Grief. The group meets every two weeks on Mondays at 6 pm in the Bishop's Parlor. Registration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

FIRST WEDNESDAY // BLESSED ARE THE WOMEN: NAMING AND RECLAIMING WOMEN'S STORIES FROM THE GOSPELS

Join us on Wednesday, October 2, as we welcome local author Claire McKeever-Burgett to explore the impact and stories of women in Jesus' ministry. Reclaiming women's stories in the Gospels will help us imagine more fully the story of God's unconditional love and to faithfully prepare to read the book of Ruth as a congregation in November. Dinner will start at 5:15 pm, and the program begins at 6 pm. Register now at westendumc.org/firstwednesday.

ACCESSIBILITY IN WORSHIP

- ♦ **Service Dogs** - On Sundays, we may have congregants or staff 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 is 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 so we can make arrangements to 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. We hope 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.



Sundays, October 6 - November 10 9:45 am // 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.

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*
Rev. Aimee Baxter.....*Young Adults*
Emily C. Robbins.....*Minister of Youth*
Dr. Matthew Phelps.....*Minister of Music*
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