



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Voluntary in A Thomas Weelkes
Adagio from *Concerto in D Minor* Marcello/Bach

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: O Let Us Praise Thee.....Richard Farrant

† Processional Hymn No. 73: O Worship the King..... Lyons

† Call to WorshipShannon Baxter

Liturgist: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Liturgist: Come, taste and see that the Lord is Good!

People: God is our refuge and strength.

Liturgist: Trust in the Lord and do good.

People: May the Lord grant us diligence as we fulfill our duty to love.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,

you have given us the road map to love and communion, yet too often our words become weapons that degrade, disparage, and dismiss.

Forgive us for our poor stewardship of words and the distance we create between ourselves, each other, and you.

By your Spirit, guide us and those we encounter toward your unending 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: Hymn to CreationDan Forrest

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where e'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;

while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

(Isaac Watts)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationJ. L. Nave

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 TestamentJames 3:1-12

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

† Hymn No. 420: Breathe on Me, Breath of GodTrentham

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: Speak Blessing Will McLeane

† Affirmation of FaithStacey Harwell-Dye

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.

Ministry Moment: Giving CampaignNick Deidiker

Offertory: God Be in My Head..... John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in mine heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and in my departing.

(Old English Prayer)

† 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. 128: He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought..... He Leadeth Me

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: God Be with You till We Meet Again..... Randolph

God be with you till we meet again,

by his counsels guide uphold you,

with his sheep securely fold you,

God be with till we meet again.

Voluntary: Prelude in C Major, BWV 545 J. S. Bach

*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 in loving memory of Mark Owen by his family.
God is good all the time. All the time, God is good.*

Today's liturgy was written by Hampton Randall, Youth Ministry Intern.

Music Participants

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

Today's Music

Gilmore's "He Leadeth Me" remains largely unchanged from the day it was penned. Like the psalm after which this hymn was written, the verses declare our trust in God, wherever we are – whether in stormy seas, Eden's Garden, or on death's door. Each verse provides a different scenario in which we need God to guide us, and the refrain acts as a response in which we profess that God does guide us and will always be our Shepherd.

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.

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.

WE HELP // TECH SUPPORT GROUP

Our new technology support team (WE Help) is forming now! Let us know if you are interested in volunteering your IT skills at westendumc.org/wehelp. After the team has training, we will begin announcing how you may seek their help with your church-related computer problems and needs.

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.

Member Vicki Brier has begun hosting an online small group on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 am. This group will create space for community and reflection on Sunday's scripture and sermon. To learn more about joining this small group, please contact Rev. McLeane at wmcleane@westendumc.org.



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!



MOMS WITH NEW BABIES GROUP MEETS TODAY

Do you have a new baby? Would you like to meet other West End moms with new babies? The group meets today at 3 pm at McCabe Park. Contact Emma Sholl at emmawickhamsholl@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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 during our Children's Moment. 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.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK STUDY

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 in September. For more information, contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org.



BREWED THEOLOGY

Young Adult Gathering
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.



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 TODAY at westendumc.org/theologyandart if you are interested in participating.



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.

FIRST WEDNESDAY October 2

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 more fully imagine the story of God's unconditional love and to faithfully prepare us 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.

ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING // OCTOBER 20

Join us for this year's annual Town Hall meeting on Sunday, October 20 at 9:45 a.m. in the 4th Story Theater or online. Presenters from various ministry teams will share updates, and we'll celebrate the many ways God has been at work in and through West End in 2024. We'll share financial updates and budget plans for 2025; reports from worship, Sunday School, small groups, and ministry teams. Time to celebrate 2024 and look ahead to 2025!

GUATEMALA INTEREST SESSION // OCTOBER 20

We are going back to Guatemala in March 2025! This time we will have multiple options for our trips. Come to an interest session in McWhirter Hall on Sunday, October 20 immediately following the 11 am service to learn more. If you have initial questions, please don't hesitate to email Rev. Stacey at sharwelldye@westendumc.org.

IT'S TIME FOR HABITAT

It's that time of year again - time for our Habitat for Humanity Fall Build. We will join other Methodists on Saturday, November 2 from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm. You can sign up online at westendumc.org/habitat. There's something to do for everybody over the age of 16 at all skill levels. Help make the housing dream of one of our Nashville neighbors come true this fall!

We are still collecting funds for Habitat, so please give generously. We have raised \$8,000 to date, but our goal is \$15,000. You can give online at westendumc.org/give.



CAMPUS MINISTRIES IN REED HALL TODAY

After our services today in Reed Hall, you will find people and information from some of our Nashville area Wesley Foundations. Come meet and learn more about the amazing work our Wesley Foundations are doing to help college students experience the love of God on their college campus!

SAVE THE DATE: LGBTQIA+ GATHERING // OCTOBER 11

Our next LGBTQIA+ community gathering will again be at Fletcher Foster's home, thanks to his generosity, on October 11 (National Coming Out Day!) beginning at 6 pm. You can RSVP for the event through Realm or by emailing Andrew Callis at acallis@westendumc.org. We will discuss upcoming book studies, small groups, and other activities for members of the LGBTQIA+ community. So, make sure you join us to learn about the exciting plans we have for the near future!

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Kathy Osten; Alex and Emily Townes, and family; 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 and unity in the lead up to our national elections; peace in Palestine/Israel, Haiti, Sudan, and Ukraine.

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.

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*
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