



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Improvisation on *Jesus Loves Me*Albert L. Travis

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: God Is So GoodTraditional
Genesis Choir

God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, God's so good to me.
God answers prayer...
God loves me so...

† Processional Hymn No. 89: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee..... Hymn to Joy

† Call to WorshipEmilia Fazio

Liturgist: God welcomes us unconditionally.

People: Let us welcome others in God's name.

Liturgist: God gives us second chances.

People: Let us show compassion and forgiveness.

Liturgist: God invites all generations to love and worship God with our whole hearts.

People: Let the children lead us today as we worship and praise God!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

**Dear God,
we have not shown patience.
We have compared ourselves to others.
We have been sore losers,
and we have not loved or welcomed each other enough.
Please forgive us. Help us be more patient.
Help us be who you made us to be and love ourselves.
Help us to welcome and love our neighbors.**

† 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: Sing Unto GodAndrew Risinger
Asbury Choir

The first time through, the choir will echo their leader. The second time through, the choir will lead and asks the congregation to be their echo.

Sing unto God with songs of joy (*echo*);
sing praise to God (*echo*).
Sing unto God with songs of joy (*echo*);
praise God's name (*echo*).

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 Conrad James 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, Conrad James, 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 IlluminationMadeline Gambill
**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 that you say to us today. Amen.**

A Lesson from the Gospel.....Mark 9:33-37

Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment and Bible PresentationsMaggie Jarrell
We invite all children to participate in the full worship service for Children's Sabbath today.

Liturgist: Receive the Word of God.
Learn its stories and study its words.
Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all.
They tell us of God's love.
They tell us who we are.
They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Congregational Blessing
**Holy God, we thank you for each of these children before us.
We rejoice in this step in their faith journey.
We love them, and we ask your blessing on them and the adults who
care for them.
Lord, may they all experience your love as they discover together the
stories of scripture.
We pray that the stories will light up their paths and help them grow to
be the people you created them to be.
We ask that your Word would live in their hearts all their days. Amen.**

Scripture Reflections Emma Smith and Maggie Jarrell

† Affirmation of FaithNoah Bakker
**We believe God made the world and gave us life.
God made human brains so we could forge our path to live.
God made everyone unique in many ways.
God made us in such a way that we can learn to create and to love, to
forgive and forget, and to be loyal and kind.
In scripture, Jesus helped others, and Jesus invites us to be disciples
who love and help others.
Jesus lived in such a way that showed his passion for his beliefs, and he
died for us and came back to life.
We praise God for God's glory and unconditional love.
This is why we have and will always share the words and love of God.**

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: Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep..... John Rutter
Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand; none can pluck me from thy hand.
I would praise thee ev'ry day, gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy perfect love.
Loving shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.
Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,
till before my father's throne I shall know as I am known.
(Jane Leeson)

† 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. 147: All Things Bright and Beautiful Royal Oak

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Together Met, Together Bound Land of Rest
**Together met, together bound
we go our different ways,
and as God’s people in the world,
we’ll live and speak his praise.**

Voluntary: Presto (from *Organ Concerto in G*) BWV 592 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 flowers this Sunday are provided by the Flower Fund. Many thanks to those who have contributed to this fund which is used when there are no individual donors. If you would like to contribute, please designate the Flower Fund on your gift.

Conrad James Belk, son of Forbes and Michelle Belk, is presented for baptism today.

Griffin Michael Malloy, son of Kelsey and Mike Malloy, will be presented for baptism today at the eleven o’clock service.

Today’s liturgy was written by the Older Elementary Fellowship (OEF).

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist
Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ
Patricia Cullum, soprano

The Asbury Choir
Bethany DiSantis, Andrew Risinger, and Nico Zavala: Leaders

The Genesis Choir

Susy Gillette, Jess Lawson-Adams, Ella Peacock, and Pam Rice: Leaders

Children’s Sabbath Worship Participants

Acolyte: Carter Wiseman
Banner Carrier: CJ Deitman
Bible Assistants: Hawkins Dale and Liam Ziegler
Greeters: Duke Deitman, Birdie England, Penny Page, Brooks Truscello, and Matheson Ziegler
Ushers: Bing England, Will Howerton, Maggie and Marc McNamee, Avery Smith, Piper Truscello, and Ella Wiseman

Bible Recipients

Preschool: Archie Adams, Beret Amundson, Samuel Belk, Laura Brown, James Cope, Perry Cope, Evie Clare Dale, Grace Darby, Jeanne Darby, Duke Deitman, Eleanor Fox, Isaiah Ilagan, Mac Johnson, Clay Malloy, Merritt McAnally, Leopold Mueller-Evans, Liam Parker, Clara Pettigrew, Myra Prest, Roger Smith, Scottie Snyder, Eliza VanAusdall, Ruth Von Lunen, and Charlotte Walton

Third Grade: Jack Garrison, Anna Rhoden, Caden Garrett, Piper Truscello, Madeline Gambill, Henry Chambers, David Geiger, Kathryn Landry, Madeline Grace Duncan, and Charlie Pettigrew

Today’s Music

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” is a multi-layered poem of praise. Albert Bailey describes it as an “intricate interweaving of fact and metaphor” (*The Gospel in Hymns*, 554). Some argue that the text is too universalist, but it is simply a beautiful hymn of praise from all of Creation. The all-encompassing text is meant to show the interplay between the joy given to God by His creation and the joy we receive through this creation. The third verse is especially poignant in that it directs our attention from creation to Christ, and it reminds us that our joy means nothing if we do not live out of that joy in love of one another.

Bulletin Cover Art

Today’s bulletin cover art is by Francesca Fazio, a 6th grader who attends West End UMC with her family. In the center of the artwork, we face Jesus, wearing a white robe and red shawl, who has a child held closely within his arms. The child has dark hair, wears a purple robe, and is facing us but looking up at Jesus. Behind Jesus’ right shoulder, we find three men with beards and of different ethnicities, one of who wears a white robe, another with a white robe and blue shawl, and the last with a white robe and green shawl. The fourth person behind Jesus’ right shoulder cannot be easily seen, but has eyes that are wide with awe. Behind Jesus’ left shoulder are four more individuals, all of whom wear white robes and one of whom has white hair and beard. The person in the middle is a woman with long, dark hair and a purple shawl around her robe. Of the remaining two people, one is very tall with a slightly concerned expression on his face; the other is quite short by comparison and wears a green shawl around his robe.



Interested in
Joining West End?

Fall Membership Class
October 6, 13, 27 and November 3 • 9:45 a.m. • McWhirter Hall
westendumc.org/membership

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 online at westendumc.org/membership.

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 entryways 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.

CHAT & CHEW LUNCH // 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 o'clock service throughout the Fall semester. Contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org to find out more.

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, as well as reports from worship, Sunday School, small groups, and ministry teams. Time to celebrate 2024 and look ahead to 2025!

WEST END LUNCH FORUM

A time when any of our church members can 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 online at westendumc.org/swettslunchforum.

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.




**Theology
and
The Arts**

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

High schoolers and adults are invited to attend this special series hosted by the Young Adult Ministry where we will explore how our spiritual lives 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 online TODAY at westendumc.org/theologyandart if you are interested in participating.

BREWED THEOLOGY // OCTOBER 8

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 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.

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!

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 sharwellldye@westendumc.org.

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 by registering online 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.

FIRST WEDNESDAY October 2

Blessed Are The Women: Naming And Reclaiming Women's Stories From The Gospels

CLAIRE K. MCKEEVER-BURGETT

author of *Blessed Are the Women: Naming and Reclaiming Women's Stories from the Gospels*

Through storytelling, imagination, prayer, and embodiment, learn the who, what, why, and how of naming and reclaiming women's stories from the Gospels with author, creative contemplative, and spiritual leader, Claire K. McKeever-Burgett.

clairemckeeverburgett.com/book

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 online 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.

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. 23-29 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*
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