



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 27, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Be Thou My Vision arr. Daniel Burton
Have Thine Own Way.....Adelaide, arr. Bish and McDonald

Welcome.....Shannon Baxter
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. 110: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Ein Feste Burg

† Call to WorshipMaggie Jarrell

Liturgist: God of grace, show us your love this day.

People: Have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Clear our lives of all that clouds our vision.

People: Have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Lord Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Grant us your peace.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

thank you for loving us in all things.

In the midst of noise and chaos, thank you for responding to our cries for your embrace and healing.

God of every ache, help us to befriend our bodies.

Awaken a compassion, a tenderness, to the parts of us that are hurting, changing, or tiring.

Help us to exist in the truth of what we need.

Give us the courage to ask for your intervention so that we may be restored and strengthened to follow you.

† 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: We Praise You for the SunAllen Mahnke

We praise you for the sun, the golden shining sun,
That gives us healing, strength, and joy;
We praise you for the sun.

We praise you for the rain, the softly falling rain,
That gives us healing, strength, and joy;
We praise you for the rain.

We praise you for your love, our friend and father God,
Who gives us healing, strength, and joy;
We praise you for your love.
(Alice Muriel Pullen)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination David Beers

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 10:46-52

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: What Do You Want Me to Do for You?Shannon Baxter

† Affirmation of FaithHampton Randall

**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: Cantate Domino Hans Leo Hassler

Sing to the Lord a new song,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, and bless his name:
Proclaim his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nation,
his wonders among all people.
(Sung in Latin)

† 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. 553: And Are We Yet AliveDennis

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Bind Us Together Bind us Together

**Bind us together Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken,
bind us together Lord, bind us together
Lord, bind us together in love.**

Voluntary: Toccata in B Minor Eugène Gigout

*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 in loving memory of Ann Hardeman Fort,
Combs Lawson Fort, and Combs Lawson Fort, Jr. by Linda and Hal Moses.*

*Today’s Call to Worship was written by Reverend Aimee Baxter.
The Prayer of Confession was adapted from “Black Liturgies” by Cole Arthur Riley.*

Music Participants

Sanctuary Choir ♦ Nico Zavala: Director
Andrew Risinger: Organist
Matthew Phelps: Assisting at organ
Sarah Crocker: Harp

Asbury Choir ♦ Bethany DiSantis: Director

Today's Music

Dr. Sarah K. Crocker is Adjunct Professor of Harp at Belmont University, Middle Tennessee State University, and Sewanee - University of the South and the Owner and Director of Hillnote Music and the Hillnote Harp Academy in Franklin, TN. Crocker serves as principal harp of the Tennessee Philharmonic and North Mississippi Symphony Orchestras, and also performs as guest principal harp for many other regional orchestras, choirs, and ensembles as well as for weddings, churches, and special events.

Bulletin Cover Art

In our bulletin cover art today, a haloed-Jesus wears a white robe and purple shawl as he reaches toward the man on his left wearing robes of patchwork green, red, and orange. Behind Jesus stand six of his disciples who watch earnestly as their teacher acts. In front of a low brick wall on the right side, there is a dog, walking stick and other items that appear to be owned by the man to whom Jesus speaks. Behind the low brick wall stand two men observing the event.

OCTOBER COMMUNION OFFERING // PAWSTER

In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, our October offering will benefit Pawster Nashville. Pawster Nashville's mission is to end pet homelessness before it begins. When pet owners are in crisis, Pawster will house their dog or cat in a loving foster home until the owner is back on their feet. We will also collect in-kind donations.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Those affected by the hurricanes and assisting with the clean-up efforts; Ed Zinkiewicz; 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 and unity in the lead up to our national elections; peace in Palestine/Israel/Lebanon, 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 Oct. 28 - Nov. 3 will be Rev. Maggie Jarrell. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.



FAITHFUL GIVING 2025

Help our church thrive and grow in 2025. Our church depends on the financial support of its members to carry out the ministries and programs that allow West End United Methodist Church to be the loving light of Christ, connecting, transforming. By turning in your 2025 Estimate of Giving, you help our church staff and leaders plan and budget for the coming year. You can find a estimate card in the pew back, scan the QR code, or visit westendumc.org/estimatetnow to turn in your estimate.



Disaster and Recovery Relief Efforts



CLEANING KITS

Hurricanes Helene and Milton caused unprecedented and massive destruction across the southeast. Sensing an urgent need to get more kits made, we coordinated efforts to collect supplies and assemble buckets. We would appreciate financial donations to offset costs for supplies. To donate, you can write a check to WEUMC and mark it for Disaster Cleaning Bucket Supplies or give online at westendumc.org/give.

MONETARY DONATIONS

Money is one of the best ways to help in the aftermath of any disaster. Let's give generously to our neighbors experiencing the worst devastation and destruction that many of these areas have seen in many years. Here are three ways to give directly to help relief efforts. Giving links can be found at westendumc.org/helene or by scanning the above QR code.

- ♦ UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)
- ♦ Western North Carolina Annual Conference
- ♦ Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

People who deploy to help in the immediate aftermath of a disaster are on teams called Early Response Teams in the United Methodist Church. These are skilled folks who have been through training, have a badge, and will be contacted and told where to go in the event of a disaster near us. Please do not self-deploy to areas in the immediate aftermath of a disaster; but, if you have the desire to be on one of these teams, we'd love to get some more folks from West End trained. Early Response Teams need members with a variety of gifts and graces. If you think this is a ministry you would like to be a part of, please check your schedules and register for one of these upcoming training events in the TWKUMC. Find sign up links at westendumc.org/helene or by scanning the above QR code.

Saturday, November 16

MTSU Wesley Foundation

216 College Heights, Murfreesboro, TN

Registration Deadline: Nov 4

Saturday, December 14

Ripley FUMC

145 S. Main Street, Ripley, TN

Registration Deadline: December 2

2024 GENERAL ELECTION *Resources and Events*

The foundation of our Wesleyan heritage is the fusion of spiritual formation and social witness. We believe spiritual life with God leads us to engage in the political process with a vision and commitment to our neighbor's flourishing. Our staff has put together several resources and events to help you engage in the 2024 General Election. You can find all of this information on westendumc.org/election.

WEUMC MORNING PRAYER PODCAST FOR NOVEMBER 4-6

West End UMC lay and clergy voices join together to offer a morning prayer podcast for the mornings of November 4-6. The liturgy generally follows the "Order for Morning Praise and Prayer." You will be able to listen on our website at westendumc.org.

ELECTION DAY PRAYER // NOVEMBER 5

♦ **Election Day Virtual Prayer Vigil** - Elections can bring on anxieties, feelings of hope or helplessness, and resolve. West End is providing a virtual space for prayer during Election Day for you to "come and find the quiet center." From 7 am to 5 pm, we invite you to join us online for prayer at westendumc.org/livestream. We will pray on the hour for a few minutes in various styles of prayer. Our chat will be open for offering your own prayers or requesting prayer. We are cosponsoring this space with the Tennessee Western Kentucky Conference Church and Society committee so members of our own staff will be joined by members of this committee

♦ **Election Day Open Sanctuary ♦ 5:30-8 pm** - The Sanctuary will be open for individual prayer, silence, and reflection from 5:30 to 8 pm on Tuesday, November 5.

FIRST WEDNESDAY // NOVEMBER 6 A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION

Following the 2024 General Election, we will gather on Wednesday, November 6 for our next First Wednesday dinner in McWhitter Hall from 5:15 to 6 p.m. We will host a service of guided prayer, Scripture reading, and Holy Communion in the Sanctuary from 6:15 to 7 p.m. Please RSVP at westendumc.org/firstwednesday.



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.

BOOK STUDY: AN ALTAR IN THE WORLD // OCTOBER 30

Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World* is a timeless source of timely wisdom for our current moment. On October 30, and November 13 and 20, West End member Andrew Breeden will lead a small group of the LGBTQ+ community who are interested in reflecting on the book together. The group will meet in Room 306 from 6-7 pm. Contact Andrew Breeden to find out more information at agarlandbreeden@gmail.com.

WEST END FAMILY MEETUP // NOVEMBER 3

Families of all ages and shapes and sizes are welcome to join us at our West End Family Meet Ups for fun and fellowship! Our next meetup will be Sunday, November 3 from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at Bringles on Centennial Ave. See you there!

BREWED THEOLOGY // NOVEMBER 5

Young Adult Gathering 1st Tuesday of the Month - Brewed Theology will meet Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30 pm at Hi-Fi Clyde's on Church Street for trivia night. All young adults are invited to join us for a laid-back conversation around a particular theological topic each month. For more information, contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org.

RECYCLING AT WEST END UMC

Thank you to church members who have been recycling plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Additional thanks go to the dedicated team of volunteers who pick up the recycling. Please remember to empty bottles and cans before adding them to the recycling bins. Please rinse out anything that is sticky. Also, plastic cups or straws are not recyclable in Nashville at this time.

VILLAGE OF GLENCLIFF VIP OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

The opportunity to express our faith in compassion to a new resident at the Villages of Glencliff through our ministry of "VIPs" is now available. This person in our church commits to connecting with one of the medical recovery residents who was formerly homeless and now lives temporarily in one of the tiny houses there. Kay Gray has detailed information and you would be assured of limits to your involvement with this person. Please email Kay for details at kgray510@gmail.com.



GO TO GUATEMALA WITH US // MARCH 2025

We are headed to Guatemala again in 2025 and there are two trip options!

♦ **Antigua // Transitions Trip** – All ages are invited to stay in Antigua for a shorter Mission Trip Saturday - Thursday, March 8-13 to work with Transitions and other organizations in the Antigua area.

♦ **ODIM** – We will be going back to Lake Atitlan (to the communities of San Juan La Laguna and San Pablo La Laguna) to work with ODIM Saturday to Saturday, March 8-16. We need medical field professionals for this trip to see patients in two clinics, as well as a Healthy Mommy and Me program that could use any practitioners who work with pregnant women and/or infants. We will also have a team building stoves in the surrounding community.

If you have questions about either trip, contact Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye at sharwelldye@westendumc.org. You can register now at westendumc.org/guatemala.

NEW GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FORMING

Beginning Tuesday, November 12, West End UMC is sponsoring a new Grief Support Group. The group will meet every Tuesday for six weeks ending December 17. The purpose of the group is for those grieving loss to be given a safe space to share with others in similar situations. The group will be led by Tobi Nolan and Claire Kramer, licensed therapists from The Counseling Center, LLC. Particular to this group will be consideration of the difficulty of navigating the holiday season. If you have questions about this offering, please contact Rev. Shannon Baxter at sbaxter@westendumc.org. To register for this group, visit westendumc.org/griefgroup.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Cam Culver



Scott and Bailey Boyle

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*
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Dr. Matthew Phelps.....*Minister of Music*
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