



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 10, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Andantino.....Frank Bridge

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: I Will Arise arr. Alice Parker

† Processional Hymn No. 116: The God of Abraham Praise..... Leoni

† Call to Worship Emily Robbins

Liturgist: O God, we are wonderfully and beautifully made!

People: We are your people, and the light of Christ shines in each of us!

Liturgist: Let us join in worship as we remember your love.

People: We worship together, united in your Spirit!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Eternal Comforter,

we apologize for our willingness to leave, for how easy it is to turn away from your creations.

Give us the wisdom to know when to stay, and help us find the courage to remain steadfast in our love.

Calm our fears in the face of uncertainty; make us aware of your never-ending mercy and care.

Travel with us, God of Hope, and we will let ourselves be guided by the Light of your Spirit!

† 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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Jeff Howerton

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 Old Testament..... Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

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: An Open-Handed Future..... Will McLeane

† Affirmation of Faith Tammy Lewis Wilborn

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

SENDING FORTH

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: Rich in Promise..... Mark Sedio
Rich in promise, rich in present, dry as dust and desert sand,
buried in the potent land, deep and dark the grain lies dormant:
Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.

Running river in the desert, water meets the wilderness,
transformation, more from less, swollen seed sends newness skyward:
Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.

Parable of grain and greening, paradox of death and birth,
story of our wait in earth for the sacramental raining:
Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.

So we move from seed to ripeness, so we move from grain to green,
letting go of what has been, we embody God's great promise:
Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.
(Susan Palo Cherwien - based on the writings of Hildegard von Bingen)

† 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!**

† Recessional Hymn *TFWS No. 2008: Let All Things Now Living The Ash Grove

† Benediction

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

Voluntary: Offertory in C.....Domenico Zipoli

*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.
* TFWS (The Faith We Sing, pew edition)

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The altar flowers today are given in memory of Betty Ann and Bobby Goodall by their loving family, Laura and Charlie Niewold.

Today's liturgy was written by Rea Green, Pastoral Intern for Mercy and Justice.

Music Participants

Sanctuary Choir

Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Today's Music

Katherine K. Davis wrote "Let All Things Now Living" for the tune Ash Grove in the 1920s. The text was first published as an anthem and descant setting in 1939 under the name John Cowley, one of her pseudonyms. (Davis wrote "The Little Drummer Boy," 1941, as well as many other songs under this and other pseudonyms.) Employing Old Testament images, the text calls forth praise from all creatures and directs that praise to God the Creator. We praise God because he made us and provides for us; we join our praise to that of the entire universe in a song of "hosanna and praise."

Bulletin Cover Art

"Meeting of Ruth and Boaz," by Marc Chagall, 1960. In this picture, Chagall shares with us the moment when Ruth and Boaz first meet. It seems as though they are wildly gesturing. However, when looking more closely at their faces, you will find that they are not arguing; on the contrary, according to the language of the Bible, the gesture of the two lovers holding their left arms up in the air to the right over their heads almost making semi-circles suggests a good-hearted and truthful intention. Most likely, Chagall intended to stress Boaz' friendliness and generosity with which he receives the foreign woman after he had heard about her diligence when collecting ears of grain (Ruth 2:4). The warm shades of brown and red he used in this painting radiate harmony and a feeling of security, and already reveal what is going to happen next. (Mourlot, F., Chagall Lithograph [II] 1957-1962, A. Sauret, Monte Carlo 1963, nos. 247 and 270)

NOVEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING // ROOM IN THE INN

Our communion offering for November goes towards the mission of Room in the Inn, which is to provide programs that emphasize human development and recovery through education, self-help and work, centered in community and long term support for those who call the streets of Nashville home. The first \$1,000 of this offering will go to the organization and the remainder will go to the costs of our winter shelter here at West End on Wednesday nights November through March.



ROOM IN THE INN: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are delighted to host 13 men in our Lower level overnights on Wednesday nights from November through March. We still have dates this winter that need hosts. You can sign up with either a group or with individuals. Visit westendumc.org/riti to find out more and sign up.

CLOTHING AND OTHER SUPPLIES NEEDED

Our guests have access to our clothing closet, and we can always use your gently used men's clothing, shoes, and sock donations. We always need new donations of underwear and undershirts. You can find an Amazon wishlist with our top needs on it at westendumc.org/clothingcloset.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

- ♦ **Sympathies** to the family and friends of Elizabeth Gerlock as they mourn her death on November 1st. A service of remembrance is planned for Friday, November 22nd.
- ♦ **Sympathies** to the family and friends of Richard Lisella as they mourn his death.
- ♦ **Prayer Requests:** Peace and strength after the results of the election; those affected by Hurricane Helene and Milton and all the clean-up efforts; 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.

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 Nov. 11 - 17 will be Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye. 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.



As of October 30, we have received 239 Estimates of Giving for 2025 for a total of \$1,624,255.

GIVING THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2024

	Budgeted 2024	Actual 2024 YTD	Difference	Percentage
Pledged Giving	1,611,991	1,539,107	(72,885)	-5%
Non-Pledged Giving.....	375,114	417,442	42,328	11%
Other	23,195	57,250	34,055	147%
Total	2,010,300	2,013,799	3,499	0.17%



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.

**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. Email Kay for details at kgray510@gmail.com.



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/swettlunchforum.

NEW GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FORMING // STARTS THIS TUESDAY

Beginning THIS Tuesday, November 12, West End UMC is sponsoring a new Grief Support Group. The group will meet every Tuesday at 5:30 pm 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.

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.

DISASTER AND RECOVERY RELIEF EFFORTS



Hurricane Helene caused unprecedented and massive destruction across a wide and long path, and Hurricane Milton brought major damage to Florida. As United Methodists, we hurt with our neighbors and want to help however we can. The first thing we can all do is PRAY. There are also some tangible ways you can get involved and help. Visit westendumc.org/helene to find out more.

SUNNY DAY CLUB OPEN FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS

The mission of The Sunny Day Club is to provide social interaction, stimulation and friendship in a caring, safe environment for those experiencing early stages of memory loss, as well as provide respite for the caregivers. If you have a loved one or friend who would enjoy structured fellowship time with others, please contact Rev. Shannon Baxter at sbaxter@westendumc.org or Sue Salato for more information. The program take place every Monday from 11 am to 2 pm.



SUPPORT OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS DURING FINALS WEEK

If you'd like to show our local college students some love at the end of the semester, please consider donating a \$10 gift card to a local restaurant or coffee house. Gift cards will be included in a care package given to students at West End and Vandy Wesley. If you'd like to donate, contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org or bring the gift cards to the church office by Sunday, November 24.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT // FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

West End Kids is hosting a parents night out on Friday, November 15 from 5:30-8 pm in McWhirter Hall. We will be having pizza dinner, games, and a movie night for the kids, while parents can have a night out! Kids ages 0-12 are all welcome. We are asking for a donation of \$10 per child which will go to Lunches for Hope, one of our ministry partners who helps provide lunches to school children in Benin. Register online at westendumc.org/pno.

TAIZÉ: SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING // 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. Taizé meets at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

ACCESSIBILITY IN WORSHIP

♦ **Service Dogs** - On Sundays, we may have congregants 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 its 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 those arrangements and 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. Our intention is 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.



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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