



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 24, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

GATHERING

Voluntary: Now Thank We All Our God..... arr. Paul Manz

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. 154: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Coronation

† Call to Worship Emily Robbins

Liturgist: God exalted Jesus, our savior,

People: and gave him the name above all names.

Liturgist: One day every knee shall bend in heaven and on earth,

People: and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Liturgist: Let us lift up our voices in praise,

People: and glorify the Lord our God!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

**God of Glory, Jesus came as God in flesh
to proclaim a kingdom that is not of this earth.**

**We confess that too often we miss the signs
of that kingdom breaking in around us.**

**We ignore the call to join the work
of advancing peace and justice for all peoples.**

**We choose lives that glorify ourselves and our earthly treasures
while harming our neighbors and your creation.**

Forgive us we pray.

Turn our hearts back toward your ever present love.

**Help us to follow you as Lord, to be receptive to your teachings,
and to live in your Spirit, hastening the day
when your kingdom will come into fullness.**

† 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.**

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 she may grow in service with others. We will pray for her 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 Lillian Rose to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Lillian Rose, 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 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..... John 18:33-38a

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: A Different Kind of Follower Will McLeane

† Affirmation of FaithShannon 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: Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound from *Samson* G. F. Handel

Awake the trumpet's lofty sound; let joyful songs of praise to
Heav'n resound, for Christ, the Lord of Heav'n and earth is crowned.

Let joyful songs of praise to Heav'n resound.

**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

Welcoming of New Members Shannon Baxter

Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: Family of God, (Names) are now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, 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.

† Recessional Hymn No. 102: Now Thank We All Our God Nun Danket

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 1).....Dennis

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

Voluntary: Festival ToccataPercy Fletcher

*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 today are provided by the Flower Fund. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the fund. Donations designated for this fund are used on Sundays when there are no individual donors.

Lillian Rose Whipple, daughter of Amanda and Matt Whipple, is be presented for baptism today in this early service.

James Benson Hayes, son of James and Kate Hayes, will be presented for baptism today in the late service.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of William Diehl Johnson to Maggie and McGavock Johnson. He is welcomed also by grandparents Carol and Riggs Stephenson, great uncles, Monty Smith, Mark O'Bryan, and Ricky Smith, and big brother Mac Johnson.

Today's liturgy was written by Maggie Jarrell, Pastor of Children and Families.

Music Participants

Sanctuary Choir

Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Today's Music

“Now Thank We All Our God” was written as a two-stanza table grace during the Thirty Years War. It is often called the German Te Deum. It entered Methodist hymnals in 1881. The melody was written in 1647 and was used by composers such as Bach and Mendelssohn in larger works for chorus and orchestra.

Bulletin Cover Art

“The Risen Lord,” by James He Qi. We have used He Qi's works numerous times in recent years, and he visited us in September, 2022, to tell us about his background and inspiration for his Biblical art work.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **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 November 25 - December 1 will be Rev. Will McLeane. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.



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. Registration deadline is Sunday, December 1, 2024.

NOVEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING // ROOM IN THE INN

Our communion offering for November goes toward 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.

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 an estimate card in the pew back, scan the QR code, or visit westendumc.org/estimatetnow to turn in your estimate.



***As of November 20, we have received
273 Estimates of Giving for 2025 for a total of \$1,821,477.***

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.



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.

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 takes place every Monday from 11 am to 2 pm.



OFFICE AND PRESCHOOL CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

The Church Offices and Preschool will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call 615.321.8500 and you will be directed how to page the pastor on call.

ADVENT MINISTRY MARKETS // DECEMBER 1, 8, 15 AND 22

Our annual advent mission market returns with some new and exciting vendors. In addition to Harvest Hands (selling coffee and soaps) and The Little Match Girl (selling fun and beautiful matchbox art), we will be joined by Open Table Nashville selling their shirts and stickers as well as Raise the Roof selling Ugandan handicrafts. Other vendors are pending. Unfortunately, our stained glass vendors (Chimes for Justice) cannot join us this year. We will also have items from Guatemala, including the popular nativity scenes, and items to help you care for creation. Markets will be from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on December 1, 8, 15, and 22 in Reed Hall. Come purchase items that help support a social mission here and around the world!



FIRST WEDNESDAY: MESSAGES OF HOPE // DECEMBER 4

Join us on Wednesday, December 4 at 6 p.m. for learning, fellowship, and creative writing. Together, we will learn about the unique way Israel's prophets shared their visions of hope and spend time writing hopeful letters to friends within our church and neighbors across our city. We will also have dinner starting at 5:15 p.m. Registration is required for dinner at westendumc.org/firstwednesday.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP // DECEMBER 8



Join us as we gather in the gym to make wreaths to prepare for the Advent season of waiting and hoping for the birth of Christ. We hope to see everyone there, no registrations required!

The wreath making event will include an Advent worship time, celebrating the 2nd Sunday of Advent! Resources and devotional materials will be available for church families to observe lighting the Advent wreath candles in their homes during the Advent season. We'll also have crafts, cookies and cocoa, and a mission station!

Our mission is twofold this year.

1. We'll be making Christmas cards to spread messages of hope to our homebound members.
2. We'll be collecting diapers and baby wipes for Nashville Diaper Connection to support their work of providing diapers to families in Nashville who need them. Read more about their ministry at nashvillediaperconnection.org/what-we-do.



MAKE SOMEONE'S HOLIDAY SPECIAL: DELIVER POINSETTIAS

Each year, West End UMC delivers Christmas Poinsettias to members of the church who are homebound or have experienced the death of a loved one in the last year. If you would like to shine a light of love from our church to one or a few people by delivering the poinsettias the week of December 9-12, please register westendumc.org/poinsettidelivery. Deliveries do not require long visits and can also be done on your schedule. For more information, contact Shannon Baxter, Pastor of Congregational Connection

2024 ADVENT EVENTS

Advent Mission Markets // *Sundays in December*

First Wednesday: Messages of Hope // *December 4 at 6 p.m.*

Advent Wreath Workshop // *December 8 from 4-5:30 p.m.*

Poinsettia Delivery Volunteer Opportunity // *December 9-12*

OEF Christmas Party // *December 13 from 6-8 p.m.*

2024 Youth Progressive Dinner // *December 13*

Candlelighting Service // *December 15 at 5:30 p.m.*

Longest Night Service // *Wednesday, December 18 at 6 p.m.*

Child Led Christmas Eve Service // *December 24 at 3 p.m.*

Christmas Eve Services // *December 24 at 5 and 10 p.m.*

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



David Condra



Pamela and Jeff Carr

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

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