

GATHERING

Voluntary: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645.....J. S. Bach

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

† Processional Hymn No. 117: O God, Our Help in Ages Past.....St. Anne

† Greeting.....Kalie Rhodes
Liturgist: *We are pulled in countless directions.*
People: **Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.**
Liturgist: *This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.*
People: **Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.**
Liturgist: *Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.*

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Merciful and gracious God,
we confess that we block out our schedules
to fit you into our busy lives.
Forgive us for trying to make you a scheduled event.
You are the eternal God who always loves and receives us.
Help us keep our eyes on you
throughout every part of our lives.
Open our eyes to see you in our midst,
that we might be ready at all times to serve you and your people.
Amen.

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

† Passing of 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.**

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 her service to others. We will pray for her that
she may 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 Emma Catherine*
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,**
Emma Catherine, 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 (*in unison*).....Eli Horton
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: Matthew 25:1-13.....(pew Bible, pages 806-807)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71
The children are invited to come forward during the singing
of the Gloria Patri to join Carol at the chancel.

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.

Sermon: Ready or NotCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Erin Racine

Salutation

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

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.....Lisa Gwock

Offertory: Thy Perfect Love.....John Rutter
Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, thy perfect love close in my breast
that I thee love and never rest; and make me love thee of all things best,
and wounde my heart in thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore
with thee. (*15th Century*)

† 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. 396: Oh Jesus, I Have Promised.....Angel's Story

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen.....John Stainer

Voluntary: Prelude in B Major.....Marcel Dupré

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

The Flower Fund provides flowers for West End's worship service
when none have been donated. Today's flowers are made possible
by this fund. If you would like to contribute, please mark your check or
envelope "Flower Fund."

A rose on the Communion table celebrates the birth of
Emily Skye Murdock on October 22, 2017 to Heather Dunn Murdock and
John Edward Murdock. She is also welcomed by her grandparents,
Linda Crockett Murdock and John Murdock, III and aunt, Carolyn Murdock.

A rose on the Communion table celebrates the birth of
Caroline McCall Chambers on Oct. 29, 2017 to Nick and Jocelyn Chambers.
She is also welcomed by her big brother, Henry Chambers.

Emma Catherine Pettigrew, daughter of Charles Durham Pettigrew and
Sarah Grenfell Pettigrew, will be presented for baptism this morning.



Everyone is welcome at West End! 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, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

Sunday Activities

- Service Times.....8:45 and 11 a.m.
- Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
- College Lunch.....12 - 1 p.m.
- Youth Choir Rehearsal*.....12:15 - 1 p.m.
- Adult Handbells.....1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- Youth Small Groups*.....5 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Activities

- Meal.....Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
- Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
- Children’s Choir and Youth Handbell Rehearsals.....Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....Thursdays, 7:15pm - 9:15 p.m.

Building Tours are offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM, or immediately following the early service. Meet at the Welcome Center in Reed Hall, through the side doors of the Sanctuary.

For a complete listing and additional information on Sunday and Weekly Activities, please visit our website at www.westendumc.org or see the bulletin insert.

*Meal provided.

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Head Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, director. Music Associate, Allison Williams, is assisting at the organ.

Hymnic Notes: The processional consists of six of Watts’ original nine-stanza paraphrase of Psalm 90:1-5 titled ‘Man Frail, and God Eternal.’ John Wesley altered the opening, ‘Our God,’ to ‘O God.’ The hymn was matched with the tune ST. ANNE in 1814. The composer, William Croft, was well known during his life as one of England’s foremost composers of music for the church. His musical setting of the Anglican funeral service is still used for Royal memorial services today.

West End United Methodist Church

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