

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Andantino.....Frank Bridge

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon  
*Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.*

Introit: Lord Jesus Christ.....17th c. German

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

† Greeting.....Erin Racine  
Liturgist: *Christ invites us to worship, even amidst the ruins.*  
People: **We are surrounded by destruction, and yet we are not afraid.**  
Liturgist: *Christ releases us from the bonds of worry and doubt.*  
People: **May we use this freedom to ease the pain of our neighbors.**  
Liturgist: *Christ has made a home for us where there was once nothing.*  
People: **Let us offer praise and thanksgiving for the gift of life that springs from ashes!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Most merciful God,**  
**you sent your only Son**  
**that you may walk more closely with us.**  
**You chose to feel our powerlessness**  
**in order that we should not be alone in our darkest moments.**  
**We confess that we have not trusted your gift in the face of fear;**  
**we have forgotten that your solidarity with us**  
**surpasses all the violence of human beings.**  
**Guide us back to the path of salvation that you created for us.**  
**Let us not be deceived by wars or rumors of wars,**  
**but let us take shelter in the refuge of your love**  
**that we might continue your call upon us**  
**to seek justice and mercy in this world. Amen.**

† 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 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.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....David Curtis  
**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 13:1-11.....(pew Bible, pages 825-826)

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 join Carol at the chancel during the singing of the Gloria Patri for the children's moment.*

**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: Keeping the Faith.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Nancy Parker

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.....Andrew Campbell

Offertory: Grant Us Thy Peace.....Felix Mendelssohn  
Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord, O source of ev'ry blessing!  
We cannot keep Thy saving word, unless Thy peace possessing,  
Thy peace O give, by which we live.

† 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!**

Reception of New Members  
Liturgist: *Brothers and Sisters in Christ, these persons 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.**

## SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 529: How Firm a Foundation.....Foundation

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen.....Orlando Gibbons

Voluntary: Finale (from Symphony no. 2).....Charles Marie Widor  
*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 stand.*

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services and worship events.*

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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God by the family of Sallie and Bill Norton in memory of their parents, Sarah McKelley King and Walter Hughey King, and Adelaide Gregory Norton and William LaFayette Norton, Jr.



*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.....12:00 p.m.
- Youth Choir and Handbell Rehearsals.....12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
- Adult Handbells.....1:15 - 2:15 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.....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](http://www.westendumc.org) or see the insert.

\*Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services! However if needed, childcare is available during worship for children 5 and under on the 1st floor in the following rooms: infants 105, toddlers 104, twos and threes 110, and fours and fives 112.

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Head Usher: Byron Burrus

Cover art by Charles Hooper.

Liturgy written by Merry-Reid Sheffer.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is organist-director. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, is assisting at the organ.

Hymnic Notes: This text for "O God Our Help in Ages Past" was written by Isaac Watts in 1714, shortly before the death of Queen Anne of England. This was a time of crisis and turmoil marked by significant fear that the successor to Queen Anne, as yet undetermined, would reinstate the persecution of Protestants. Ultimately, King George prevented such persecution, but at the time Watts was writing, no one could have known. Given that context, the powerful text Watts wrote is now lauded as "one of the grandest in the whole realm of English hymnody" (Bailey, *The Gospel in Hymns*, p. 54). Watts' text was published in *The Psalms of David Imitated*, 1719, in nine stanzas. Now, the original first, second, third, fifth, seventh, and ninth stanza are commonly sung. In 1738, John Wesley changed "Our God, our help" to "O God, our help" for *Collection of Psalms and Hymns*.

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