

GATHERING

Voluntary: A Trumpet Minuet.....Alfred Hollins

Welcome.....Erin Racine
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: Speak to One Another in Words Of Psalms Hal Hopson
Speak to one another in words of psalms. Speak to one another with hymns and songs giving thanks to our God.

† Processional Hymn No. 715: Rejoice, the Lord Is King.....Darwall’s 148th

† Greeting.....Stacey Harwell-Dye
Liturgist: *Be glad and rejoice this day,*
People: **for the Lord has done great things!**
Liturgist: *Be glad and rejoice in the Lord our God,*
People: **for God has dealt wondrously with us!**
Liturgist: *Be glad and rejoice in Christ our King!*
People: **We rejoice in Christ, who reigns over all creation!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Creator God,
you placed us on this earth with its minerals and waters,
flowers and fruits, living creatures of grace and beauty.
You gave us the care of the earth,
yet we violate your creation and plunder it.
We refuse to share the earth’s resources.
We seek to own what is not ours, but yours.
Forgive us, O Christ, and reconcile us to your creation.
Teach us that the earth and all its fullness is yours,
and call us yet again to safeguard the gift of life.
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.**

† 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: Hallelujah (from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*).....L. V. Beethoven

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 person 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 her 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 Iris Austin 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 Iris Austin, 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*).....J.L. Nave
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: Joel 2:21-27(pew Bible, page 741)

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

† Hymn No. 168: At the Name of Jesus.....King’s Weston
The children are invited to come forward to join Erin at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: Creation’s Physician.....Erin Racine

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Brandon Baxter

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.

Offertory: Coronation Offertory.....Edward Elgar

† 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. 102.....Nun Danket
Now Thank We All Our God

† Benediction

† Benediction Response No. 690.....St. Clement
The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended (vs. 2)
We thank thee that thy church unsleeping while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping, and rests not now by day or night.

Voluntary: Grand Choeur.....Nicholas Gigault
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 and in loving memory of Robert Deaver Collins, Sr. by his family.

Iris Austin Adkinson, daughter of Bennett Alexander Adkinson and Leah Christine Ramey-Adkinson, is presented for baptism today.



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 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: Barbara Cragg

Cover art by Charles Hooper.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps is director and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is organist/accompanist. Music Intern, Scott Brons, is conducting the offertory anthem this morning.

Hymnic Notes: Martin Rinkart was a minister in the city of Eilenburg, Germany, during the Thirty Years’ War. Apart from battles, lives were lost in great number during this time due to illness and disease spreading quickly throughout impoverished cities. In the Epidemic of 1637, Rinkart officiated at over four thousand funerals, sometimes fifty per day. In the midst of these horrors, it’s difficult to imagine maintaining faith and praising God, and yet, that’s exactly what Rinkart did. Sometime in the next twenty years, he wrote the hymn, “Now Thank We All Our God,” originally meant to be a prayer said before meals. Rinkart could recognize that our God is faithful, and even when the world looks bleak, He is “bounteous” and full of blessings, if only we look for them. Blessings as seemingly small as a dinner meal, or as large as the end of a brutal war and unnecessary bloodshed are all reasons to lift up our thanks to God, with our hearts, our hands, and our voices.

West End United Methodist Church

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- Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
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- Brandon Baxter.....Pastor & Coordinator of Spiritual Formation
- Maggie Jarrell.....Pastor of Children & Family Ministries
- Stacey Harwell-Dye.....Pastor of Missions & Outreach
- Nancy Parker.....Pastor of Young Adults & Vandy Wesley

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- Caroline Archer, Merry-Reid Sheffer.....Congregational Care
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- Scott Brons.....Music
- Rachel Ternes.....Youth

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