

GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on “Creator of the Stars of Night”Richard Warner

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: Creator of the Stars of Night.....Plainsong mode IV

Creator of the stars of night, thy people’s everlasting light, O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray thou hear us when we call. Amen.

† Processional Hymn No. 203: Hail to the Lord’s Anointed.....Ellacombe

† Call to Worship.....Nancy Parker

Liturgist: *A voice cries out: Prepare for God’s arrival!*

People: **Make the road straight and smooth,
a highway fit for our God.**

Liturgist: *Fill in the valleys, level off the hills.*

People: **Smooth out the ruts, and clear out the rocks.**

Liturgist: *For our God is coming!*

People: **Let us worship together!**

Lighting the Advent Candle.....Saints and Sinners Sunday School Class

Lesson from Isaiah

Congregational Response.....We Three Kings (refrain)

**O, star of wonder, star of light. Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**O Love Revealed,
we confess that we are impatient for you
to come and set things right.**

**We refuse your guidance,
yet we wish you would act according to our plans.**

**We seldom pause to consider that you are waiting for us:
for genuine acts of contrition;
for repentance and change;
for a burning passion for truth, justice, and mercy.**

Forgive us, Holy God.

**Furnish us with humble hearts and willing spirits,
that we might bear fruit for your kingdom. 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: Lord, We Beseech Thee.....Adrian Batten

Lord, we beseech thee, give ear unto our prayers; and by thy gracious visitation lighten the darkness of our hearts by our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 he may grow in service to others. We will pray for him, that he 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 George Thomas to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, George Thomas, 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.....RJ Gilliland

**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 New Testament: Matthew 3:1-12.....(pew Bible, page 784)

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 2089 TFWS: Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice.....La Grange

The children are invited to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn for the Children’s Moment.

Sermon: A Call to Repentance.....Carol 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.**

Offertory: Canite Tuba.....David McCullough

Sound the trumpet in Zion, for the day of the Lord is at hand,

Behold he comes to save us! The crooked will be made straight

And the rough places smooth. Come Lord, and don’t delay. (*sung in Latin*)

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 206.....Houston

I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light

† Benediction

† Benediction Response.....Veni Emmanuel

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel has come to you, O Israel!

Voluntary: Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 661.....J. S. Bach

The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.

All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.

† *The congregation is invited rise in body or in spirit.*

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 Jane and Chase Delony, Frances Delony, Patty Chadwell, Lillian and Robert Chadwell, and Ellen and James Hofstead by Patty Delony.

Anna Elira Selden, daughter of Erik Selden and Blerta Selden, was presented for baptism today in the early service.

George Thomas Winczewski, son of Ryan Winczewski and Katherine Winczewski, 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.
- Youth Choir Rehearsal.....12:15 - 1 p.m.
- Adult Handbells.....1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- Youth Handbell Rehearsals.....4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
- Youth Small Groups.....5 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Activities

- Meal.....Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
- Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:15 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.

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. If you prefer to step out of the service, worship is live-streamed in Bishop’s Parlor.

An accessible, all-gender restroom is available in Bishop’s Parlor. This single-stall restroom includes a diaper changing station and assistance railing.

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 www.westendumc.org or see the bulletin insert.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg
Cover art: Charles Hooper
Liturgy: Erin Racine

The Call to Worship is adapted from a resource on the *re:Worship* blog. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer by Allen P. Happe in the book, *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist/accompanist.

Today’s Music: Psalm 72 is a well-known prophecy of the coming Messiah, foretelling the reign of the King and what the Kingdom of that Messiah will be like. But perhaps more than a prophecy, Psalm 72 is a prayer. In these verses the psalmist calls upon God to give justice and righteousness to the King, perhaps the newly crowned earthly king of Israel, but also the heavenly king. It is a cry for the deliverance of a broken people, for the realization of peace and light. James Montgomery’s hymn text from 1821, “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed,” beautifully captures the essence of that prayer. Albert Bailey says, “His poem is more prayer than prophecy, or shall we say it is prophecy in large part unfulfilled but still capable of inspiring the Church to work for its fulfillment!” (Bailey, *Gospel in Hymns*). As we sing this beautiful hymn, we both declare our hope and our longing for the Kingdom of God, and for the coming of the one who will turn darkness to light, and whose “name to us is Love.”

West End United Methodist Church

PASTORAL STAFF

- Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers
- Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
- Erin RacinePastor of Hospitality & Congregational Care
- 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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- Andrew Risinger..... Associate Minister of Music
- Emily C. Robbins.....Minister of Youth
- Shelley Kuhlmeier.....Communications Director
- Don Marler.....Minister of Music Emeritus

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- Sandra Durbin.....Church Financial Officer
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- Jim Raver.....Property Operations Manager
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- Laural Hemenway.....Receptionist and Administrative Assistant
- Chase Bencin.....Media Coordinator
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- Richard Thomas.....Custodian

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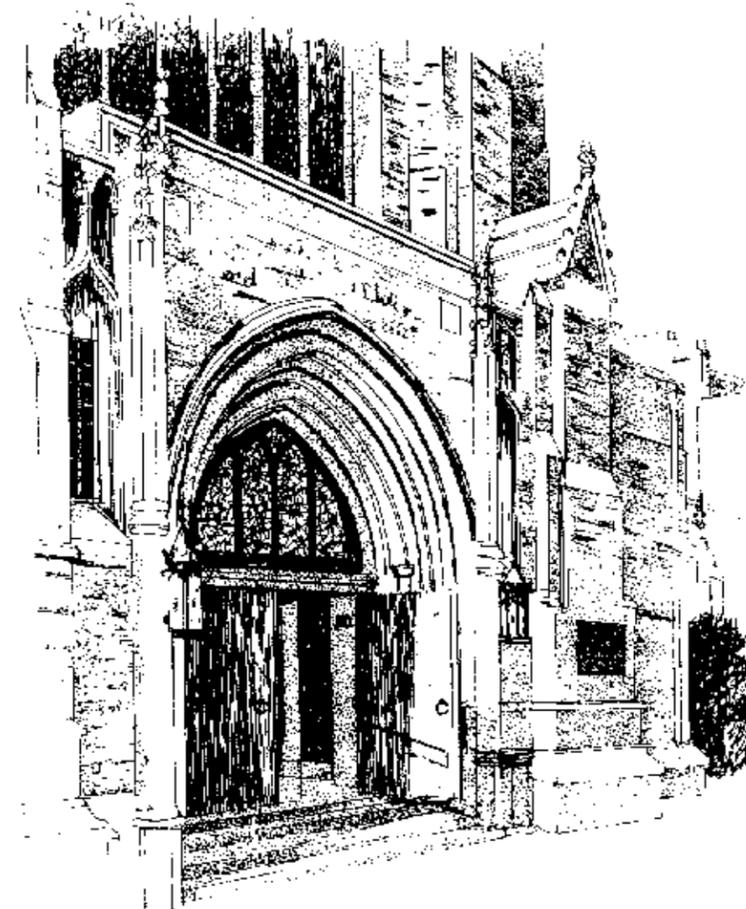
- Candye Goode.....Executive Director
- Ken Nelson.....Receptionist and Preschool Assistant

INTERNS

- Katie Minnis.....Young Adult & Spiritual Formation
- Scott Brons.....Music
- Rachel Ternes.....Youth
- Heather Helton.....Congregational Care

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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