



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*..... Dale Wood
Pastorale..... Herbert Sumsion

Welcome..... Carol Cavin-Dillon
*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: I Will Rise..... arr. Alice Walker

† Processional Hymn No. 152: I Sing the Almighty Power of God..... Forest Green

† Call to Worship Chris Donald
Liturgist: Jesus, our Lord, calls us from near and far
People: to come and find rest in him.
Liturgist: He invites us to live by his rhythm of grace
People: and grow into his way of love.
Liturgist: Let us come and abide in Christ
People: and experience abundant life in worshipping him!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)
God of love,
we confess that we have not lived
by the rhythm of your gentleness and grace.
We have not built our lives in your love,
choosing instead to force our way in the world
for the sake of the supposed ‘good life.’
In your mercy, shine light into the darkness of our hearts.
Give us right faith, firm hope, and perfect charity.
Gift us with profound humility, wisdom, and understanding
that we might do what is truly your holy will.

† 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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Sarah England
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 15:1-13

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Sermon: Abiding in the Vine Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of FaithNo. 883

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 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 ChurchJen Quigley

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: With a Voice of Singing Kenneth Jennings

With a voice of singing declare ye and tell this;
utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah!
The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Hallelujah!
Make a joyful noise unto God all ye lands. Sing forth the
honor of his name; make his praise glorious!
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.
(Isaiah 48:20b; Psalm 66:1-2)

† DoxologyNo. 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. 378: Amazing Grace..... Amazing Grace

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: God Be with You Till We Meet Again..... Randolph

God be with you till we meet again.
Loving counsels guide uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.

Voluntary: Toccata on Amazing Grace.....J. Christopher Pardini

The voluntary 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.

* *TFWS—The Faith We Sing (Pew Edition)*

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.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Samuel Alexander Perdue on September 6th to Mallory and Jim Perdue. He is also welcomed by big sister Hunter.

Today's Call to Worship was written by Will McLeane who also adapted the Prayer of Confession from St. Francis' "Prayer before the San Damiano Cross" (13th Century).

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir
Matthew Phelps: Director / Organist

Today's Music

"Amazing Grace" was written by John Newton in the late eighteenth century. When Newton was just eleven, he joined his father at sea and began a tumultuous life in the Navy, eventually becoming captain of a slave ship. In a period of four years, however, his life was drastically turned around: he nearly drowned, he married a very pious Mary Catlett, and he read through Thomas à Kempis' *The Imitation of Christ*. In 1754, he gave up the slave trade and joined forces with the great abolitionist, William Wilberforce. A number of years later, he was ordained for ministry, and soon after wrote this great text, declaring that we are saved only through the grace of God. Newton wrote, "I can see no reason why the Lord singled me out for mercy...unless it was to show, by one astonishing instance, that with him 'nothing is impossible'" (Newton, *The Life of John Newton*).

Bulletin Cover Art

"The Vine and the Branches" by contemporary Catholic artist Irene (Ira) Thomas. Thomas was born and raised in Malta, the European island in the Mediterranean. She and her husband now split time between Lafayette, LA, and the mountains of Utah.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 17th

8:45 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
8:45 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 a	Sunday School	
9:45 a	Grigg Small Group - BTTY	LL 2
11:00 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
11:00 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 p	Youth Group	Youth Center
6:00 p	Harrell Small Group - BTTY	310

Monday, September 18th

10:00 a	Sunny Day Club	McWhirter Hall
5:30 p	Carroll Small Group - BTTY	306
5:30 p	Board of Trustees Meeting	310

Tuesday, September 19th

7:30 a	Morning Bible Study	310
1:30 p	Creative Hands	305
6:30 p	Young Adult Small Group	317

Wednesday, September 20th

5:00 p	Mitchell Small Group - BTTY	305
5:30 p	Wednesday Night Supper	McWhirter Hall
6:15 p	The Art of Belonging	McWhirter Hall
6:15 p	Children's Choir Rehearsal	4th Floor
7:30 p	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

Thursday, September 21st

7:00 p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
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WEST END STAFF

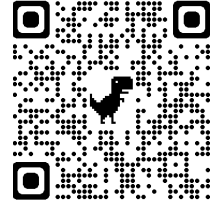
Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon..... Senior Pastor
Rev. Will McLeane Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Rev. Maggie Jarrell.....Pastor of Children & Families
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye.....
Pastor of Missions & Outreach
Rev. Shannon Baxter.....
Pastor of Congregational Connection
Rev. Aimee Baxter..... Pastor of Young Adults
Molly Borneman.....Pastoral Fellow
Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn... Congregational Care Intern
Matthew Phelps..... Minister of Music
Andrew Risinger.....Associate Minister of Music
Nico Zavala.....Music Intern
Emily C. Robbins.....Minister of Youth
Melanie Paulson.....Director, HR & Operations
Shelley Kuhlmeier.....Communications Director

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Christina Shoptaw.....Preschool Operations Manager
Cheryl Reeves.....Preschool Curriculum Coordinator
Karina Gurgenzidze.....Childcare Coordinator
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A WARM WELCOME TO WEST END

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. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

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.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Births** - A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Samuel Alexander Perdue on September 6th to Mallory and Jim Perdue. He is also welcomed by big sister Hunter.

♦ **Prayer Requests** - Dean McIntyre, Crystal Vines, Laura Bethal, Jonathan Wiltsie, Jewel McGhee-Rader, Don Pierce, Margaret Werts, Elijah Henry Read, Noelle McIntyre, and the Sylvan Park neighborhood

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 September 18 - 24 will be Rev. Carol Cavin-Dillon. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

THE ART OF BELONGING - WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND FORMATION IN SEPTEMBER

Join us on Wednesday night this week in McWhirter Hall for a catered meal and time of formation around the table. Dinner will be served starting at 5:30 p.m., and from 6:15-7 p.m., Rev. Will McLeane will guide us in a four-week class, "The Art of Belonging." The class will only be offered in-person, but you need not come to dinner to attend the class. However, we need meal reservations by noon on Tuesday. Visit westendumc.org/wednesdays to reserve your meal or let us know your interest in the class.

BIBLE THRU THE YEAR - LARGE GROUP GATHERING - NEXT WEEK

Our next large group gathering will be on Sunday, September 24, from 5-7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. We will share a good, old fashioned potluck dinner! The church will provide the meat and drinks, and we ask participants to sign up to bring a salad, side dish or a dessert. Please RSVP by September 20 at westendumc.org/largegrouppotluck or by scanning the QR code.



FALL MEMBERSHIP CLASS - STARTS NEXT WEEK

If you have been a part of West End UMC recently and would like to make it your church home, join us for our Fall Membership Class! This will be a four-week session that meets on the first floor in McWhirter Hall at 9:45 am starting September 24th. Find out more or register now at westendumc.org/membership.

2023 ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING - OCTOBER 1

Join us for this year's annual Town Hall meeting on Sunday, October 1 at 9:45 a.m. in the 4th Story Theater or online. Presenters from various ministry teams will share updates, and we'll celebrate the many ways God has been at work in and through West End in 2023. We'll share financial updates and budget plans for 2023; reports from worship, Sunday School, small groups, and ministry teams. Time to celebrate 2023 and look ahead to 2024!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join us on Sunday, October 1 at 3 p.m. on our West Lawn as we bless our animals and thank God for God's good creation. Please make sure that any animals you bring are on a leash or in a cage. Pawster, a nonprofit that seeks to end pet homelessness before it starts, will be onsite to collect financial and in-kind donations.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK STUDY

The Young Adult group will be studying *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis this Fall on Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 317. For more information, contact Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org.

SEPTEMBER'S COMMUNION OFFERING FOR CAMPUS MINISTRIES

This month's communion offering benefits the United Methodist campus ministries on Belmont, Vanderbilt, Fisk, and TSU's campuses. These spaces are where students can connect with one another and deepen their faith or encounter Jesus for the first time. Conversation, food, fellowship, missions, and ministry happen in unique ways on college campuses. Give generously so we can give excellent financial support to these four important campus ministries.

IT'S TIME FOR HABITAT 2023

Our Fall 2023 Habitat Build is here! We need people to help bring snacks, breakfasts, waters, and lunches, as well as volunteer to build. Right now our dates for meals are Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7 and our dates for building are October 7 and October 21. To find out more or volunteer for the build or to provide a meal, visit westendumc.org/habitat.

REGIONAL MISSION TRIP TO SAGER BROWN

We are going to the UMCOR Sager Brown depot in Baldwin, Louisiana April 13-20th! We'd love for you to come with us as we serve the community and bring down the hygiene kits, cleaning kits, and menstruation kits we've made this year. We'll assist at the depot, do projects around town, and learn about our connectional response to disasters around the globe through UMCOR. Register at westendumc.org/sagerbrown.

'CHAT AND CHEW' LUNCH FOR COLLEGE AND GRAD STUDENTS

Welcome back, college students! Join Pastor Aimee after the 11 a.m. service each week for free lunch at a nearby restaurant. Meet in the back of the sanctuary to find out where we're going. All undergraduate and graduate students are invited to attend! Contact Pastor Aimee at abaxter@westendumc.org with questions.

CARING FOR THOSE WITH DEMENTIA IS A FULL TIME JOB, AND WE WANT TO HELP

The West End UMC Sunny Day Club provides respite for caregivers while providing love, support and care to those with early stage dementia. We meet at the church every Monday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. providing chair exercises, musical entertainment, games, craft projects and visits from therapy dogs. Participants in the Sunny Day Club are NOT required to be members of West End Methodist Church. For more information, contact Rev. Shannon Baxter at sbaxter@westendumc.org or 615.321.8500. Check us out on Facebook at facebook.com/sunnydaywestendumc.

BACK TO SCHOOL WITH HG HILL

United 4 Hope and West End UMC are once again partners with HG Hill Middle School to support the students and staff. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to work with the students as reading and math tutors. Our time with the students is 9-10 a.m. on the morning of the week that works for you. It's one hour, one day a week. The connection with each student is so important in their skill development and in their knowing that we care about them. You can make a difference! For information please contact Anne Underhill at 615.294.4745 or annerunderhill@gmail.com.

You're Invited!

*On Sunday, October 15, 2023,
we are having a*

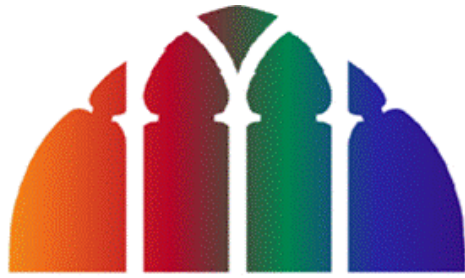
Birthday Bash *for West End UMC!*

**We have events planned all day to
celebrate 150 years of West End being
the
*Loving Light of Christ in Nashville!***

**Sunday School ♦ 9 a.m.
One Worship Service ♦ 10 a.m.
Celebration on the Grounds ♦ 2-4 p.m.
Hymn Sing ♦ 4 p.m.**

**Visit westendumc.org/birthdaybash
to find out more!**





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