



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Recollection (Soliloquy No. 2)David Conte

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: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now 17th c. German

† Processional Hymn No. 157: Jesus Shall ReignDuke Street

† Call to Worship Maggie Jarrell

Liturgist: We gather together today as one people,

People: a people who are loved unconditionally.

Liturgist: May we be overjoyed with God's abundant grace.

People: Let us rejoice and worship!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (**in unison**)

God of all people,

we confess that our hearts can be selfish,

our perspectives are too small.

We tend to judge those who are not like us—

those with a different status,

those with different opinions,

those with different backgrounds.

We forget that all people are your beloved.

Forgive us for the many ways we have failed

to be a people known by love.

Lead us to a grace that is given without condition.

Teach us to be an accepting people

who continuously welcome with love.

† 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.

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 so that she may grow in service with others. We will pray for her to 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 Rosalind Jean 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, Rosalind Jean, 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 Brant Phillips

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 Acts 11:19-26
13:1-3

Response to the Lesson

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Best Supporting Actor..... 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 Church.....Shannon 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.**

Ministry Moment..... Aimee Baxter and Tatum Earp
Campus Ministries at Belmont, Fisk, Tennessee State, and Vanderbilt

Offertory: Prayer of Desmond TutuJames Whitbourn

Goodness is stronger than evil,
love is stronger than hate,
light is stronger than darkness,
life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours through him who loved us.
Archbishop Desmond Tutu

† 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. 159: Lift High the CrossCrucifer

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Together Met, Together Bound Land of Rest

**Together met, together bound
we go our different ways,
and as his people in the world
we'll live and speak his praise.**

Voluntary: Allegro con brio from *Sonata IV* Felix Mendelssohn

*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 rise in body or in spirit.

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

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICES

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marie and Buck Cowan by their son Tommy Cowan.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Leila Maeve Adams on September 7th to Blake Adams and Jessica Lawson Adams. She is welcomed also by siblings Jolene and Archie Adams.

Rosalind (Rosie) Jean Schleh, daughter of Emily and Mike Schleh, is presented for baptism today.

Today's liturgy was written by Molly Borneman.

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist
Derek Weber: Narrator
Colleen Phelps: Percussionist

Today's Music

Isaac Watts wrote "Jesus Shall Reign" for his 1719 publication, *Psalms of David, Imitated*. It originally had eight stanzas and was titled, "Christ's Kingdom among the Gentiles." The original second, third, and seventh stanzas are omitted from most modern hymnals. These verses have references to Europe, Persia, India, and "barbarous nations," and are perhaps the reason Albert Bailey could write this about Watts' text: Watts made "David speak like King William III; England and Scotland take the place of Israel and Judah." Thus, the Psalmist became "an orthodox and patriotic English Christian of the early eighteenth century." (The Gospel in Hymns, 49)

The anthem, *Prayer of Desmond Tutu*, is given to the glory of God and in honor of Heath Jones by the Cornerstone Sunday School Class.

Bulletin Cover Art

"The Little Christs of Barnabas and Paul Holding the Church" is an icon mural from the St. Basil the Great Greek Orthodox Church in San Jose, California.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 24

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 25

10:00 a	Sunny Day Club	McWhirter Hall
5:30 p	Carroll Small Group - BTTY	306

Tuesday, September 26

7:30 a	Morning Bible Study	310
5:30 p	Finance Committee Meeting	310

Wednesday, September 27

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 28

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

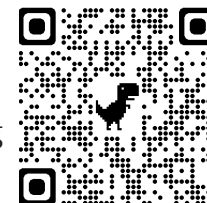
Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon..... Senior Pastor
Rev. Will McLeane Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Rev. Maggie Jarrell Pastor of Children & Families
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye.....
 Pastor of Missions & Outreach
Rev. Shannon Baxter
 Pastor of Congregational Connection
Rev. Aimee Baxter Pastor of Young Adults
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

Lazaro Kapella..... Church Financial Officer
Jim Raver Property Operations Manager
Corye Nelson Preschool Executive Director
Christina Shoptaw Preschool Operations Manager
Cheryl Reeves Preschool Curriculum Coordinator
Karina Gurgenzidze Childcare Coordinator
Cindy Siemer..... Senior Administrative Assistant
Julie Catterton..... Assistant to Senior Pastor
Andrew Callis..... Administrative Assistant
Tosha Jackson Receptionist
Devon Bardo..... Receptionist
Chase Bencin..... Media Coordinator
Cin Tuang..... Media Assistant
Bob Hilton..... Building Engineer
Richard Thomas Custodian

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 Leila Maeve Adams on September 7 to Blake Adams and Jessica Lawson Adams. She is welcomed by siblings Jolene and Archie Adams.

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

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 25 - October 1 will be Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye. 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 (Moe's) 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.

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 - OCTOBER 1

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 inkind donations.

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.

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.

PARENTING WORKSHOPS OFFERED

We have two Parenting Workshops about Technology and Connection coming the first week of October led by counselors from the Brentwood Counseling Center. Anyone is welcome at either workshop.

♦ **Parents of pre-teens and teens** - you are invited to come on Sunday, October 1 from 5:30-7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall.

♦ **Parents of younger kids** - you are invited to come on Wednesday, October 4 from 6:15-7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall.

OVERNIGHT HOSTS AND BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

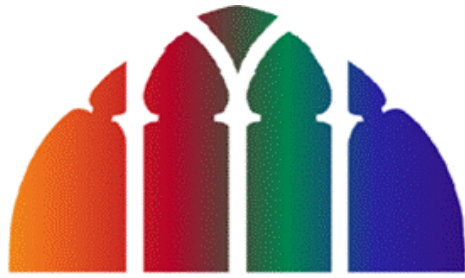
Room in the Inn is starting back this fall and we have a lot of Wednesdays that will need overnight hosts and bus drivers. If you are interested in spending the night at the church and providing hospitality to our guests experiencing homelessness, please reach out to Pastor Stacey at sharwellldye@westendumc.org. Bus drivers are also needed. To drive our minibus, you need to be over 25, have a valid driver's license (no CDL required), and submit to a background check and short training that will include a driving portion to get you comfortable with the bus. Help us serve our neighbors through serving as an overnight host or bus driver at West End this year! We literally can't do it without these two vital roles.

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

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





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