



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
OCTOBER 8, 2023 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Preludes on *Mit Freuden Zart* Jan Butler / Gerald Near

Welcome..... Shannon Baxter

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: Come, Ye That Love the Lord arr. Alice Parker

† Hymn No. 126: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns AboveMit Freuden Zart

† Call to Worship Maggie Jarrell

Liturgist: Just as one body has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ;

People: for we were all baptized in one Spirit.

Liturgist: Let us set aside the labels the world would use to divide us;

People: for we were all baptized in one Spirit.

Liturgist: Let us worship the God, who created us to be one body, holy and beloved;

People: for we were all baptized in one Spirit.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of us all,

your son Jesus calls us to relationship and service in you.

Give us eyes to see the gifts we all bring in shaping the kin-dom of God.

Where we have failed to see your grace at work in the lives of others,

have mercy on us.

For the ways we have missed that same work in ourselves,

open our hearts to the possibilities.

Forgive us for the times we have acted selfishly and too

independently.

Remind us, Lord, that we belong to one another.

May we be people who appreciate the beauty of our diversity

and are united as the body of Christ.

May we be partners with you and each other

through the power of your Holy Spirit.

† 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 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 Carter Ruth 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, Carter Ruth, 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 IlluminationPeter Bigelow

**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 1 Corinthians 12:4-14

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Sermon: The Importance of Being WEShannon Baxter

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883 Will McLeane

**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

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.....J. L. Nave
West End UMC Giving Campaign

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.

† 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

† Hymn No. 400: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing..... Nettleton

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Spirit of the Living GodDaniel Iverson
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Voluntary: Prelude in C Major, BWV 547.....J. S. Bach

*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 this morning are from the wedding of Katherine Marguerite
Woosley and Fred Russell Harwell, Jr. and are given in loving memory of
Jessica and Lee Woosley’s parents, Clara and Ed Delbridge
and Lucy and Harry Woosley.*

*Carter Ruth Donald, daughter of Chris and Rebecca Donald,
is presented for baptism.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Wheeler William Gunter Gray on
September 21, 2023 in Aspen, Colorado to Raleigh Anne Blank Gray and
John Gray. Wheeler is also welcomed by his brother Edward Wylie Gray and
his grandmother Peaches Gunter Blank.*

Today’s liturgy was adapted from 1 Corinthians 12:12-18 by Aimee Baxter.

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist
Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Today’s Music

In 1752, a young Robert Robinson attended an evangelical meeting to heckle the believers and make fun of the proceedings. Instead, he listened in awe to the words of the great preacher George Whitefield, and in 1755, at the age of twenty, Robinson responded to the call he felt three years earlier and became a Christian. Another three years later, when preparing a sermon for his church in Norfolk, England, he penned the words that have become one of the church’s most-loved hymns: “Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.”

Bulletin Cover Art

“Paul the Apostle,” a detail from a mosaic in the Basilica of San Vitale, in Ravenna, Italy.

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
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Julie Catterton..... Assistant to Senior Pastor
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Devon Bardo..... Receptionist
Chase Bencin..... Media Coordinator
Cin Tuang..... Media Assistant
Bob Hilton..... Building Engineer
Richard Thomas..... Custodian

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 8

8:45 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
8:45 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 a	Membership Class	McWhirter Hall
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, October 9

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

Tuesday, October 10

7:30 a	Morning Bible Study	310
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Wednesday, October 11

5:00 p	Mitchell Small Group - BTTY	305
6:15 p	Children's Choir Rehearsal	4th Floor
7:30 p	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

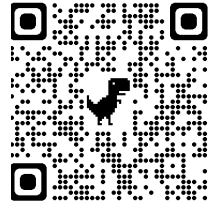
Thursday, October 12

7:00 p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
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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

♦ **Prayer Requests** - Habitat for Humanity Build, Dean McIntyre, John Howell, Jr., John and Emily Townes, the family of Ralph Cadenhead.

♦ **Births** - A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Wheeler William Gunter Gray on September 21, 2023 in Aspen, Colorado to Raleigh Anne Blank Gray and John Gray. Wheeler is also welcomed by his brother Edward Wylie Gray and his grandmother Peaches Gunter Blank.

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 October 9-15 will be Rev. Will McLeane.

To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

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.

OCTOBER'S COMMUNION OFFERING

October's communion offering will go to our prison ministry. This money funds holiday meals, gift packages, and other needs within Riverbend as well as asks of returning citizens.

COMMUNION TRAINING

Preparing the Lord's Table and serving the elements for the sacrament are two of the most joyous ways to serve in the life of our church. Please join us on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary or Sacristy for a teaching on how to prepare the table or serve communion on a Sunday morning. Please register at westendumc.org/communiontraining.

'CHAT AND CHEW' COLLEGE AND GRAD STUDENTS LUNCH

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.

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, contact 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. We literally can't do it without these two vital roles.

TRUNK OR TREAT 2023 IS COMING!

West End Preschool is hosting their annual Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the church parking lot, and everyone in the church is invited, too! There will be trunk or treating as well as inflatables for playing.

If you'd like to participate by donating your trunk, your time, your talents, or simply your Halloween spirit, we would LOVE to have your help. Please email Allison Martin allisonfullermartin@gmail.com. This year, we are still in need of volunteers to host the trunks, and we are also seeking both candy and non-candy donations for trunk-or-treating. Visit westendumc.org/tot for more information.

150 YEARS OF GRATITUDE

What are you grateful for at West End? This week, we invite you to write what you are grateful for at West End, both past and present, as we reflect on our past in our 150th anniversary year. A board will be up in Reed Hall with post-it notes and markers for you to write what you are thankful for and post it on the board. We will use these responses in our 150th anniversary worship service and the board will be up for our birthday bash. Write as many as you'd like!

150th CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT AND HATCH SHOW PRINTS

We have some exciting mech to commemorate our 150th anniversary that you are not going to want to miss! There is a lovely brass Christmas tree ornament that features parts of the West End stained glass, logo and architecture. We also partnered with Hatch Show Print to create a beautiful, one of a kind poster.

To preorder your ornament or poster, visit westendumc.org/birthdaybash. All proceeds from sales will be used to purchase coats and shoes for the West End Clothing Closet that helps our neighbors in need!

VOUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BIRTHDAY BASH

Our Birthday Bash is next Sunday, and we need a few people to help us out during our Celebration On The Grounds from 2-4 p.m. Visit westendumc.org/birthdaybash to find out how you can volunteer.

OVERFLOW PARKING INFORMATION

We anticipate large crowds on October 15 and parking will be limited in our on-site lot. If you are able, please utilize the Caterpillar Financial Parking Garage free of charge. For directions, visit westendumc.org/parking.

You're Invited!

On Sunday, October 15, 2023
we are having a

Birthday Bash

for West End UMC's 150th birthday!

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.

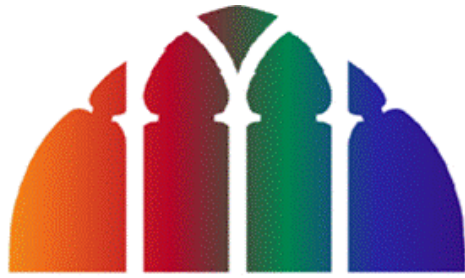
Celebration on the Grounds ♦ 2-4 p.m.

Hymn Festival ♦ 4 p.m.

featuring guest conductor Anton Armstrong

Visit westendumc.org/birthdaybash
to find out more!





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