

GATHERING

Voluntary: Psalm Prelude, Set I, No. II.....Herbert Howells

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: Make Me a Clean Heart.....G. Thalben-Ball

† Processional Hymn No. 157: Jesus Shall Reign.....Duke Street

† Greeting.....Becky Peeler
Liturgist: *O human tongues, sing praise to God!*
People: **O mountains, clap your hands!**
Liturgist: *O human souls, soar high with joy!*
All: **Worship, world! O world, shout!**
Our God has bid us come!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**It is never easy for us to confess,
but deep down inside, we know that although we are
graced, we have trouble showing grace to others;
forgiven, we are eager to judge and punish all who hurt us;
freed, we find ways to put restrictions on people we fear.**

Forgive us, Servant God.

Change us so that we will forgive before being forgiven.

Help us be merciful before seeking mercy.

**Enter us, O God, so the world may know the way that leads to life
through our love.**

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

† 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.**

(*You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.*)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Elizabeth Saum

**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: Matthew 18:21-35.....(pew Bible, page 800)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71

*The children are invited to come forward during the singing
of the Gloria Patri to join Carol at the chancel.*

**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.**

(Please be seated.)

Sermon: Forgiven to be Forgiving.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 882

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.**

Ministry Moment.....Susan Brown

Offertory: Confortamini.....Orlando di Lasso

*Be ye comforted for there is no need of fearing. Surely will
our God be with us to wisely judge our ev'ry sin; God's own
self will come to save us all evermore.*

† 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!**

Andrew Minister Commissioning.....Erin Racine

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 368: My Hope is Built.....The Solid Rock

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: AmenPeter C. Lutkin

Voluntary: Chorale-Prelude on "Duke Street"Robert J. Powell
*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.*

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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Woodrow Forrest Stein, Jr
by Sue Stein and family.



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 - 1 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal*.....	12:15 - 1 p.m.
Adult Handbells.....	1:30 - 2:30 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 and Youth Handbell Rehearsals.....	Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....	Thursdays, 7:15pm - 9:15 p.m.

For a complete listing and additional information on Sunday and Weekly Activities, please visit our website at www.westendumc.org or see the bulletin insert.

*Meal provided.

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Head Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burris

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is directing. Music Associate, Allison Williams, is assisting at the organ.

Hymnic Notes: The hymn tune Duke Street was named after the street where the composer, John Hatton, lived in Lancaster England. This tune is used for many hymns and is an excellent example of the English part song tradition of hymn singing. *My Hope is Built* was written by Edward Mote as he was walking down the street one day in 1834. His hope was to write something that spoke to the experience of the Christian. Later that day, while visiting an ill friend, he pulled his newly written verses and used it as a prayer for the ailing person. The prayer touched the ill woman so much that he sent them to the publisher after finishing 2 more verses. To this day, the hymn is still sung by many denominations. (*Hymnic Notes by Matthew Phelps*)

Music notes: It is not too late to join one of our many choirs. At West End, we have choirs for all ages from 4 years old to adult. Music ministry thrives at West End because of the passion and commitment of all the people who participate in our fine ensembles. If you, your child, or your youth is interested in choirs or hand bells at West End, contact Matthew Phelps at mphelps@westendumc.org.

West End United Methodist Church

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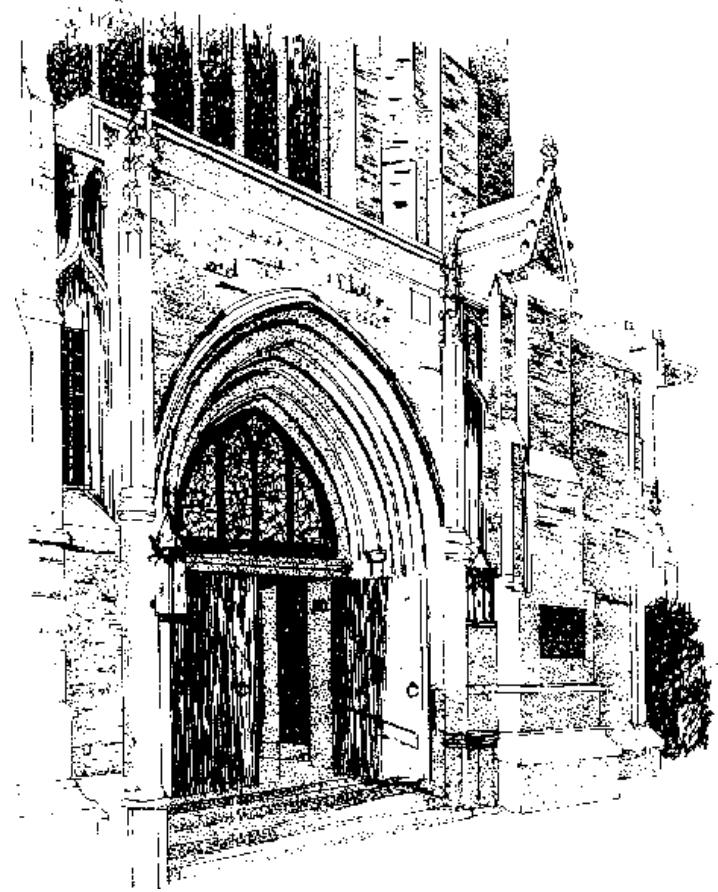
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