

GATHERING

Voluntary: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645.....J. S. Bach

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: O Come Let Us Sing to the Lord.....Hal Hopson
O Come let us sing to the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to the God of our salvation. Sing and rejoice!

† Processional Hymn No. 117: O God, Our Help in Ages Past.....St. Anne

† Greeting.....Kalie Rhodes
Liturgist: *We are pulled in countless directions.*
People: **Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.**
Liturgist: *This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.*
People: **Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.**
Liturgist: *Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.*

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Merciful and gracious God,
we confess that we block out our schedules
to fit you into our busy lives.
Forgive us for trying to make you a scheduled event.
You are the eternal God who always loves and receives us.
Help us keep our eyes on you
throughout every part of our lives.
Open our eyes to see you in our midst,
that we might be ready at all times to serve you and your people.
Amen.

† 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.)

† 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.

(Please be seated.)

Voluntary: Ring Joyous With the Sound.....Douglas Wagner

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....David Curtis
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 25:1-13.....(pew Bible, pages 806-807)

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

† Hymn No. 2130: The Summons.....Kelvingrove
The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: Ready or NotCarol 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.

Ministry Moment.....Lisa Gwock

Offertory: Keep Your Lamps.....Traditional Spiritual
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey
soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

† 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!

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 396: Oh Jesus, I Have Promised.....Angel's Story

† Benediction

† Benediction Response.....Taizé Alleluia

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier
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TAIZÉ ALLELUIA
Irregular

Voluntary: Prelude in B Major.....Marcel Dupré
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 Flower Fund provides flowers for West End's worship service when none have been donated. Today's flowers are made possible by this fund. If you would like to contribute, please mark your check or envelope "Flower Fund."

The rose on the Communion table celebrates the birth of Emily Skye Murdock on October 22, 2017 to Heather Dunn Murdock and John Edward Murdock. She is also welcomed by her grandparents, Linda Crockett Murdock and John Murdock, III and aunt, Carolyn Murdock.

A rose on the Communion table celebrates the birth of Caroline McCall Chambers on Oct. 29, 2017 to Nick and Jocelyn Chambers. She is also welcomed by her big brother, Henry Chambers.

Emma Catherine Pettigrew, daughter of Charles Durham Pettigrew and Sarah Grenfell Pettigrew, was presented for baptism this morning.



West End United Methodist Church

WEST END UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.

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 our website at www.westendumc.org or see the bulletin insert.

*Meal provided.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist and director. Music Associate, Allison Williams, is assisting at the organ. Colleen Phelps, percussion. Youth Bell Ensemble. Carla Fox, director.

Hymnic Notes: The processional consists of six of Watts' original nine-stanza paraphrase of Psalm 90:1-5 titled 'Man Frail, and God Eternal.' John Wesley altered the opening, 'Our God,' to 'O God.' The hymn was matched with the tune ST. ANNE in 1814. The composer, William Croft, was well known during his life as one of England's foremost composers of music for the church. His musical setting of the Anglican funeral service is still used for Royal memorial services today.

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- Lisa Gwock..... Pastor of Missions & Outreach
- Nancy Parker..... Pastor of Young Adults
- Anita Peebles.....Congregational Care Intern

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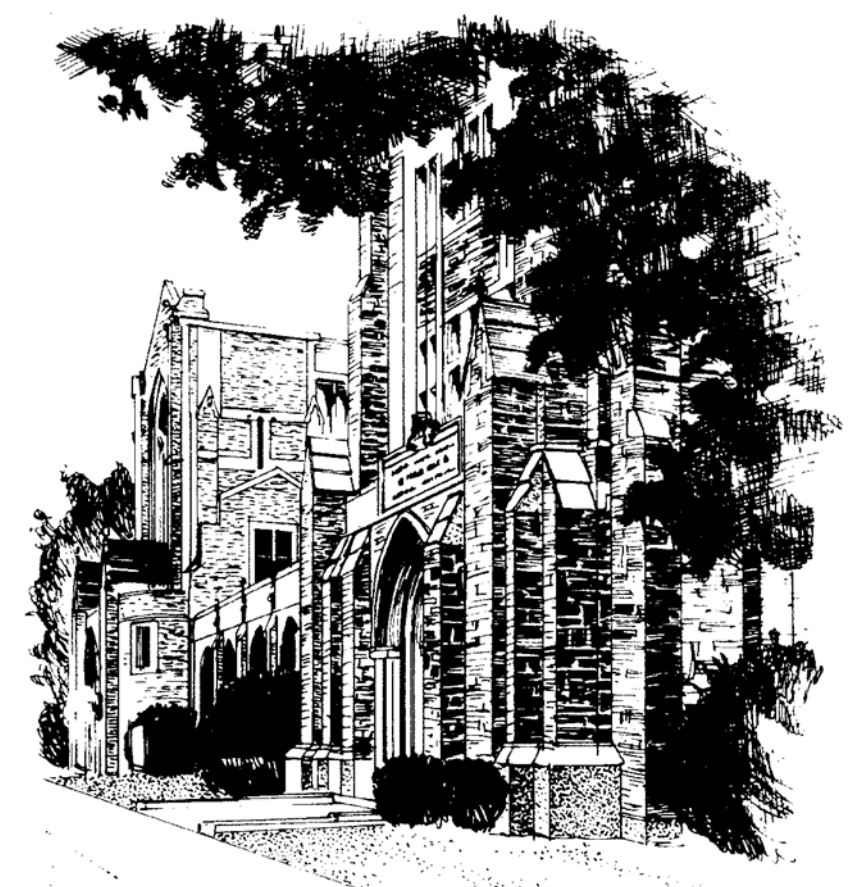
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except for Bob Hilton and Don Marler.*



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
November 12, 2017 at 11 o'clock
Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost