

GATHERING

Voluntary: IntradaJohn Ireland

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: God Made All Things Good.....Hal Hopson
Green grass, blue sky, fish that swim and birds that fly. Elephants and butterflies, God made all things good. Clap your hands, sing to God and praise him. Clap your hands, God made all things good. Trees that sway, flowers that grow. Sun that shines and winds that blow. Clouds and rain and winter snow. God made all things good.

† Processional Hymn No. 66.....Lauda Anima
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

† Greeting.....Lisa Gwock
Liturgist: The time for harvest is close at hand.
What have you done with the gifts God has given you?
People: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.
Liturgist: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.
People: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.
Liturgist: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.
People: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. Amen.

Anthem: Oh, Sing to the Lord...Brazilian folk tune/arr. Harriet Ziegenhals
Oh sing to the Lord, Oh sing God a new song. Oh, sing to our God!
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders. Oh, sing to our God!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen, Alleluia! Oh, sing to our God!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Lord of mercy and justice,
you have given us so many talents and gifts
to be used in your world.
You have given us these gifts because you trust us to use them well,
and you promise to be with us in all our work
But we disappoint you when we denigrate the value of the talents
or become so fearful of failure that we don't believe
we are capable of helping in this world.
Lord, forgive us.
Help us trust in the gifts you have given us
and trust in your guidance when we use them.
Forgive us when we are fearful, stubborn, apathetic,
indifferent to the needs around us.
Give us hearts for serving you all our days.
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.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (in unison).....David Bone
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 25:14-31.....(pew Bible, page 807)

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

† Hymn No. 2153 TFWS.....I'm Gonna Live
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: Whose Talent Is It Anyway?.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Nancy Parker

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.....Ken Luton

Offertory: Os Justi.....Anton Bruckner
The Mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak justice. The law of their God is in their hearts; their steps do not slip.
(sung in Latin. Psalm 37:30-31)

† 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!

Reception of New Members

Liturgist: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, these persons are now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, 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.

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 102.....Nun Danket
Now Thank We All Our God

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go With us Lord and Guide our Way...Tallis Canon

Voluntary: Now Thank We All Our God.....J. S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox
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 in honor of Becky Lane and in memory of Raleigh Lane by Monty Smith and Mark O'Bryan.



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.
- 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. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, is director and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is organist/accompanist. The Asbury Choir. Bethany Wilson and Matthew Phelps are co-directors. The Chapel Choirs I and II. Music Intern, Melissa Gramling, is conducting.

Hymnic Notes: In the mid-nineteenth century, the Oxford movement pressured hymn writers to be as close to the Scriptural text as possible. Henry F. Lyte would have none of this however, and boldly published a book of psalm paraphrases entitled *Spirit of the Psalms*. Lyte decided he could maintain the spirit of these beautiful texts while still using his own words, probably with the intention of making the reader see the psalms in a new light. One such paraphrase is "Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven." Lyte's text speaks to the love of God and our dependence on Him in a clear and imaginative way. This is a text with beautiful imagery and thoughtful prose that, like Psalm 103, gives us words to praise our God with heart, mind, and soul.

Worship Participants: Kirk McNeill, Hannah Fletcher-Page, John McGuire, and Elizabeth Pagano McGuire.

PASTORAL STAFF

- Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers
- Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
- Erin Racine..... Pastor of Hospitality and Congregational Care
- Brandon Baxter.....Pastor of Spiritual Formation
- Becky Peeler.....Pastor of Children and Family Ministries
- Lisa Gwock.....Pastor of Missions & Outreach
- Nancy Parker..... Pastor of Young Adults
- Anita Peebles.....Congregational Care Intern

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- Andrew Risinger..... Associate Minister of Music
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- Melissa Gramling.....Music Intern
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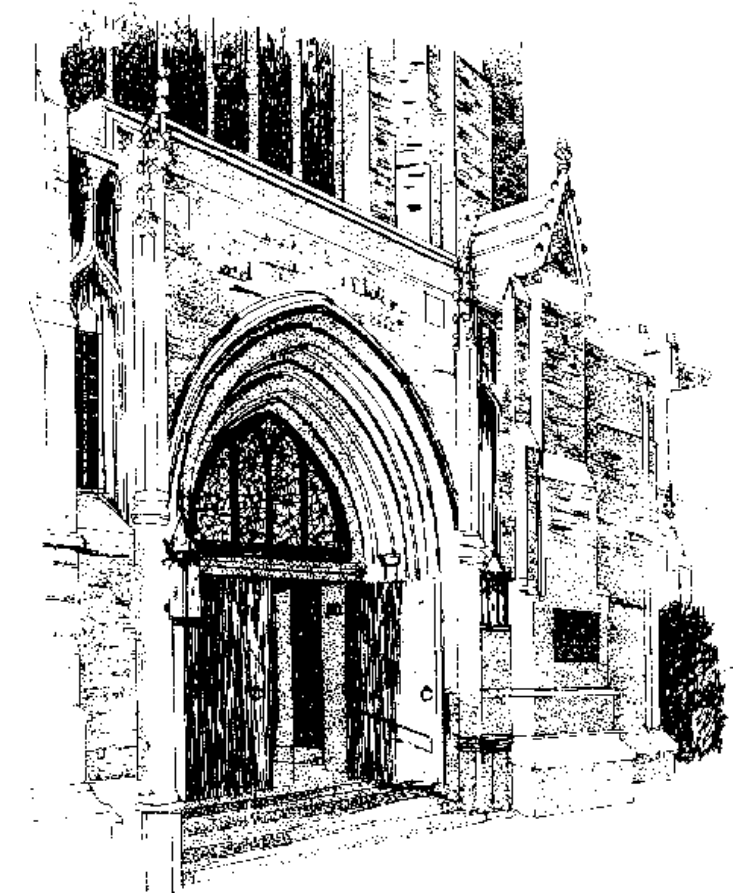
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- Sandra Durbin..... Church Financial Officer
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- Julie Catterton..... Assistant to Senior Pastor, Youth, & Children
- Charity Van De Griek.....Receptionist/ Administrative Assistant
- Chase Bencin.....Media Coordinator
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- Bob Hilton.....Building Engineer
- Richard Thomas.....Custodian

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES

- Lynn McClary..... Executive Director
- Sandy Gilbert.....Program Director
- Annie Traver.....Receptionist/ Administrative Assistant

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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
November 19, 2017 at 11 o'clock
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Pentecost