

GATHERING

Voluntary: Two Lenten Chorales

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.....Robert Buckley Farlee
Jesus, Still Lead On.....Paul Manz

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: Never Further Than Thy Cross.....Orlando Gibbons

Never further than thy cross, never higher than thy feet; here earth's precious things seem dross; here earth's bitter things grow sweet.

† Processional Hymn No. 269.....Land of Rest
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

† Greeting.....Brandon Baxter

Liturgist: *In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.*

People: **Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!**

Liturgist: *I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.*

People: **Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and God's greatness is unsearchable.**

Anthem: A Lenten Prayer.....Robert J. Powell

Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today; give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray. Forty days did Jesus face temptation strong; give me strength to conquer knowing right from wrong. I would be like Jesus turning from all sin, with his love to keep me true and faithful within. When I look to Jesus He will show the way; help me come to meet him pure on Easter day.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of merciful love,
here we are again.
Day after day, week after week, year after year,
we come before you to admit our shortcomings.
We confess that often we fail to love you,
we forget to love our neighbors,
and we do not want to love our enemies.
Yet, we return, time and again,
because your forgiveness offers us hope.
Your strength diminishes our weakness.
Your goodness overcomes our evil doing.
We confess that we need you daily.
Your grace alone enables us to
live our lives to the fullest.
This is why we gather.**

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*).....Elisabeth Morrison

**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: Hebrews 10:19-25.....(pew Bible, page 976)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 566: Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love.....Evan

The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: Why Gather?.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 888

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

The Offering

Offertory: Kyrie (from Mass in C)Ludwig Van Beethoven

Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy
Christe eleison Christ have mercy
Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy.
(traditional Greek)

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 554: All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord.....Armenia

† Benediction

† Benediction Response.....Tallis' Canon

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights
We turn to walk the inward way,
Where meeting Christ our Guide and Light,
We live in hope till Easter Day.**

Voluntary: Prélude from *Trois Pièces*Gabriel Pierné

*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.*

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services
and worship events.*

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The flowers on the altar are given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ralls Niewold in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Goodall, Sr. and Mrs. Donna Landsheft and Dr. Donald Niewold.



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. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is organist/accompanist. Margy Bredemann, soprano. Mo Coombs, alto. Scott Brons, tenor. Ben Troxler, bass. Chapel Choirs I & II, Melissa Gramling, conductor.

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- Brandon Baxter.....Pastor of Spiritual Formation
- Becky Peeler.....Pastor of Children and Family Ministries
- Lisa Gwock.....Pastor of Missions & Outreach
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