

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

† 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.**

† 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.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Anna 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 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.**

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

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 888

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.**

Offertory: Ubi Caritas.....James Biery

Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of God has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Likewise, therefore, when we come together let us be united as one; let us be careful, lest we be divided in intention. Let us cease all quarrels and strife. And let Christ dwell in the midst of us. May we also see, along with the blessed, the glory of your face, O Christ. And let there be immeasurable joy both now and for evermore. Amen. *(9th century, Latin translation)*

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

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

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen.....Peter C. Lutkin

Voluntary: Prélude from Trois PiècesGabriel 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.



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 Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus

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

West End United Methodist Church

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- Becky Peeler..... Pastor of Children and Family Ministries
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- Nancy Parker..... Pastor of Young Adults
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