

GATHERING

Voluntary: Aria.....Charles Callahan

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: I Will Arise.....arr. Alice Parker

† Processional Hymn No. 116: The God of Abraham Praise..... Leoni

† Greeting.....Lisa Gwock
Liturgist: *The Lord welcomes everyone without reservations or restrictions.*
People: **We are beloved. We accept the invitation of the Lord.**
Liturgist: *The Lord heals our wounds with grace and mercy.*
People: **We are forgiven. We embrace the compassion of the Lord.**
Liturgist: *The Lord calls us to kindness and service.*
People: **We are one. We offer to everyone the hospitality of the Lord.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**O God, Christ's love for us is unconditional and eternal,
but we love others with reservations,
demands, and selfishness.
Christ's forgiveness is immediate and infinite,
but we forgive with condemnation,
reluctance, and resentment.
We are self-righteous when we should be compassionate,
self-important when we should be humble,
self-centered when we should be generous.
Lord, deliver us from our self-obsessions.
Allow us to rediscover love and peace
in the healing presence of your grace. 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.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Eric Gambill
**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 Old Testament.....(pew Bible, pages 245)
2 Samuel 7:1-14a

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: When God Says No.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

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.**

Offertory: Psalm 23.....Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk thru the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. 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.

† Doxology.....No. 95

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

† Processional Hymn No. 559.....Westminster Abbey
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen.....Dresden

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune in C.....Henry Purcell, arr. Wolff
*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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Amelia Katherine Brockman, daughter of Will and Ashley Brockman, will be presented for baptism today in the 11:00 service. The altar flowers are given by her parents to the glory of God in honor of her baptism.



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 insert.

**August-April

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Head Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus

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

Hymnic Notes: “The God of Abraham Praise” comes from a Jewish creedal doxology that is sung during the Sabbath eve service every week in some traditions. Thomas Olivers made a Christological translation around 1770, from which these stanzas are taken. The hymn begins by praising God for His might and power, as displayed through His relationship with His people, and ends by looking forward to when all the people of God will join in everlasting praise around the throne of God in heaven.

Today’s liturgy was written by Jayme Yeo.

West End United Methodist Church

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- Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers
- Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
- Erin Racine.....Pastor of Hospitality & Congregational Care
- Brandon Baxter.....Pastor & Coordinator of Spiritual Formation
- Maggie Jarrell.....Pastor of Children & Family Ministries
- Lisa Gwock.....Pastor of Missions & Outreach
- Nancy Parker.....Pastor of Young Adults & Vandy Wesley

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- Don Marler.....Minister of Music Emeritus

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