

GATHERING

Voluntary: Be Thou My Vision.....Dale Wood

Welcome.....Nancy Parker

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 Let Us Praise Thee.....Richard Farrant

† Processional Hymn No. 62.....Lasst Uns Efreuen
All Creatures of Our God and King
(Verses 1-3, and 7)

† Greeting.....Brandon Baxter

Liturgist: *We come to worship, bearing our burdens.*

People: **Open us to your power, O God!**

Liturgist: *We come to worship, pulling our pain.*

People: **Open us to your healing, O Christ!**

Liturgist: *We come to worship, dragging our despair.*

People: **Open us to your hope, O Spirit!**

Liturgist: *We come to worship in faith, trusting in the goodness of our God.*

People: **Let us open our hearts as we worship
our good and faithful God!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we do not always recognize
the humanity of others.**

We label people by their otherness

and forget that, like us, they, too, are your beloved children.

**We participate in systems of oppression,
failing to recognize the ways in which
those systems create our own privilege.**

Forgive us, Great Redeemer.

Open us to your Kingdom vision,

that we might have the faith to believe

that your love for others does not preclude your love for us.

**By your Holy Spirit, empower us to recognize injustice
and offer ourselves to the work of its elimination.**

We ask all of this in the name of Jesus. 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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: *Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include this child now before you in your care?*

People: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and
live according to the example of Christ. We will
surround this child with a community of love and
forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others.
We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who
walks in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend George Benton
to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith,
confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you,
George Benton, 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.**

† Musical Response.....No. 611, st. 1
**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign:
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Ed Zinkiewicz

**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.**

Lesson from the Gospel.....(pew Bible, page 819)
Mark 7:24-30

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 to join Nancy at the chancel
during the singing of the hymn for the children's moment.*

**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.**

Sermon: Overcoming.....Nancy Parker

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Salutation

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

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: The Best of Rooms.....Randall Thompson

Christ, he requires still, whereso'er he comes, to feed or lodge, to have
the best of rooms. Give him the choice; grant him the nobler part of all
the house; the best of all's the heart.

(Robert Herrick, 'Christ's Part' -1647)

† DoxologyNo. 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. 670: Go Forth for God.....Geneva

† Benediction

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

Voluntary: Kleines Praeludium: Poco Vivace.....Hermann Schroeder

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 alter flowers are given today to the glory of God and to bless the memory
of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hughes Dobson III, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warthen
Smith, and Matthew Hughes Dobson IV by their family.

George Benton Whitacre, son of Jeffery Todd Whitacre and
Julia Doolittle Whitacre, is presented for baptism today.

The rose on the table celebrates the birth of Martha Cate Galletti
on September 1, 2018 to Evelyn and Gabe Galletti.
She is welcomed also by her big brother, Louis Galletti.



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.....12:00 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 insert.

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Head Usher: Byron Burrus

Cover art by Charles Hooper.

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

Hymnic Notes: In the year 1225, completely blind and nearing death, St. Francis of Assisi arrived at the Convent of St. Damian to bid goodbye to his dear friend, Sister Clara, the first woman to follow the call of St. Francis and take vows of the Order. Clara built him a small reed hut in the garden of her little monastery. It is said that at times St. Francis could be heard singing faint melodies from within the hut. It was at a meal with the sisters after having stayed for some time at the monastery that he wrote his famous text, “Canticle of the Sun,” later paraphrased into “All Creatures of Our God and King.”

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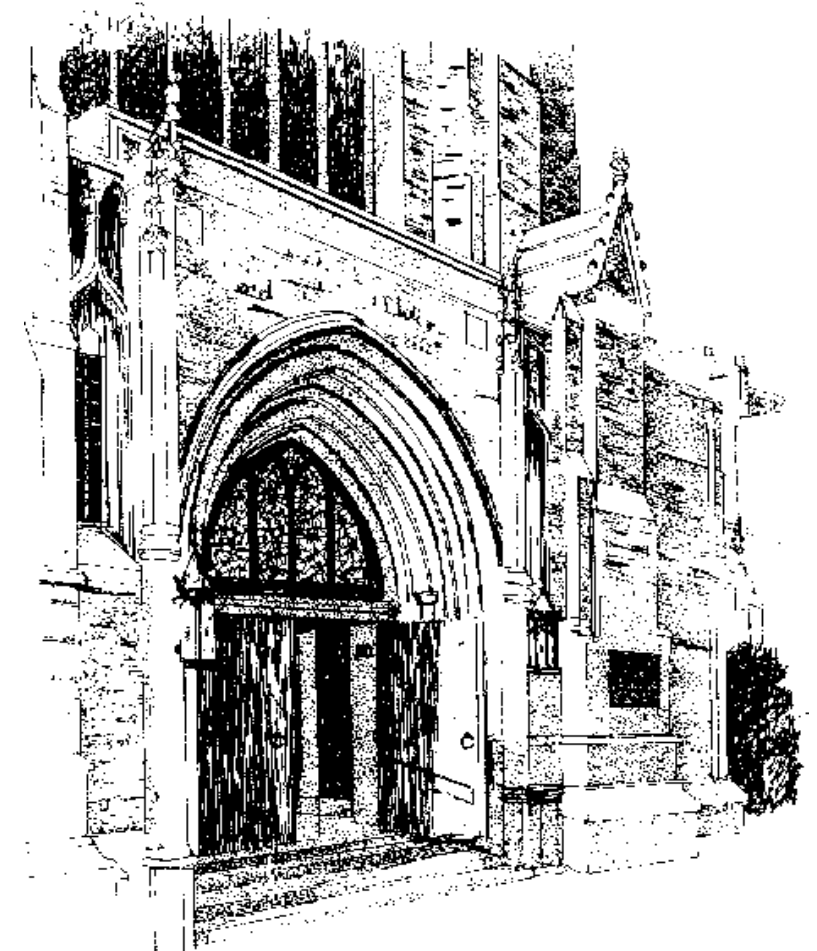
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