

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Adagio in E Major.....Frank Bridge

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: O Be Joyful.....Edward Fissinger  
O be joyful in the Lord. O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands.  
O be joyful, joyful all ye lands!

† Processional Hymn No. 715: Rejoice, the Lord is King.....Darwall’s 148<sup>th</sup>

† Call to Worship.....Brandon Baxter  
Liturgist: *God is always counting God’s children.*  
People: **O God, we are always seen by you.**  
Liturgist: *God sees and loves us, no matter where we are,*  
People: **O God, we are never lost to you.**  
Liturgist: *Even those we do not value, those we do not see are God’s children.*  
People: **O God, everyone matters to you.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**God Who Sees Us,**  
**we confess that we do not look for those who are lost;**  
**we take no interest in connecting with those**  
**who offer us no benefit.**  
**Forgive us for deciding who matters and who does not.**  
**Forgive us for not seeing those around us**  
**as worthy of being found and celebrated.**  
**When the Pharisees grumbled,**  
**you met them with a message of warmth and inclusion.**  
**Help us, Lord, to see as you see and extend that compassion**  
**to ourselves and our neighbors. Amen.**

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance  
Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*  
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!**  
All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

† 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.**

† 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.**

Anthem: Set Thy Love.....Fred Bock  
Set thy love to dwell within me, fill my song with notes divine. Let the Spirit thou hast promised dwell within this heart of mine. Then begin my soul some heav’nly theme, and sing some glorious thing; praise him for the mighty works he hath done, all praise our eternal king! (*Isaac Watts*)

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 she may grow in service with others. We will pray for her to 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 Penelope Irene to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.*  
† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you Penelope Irene, 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.....West End Kids  
**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 New Testament: Luke 15:1-10.....(pew Bible, page 850)

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

† Hymn No. 381: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us.....Bradbury  
*The children are invited to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn for the Children’s Moment.*

Sermon: Let’s Party.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Stacey Harwell-Dye

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: Witness.....Jack Halloran  
Who’ll be a witness for my Lord? Oh, I’ll be a witness for my Lord. There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn’t believe. The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man can be born when he is old. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, “Man, you must be born again.” He said, “Marvel not, be wise, repent, believe and be baptized.” Then you’ll be a witness for my Lord. You read about Samson, from his birth he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth. Way back yonder in ancient times he killed ten thousand of the Phillistines. Then old Samson went a-wand’rin’ about. Samson’s strength was never found out. ‘Til his wife sat upon his knee. She said, “Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!” Well, old Samson’s wife, she talk so fair Samson said, “Cut off a my hair! Shave my head just as clean as your hand, and my strength will ‘come like a natural man.” Samson was a witness for my Lord. There’s another witness for my Lord. My soul is a witness for my Lord!

† 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!**

## SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 732: Come, We That Love the Lord.....St. Thomas

† Benediction

† Benediction Response No. 2014 TFWS.....Taize Alleluia

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Voluntary: Praeludium in D.....Johann Ludwig Krebs

*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.  
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited rise in body or in spirit.*

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

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory  
of Louise Bryant Tate by Bob and Fern Richie.

Rosemary Allen Bartholomew, daughter of daughter of  
William David Bartholomew, Jr. and Mary Eliza Lentz Bartholomew,  
was presented for baptism today in the early service.

Penelope Irene Page, daughter of Daniel Page and Hannah Fletcher-Page,  
is presented for baptism today.



*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.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services! However if needed childcare is available during worship for children 5 and under on the 1st floor in the following rooms: infants 105, toddlers 104, twos and threes 110, and fours and fives 112. If you prefer to step out of the service, worship is live-streamed in Bishop’s Parlor.

An accessible, all-gender restroom is available in Bishop’s Parlor. This single-stall restroom includes a diaper changing station and assistance railing.

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 [www.westendumc.org](http://www.westendumc.org) or see the bulletin insert.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg  
Cover art: Charles Hooper  
Liturgy: Sarah McCain

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, directing and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist/accompanist.

*The Sanctuary Choir welcomes new members. Rehearsals begin August 21, and no audition is required. If you would like to explore joining this group which sings for the 8:45 a.m. service each week, contact Andrew Risinger at [arisinger@westendumc.org](mailto:arisinger@westendumc.org) or by phone at 615-983-8821.*

Today’s Music: “Rejoice the Lord is King” opens with a jubilant call to rejoice in the reign of our Lord. The middle stanzas are rich in biblical allusions to the triumphant reign of Christ. We are assured that Jesus has removed the guilt of our sin and is now reigning at God’s right hand, in complete control over death and hell (Hebrews 1:3, Revelation 1:18). The final stanza reminds us to look forward in hope of Christ’s Second Coming (1 Peter 1:21). In view of this joyful future, the refrain reminds us to “Rejoice, again I say rejoice” (see Philippians 4:4).

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