

## GATHERING

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

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: Come, Ye That Love the Lord.....arr. Alice Parker

† 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.**

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 Rosemary Allen 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 Rosemary Allen, 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.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71

*The children are invited to join Carol at the chancel during the singing of the Gloria Patri 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: 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: Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep.....John Rutter

Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep;

Nothing can thy power withstand; none can pluck me from thy hand.

I would praise thee ev'ry day, gladly all thy will obey,

like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy perfect love.

Loving shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;

suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,

till before my father's throne I shall know as I am known.

*(Jane Leeson)*

† 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: Grant Us, O God.....Thomas Tallis

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, is presented for baptism today.

Penelope Irene Page, daughter of Daniel Page and Hannah Fletcher-Page, will be presented for baptism today in the late service.



## 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.  
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: Byron Burrus  
Cover art: Charles Hooper  
Liturgy: Sarah McCain

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Patricia Cullum, soprano. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist-director. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, assisting at the organ.

*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).

### PASTORAL STAFF

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  
Stacey Harwell-Dye ..... Pastor of Missions & Outreach  
Nancy Parker.....Pastor of Young Adults & Vandy Wesley

### PROGRAM STAFF

Matthew Phelps.....Minister of Music  
Andrew Risinger..... Associate Minister of Music  
Emily C. Robbins.....Minister of Youth  
Shelley Kuhlmeier.....Communications Director  
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### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Sandra Durbin ..... Church Financial Officer  
Melanie Paulson..... Director, HR  
Jim Raver.....Property Operations Manager  
Cindy Siemer .....Senior Administrative Assistant & Membership  
Julie Catterton..... Assistant to Senior Pastor, Youth & Children  
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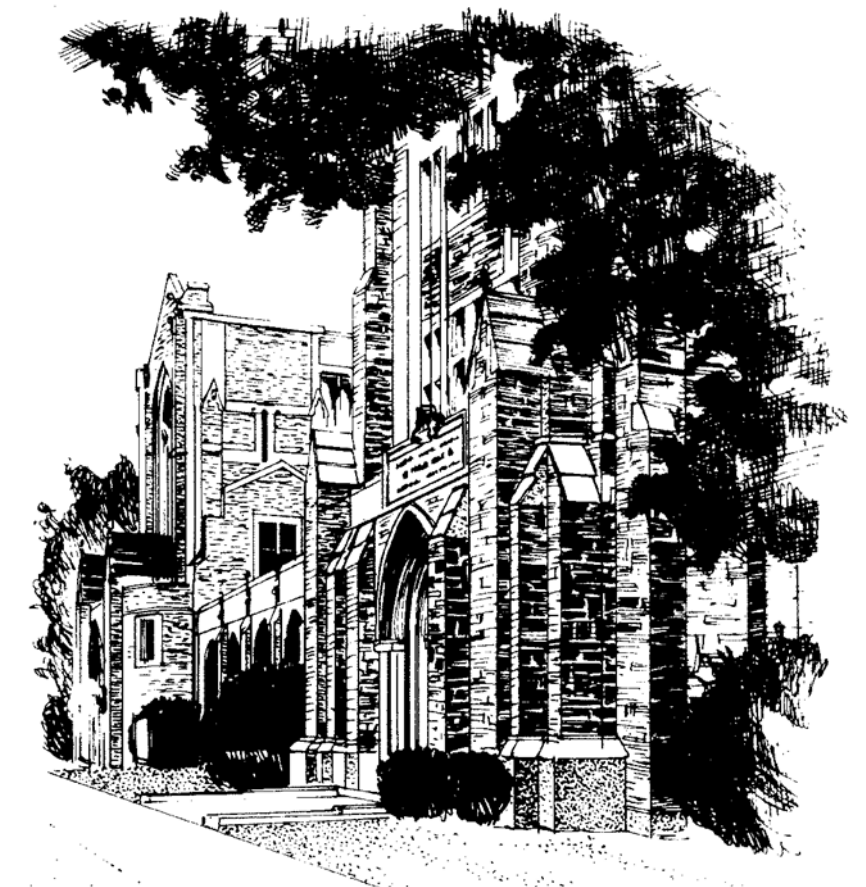
### WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES

Candye Goode.....Executive Director  
Jayson Hamilton.....Assistant Director

### INTERNS

Katie Minnis.....Young Adult & Spiritual Formation  
Scott Brons.....Music  
Rachel Ternes.....Youth  
Heather Helton.....Congregational Care

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