

GATHERING

Voluntary: Benedictus.....Max Reger

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: Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters.....Beach Spring

† Processional Hymn No. 139.....Lobe Den Herren
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

† Greeting.....Katie Minnis
Liturgist: *This is the day that the Lord has made.*
People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**God of new beginnings,
we confess that in the heart of winter
our faith takes more effort.
The ground is frozen; creation is dormant.
The glow of the holidays has faded;
our resolutions are losing their luster.
And yet, you are a light to the nations;
you bring the imprisoned out of the darkness;
you are forever making all things new.
As the days quietly grow longer,
fill us with the hope that new creation brings.
Still us with your unending love for us.
Show us where you are breathing life into things
we thought had died.
May we be co-creators with you of a world
continuously bending toward justice.**

† 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.**

† Affirmation of At-One-Ment
Liturgist: *During this tumultuous time for Methodists, we affirm our shared vision for this congregation. No matter where you are on your faith journey:*

Congregation: **Everyone is welcome here; you are not alone.**

Liturgist: *We will love and support all members of this congregation as we endeavor to become better disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, embracing our diversity and encouraging others to join us.*

Congregation: **Everyone is a child of God. We belong to one another.**

Liturgist: *We find the statement in the United Methodist Book of Discipline that "homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching" irreconcilable with our mission. Instead, we will advocate for the inclusion all people in the life and ministries of The United Methodist Church, fully and without exceptions.*

All: **God loves everyone unconditionally. God is with us, every one of us, always.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)
**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: Matthew 3:13-17.....(pew Bible, page 784-785)

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.**

Sermon: Beginning with Baptism.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant and the Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Reaffirmation of Faith
You are invited to proceed to one of the four stations and remember your baptism. You may kneel in prayer at the rail and stay as long as you wish.

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during the renewal of baptismal vows: 252 and 2248 TFWS.

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Brandon Baxter

The Offering

Offertory: Down to the River to Pray.....arr. Greg Walter
As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way
and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord show me the way.
Oh sisters, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
...Oh, brothers, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
...Oh fathers, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
...Oh mothers, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
...Oh sinners, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.

† Doxology.....No. 95

Commissioning of New Leaders

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 500.....Morecambe
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: For Your Light Has Come.....Ronald A. Nelson

Voluntary: Presto (from *Concerto in G*).....J. S. Bach
*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 flowers on the altar were donated by Byron and Aleta Trauger in loving memory of their parents, Betty and Murdick Grillos of Denver, Colorado and Elaine and Don Trauger of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Ellie Luna Hazlewood, daughter of Mike Hazlewood and Susan Luna-Hazlewood, 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 Handbell Rehearsals.....4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
Youth Small Groups.....5 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Activities

Meal.....Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
Children's Choir.....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 or see the bulletin insert.

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Head Usher: Byron Burrus

Liturgy: Sarah McCain

Cover Art: Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld (1794-1872)

This was published in *Die Bibel in Bildern*. Published 1851-60.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Emma Jackson and Patricia Cullum, sopranos. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, director. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, assisting at the organ.

Hymnic Notes: The hymn tune, Morecambe, was written in 1870 by Frederick Atkinson as a setting of the famous hymn "Abide with Me." It was first published in 1887 and takes its name from a coastal town on the Morecambe Bay near Lancaster, England. This was close to the town of Bradford where Atkinson worked as an organist. The tune is mostly associated now with "Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart," the hymn we sing at the conclusion of the service today.

PASTORAL STAFF

Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers
Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
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Maggie Jarrell.....Pastor of Children & Family Ministries
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Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

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