

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVE

is patient; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
is kind;
is not envious or boastful
or arrogant or rude;
does not insist on its own way;
is not irritable or resentful;
does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
rejoices in the truth.
bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
Love never ends.

LOVE 
ALWAYS

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
February 13, 2022 at Eleven o'clock
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

Voluntary: Air Jacques Champion de Chambonnières

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon
Please take a moment to record your online attendance in the link provided in the comment section. First-time guests and other visitors 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: Come Ye That Love the Lord Alice Parker
Come ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known;
Join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne.

† Opening Hymn No. 96: Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above Amsterdam

† Call to Worship Erin Racine
Liturgist: *Let us rejoice with God, our creator.*
People: **We lift our voices to praise God who loves us unconditionally.**
Liturgist: *Let us rejoice with Jesus, our savior.*
People: **We lift our voices to praise Christ who redeems us!**
Liturgist: *Let us rejoice with the Holy Spirit, our advocate.*
People: **We lift our voices to praise the Spirit who is always with us!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Loving God, our world seems such a mess right now:
greed triumphs over generosity;
death appears stronger than life;
people judge one another harshly;
truth seems to be about who can yell the loudest;
we fail to offer grace, and sin abounds.
Forgive us, O God.
Your love for us never ends.
Your love for us does not rejoice in wrongdoing.
Your mercy is for all of us.
May we emulate your love each and every day.

† 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: Thee Will I Love Kenneth Jennings
Thee will I love, my strength, my tower; thee will I love, my joy, my crown!
Thee will I love, with all my power, in all thy works, and thee alone; thee will I love, till the pure fire fills all my soul with chaste desire. Thee will I love, my life, my Lord, thee will I love, my truest friend; thee will I praise forevermore, and never shall thy kindness end. I thank thee, whose enlivening voice bids my freed heart in thee rejoice. O keep me watchful, humble, pure, and from thee never let me stray; uphold me when I am unsure, keep me faithful in thy way. Grant all my powers, with all their might in thy sole glory may unite. Thee will I love, my joy, my light, thee will I love, my God and Lord; thee will I love, in darkest night, and not for hope of high reward. Thee shall I love, O light divine, so long as life, O God, is mine. (Johann Scheffler, tr. John Wesley)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination..... Trip Cook
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: Galatians 2:11-21

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

Hymn No. 550: Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow Canterbury

Children's Moment

Sermon: Love and Truth Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church Katie Minnis

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: I Lift My Eyes Taylor Davis
I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord. The Lord will not let your foot be moved, the Lord who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, the One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper, the shade on your right hand. By day the sun won't smite you, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; the Lord will keep your life from this time forth now and for evermore. Amen. (Psalm 121)

† Doxology.....No. 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 160: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart.....Marion

† Benediction

† Benediction Response 673: God Be With You Till We Meet Again (all sing)
**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

Voluntary: Allegro con brio from *Sonata IV*Felix Mendelssohn

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

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

*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 in loving memory of Louise and Bill Wills by Allison Wills Brooks and Phil Brooks.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Sebastian James Counts on January 27th to Kayla and Donald Counts. He is welcomed by his big brother, Tristan Counts.

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 identity, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

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Liturgy written by Maggie Jarrell.

Cover Art by Shelley Kuhlmeier.

Music Participants: Chancel Choir. Matthew Phelps is director and assisting at the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist.

All members of the Chancel Choir participating in today's service have been vaccinated against COVID-19.

Today's Music: One of the best-known Bible verses on the topic of joy is Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice." In a fallen world, it is easy to find excuses for being gloomy, but the apostle Paul wrote those words while a prisoner in Rome. In fact, despite his outwardly dreary circumstances, the whole letter to the Philippians is overflowing with joy and thankfulness. "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart," our closing hymn, is a good reminder of the joy that Christians should display, regardless of circumstances.



Greeters and Ushers Needed

The Hospitality Committee is looking for greeters and ushers for each service. There are no special skills or knowledge needed to help with greeting - just a friendly face! You can sign up at westendumc.org/greetersandushers. We are so grateful for your willingness to help showcase the warmth and light of the West End UMC community.

Project Thrive Future Conversations Happening Soon

Do you have God-sized dreams for the future of West End UMC? Would you like to gather with others to imagine what God might do in and through us in the years ahead? Then join one of our upcoming Project Thrive "Future" Conversations. Each gathering will last for 90 minutes and will be facilitated by our Project Thrive leadership team. We have two options to gather in person and one over Zoom. We want everyone to participate, so please pick a time that best suits your schedule!

In Person Options (Location either in McWhirter Hall or the Gym)

Saturday, February 19, 10:00-11:30 a.m. with childcare. This is part of our annual leadership retreat, but all are welcome to join at 10:00.
Sunday, February 20, 10:00-11:30 a.m. with childcare.
Sunday, February 27, 9:15-10:45 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts starting at 8:45 a.m.

Online Option

Wednesday, February 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Please RSVP at westendumc.org/projectthrive.

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Be sure to stop by Reed Hall or the Narthex today and grab your Love Always tumbler on your way out today.

DO YOU RECEIVE OUR FRIDAY EMAIL?

One of the ways to find out what's going on in our church is to sign up for our Friday eNews at westendumc.org/enews.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Give online at westendumc.org/give. Here you can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift.
- Text To Give. Text "Give" to 615-697-4010, and the prompts will help you set up from there. Once registered, you can use this option easily going forward.

WORSHIP INFORMATION ONLINE

Use this QR code and your phone's camera to access today's worship information online.

