

GATHERING

Voluntary: Intermezzo in E-flat, op. 117 Johannes Brahms

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: O Come Let us Sing to the Lord Hal Hopson

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

† Call to Worship Emily Robbins

Liturgist: *Praise the Lord for God's steadfast love.*

People: **We will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Liturgist: *God's steadfast love is established forever,*

People: **God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Liturgist: *Let us praise God for all God's gifts.*

People: **Blessed be God forever!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**From the least of us to the greatest, Lord,
we want to know you.**

**We yearn to follow where you lead us,
and we need your guidance.**

**But even as we listen for your direction,
other voices compete for our attention
with teachings that suit our desires.**

**Holy One,
open our hearts and minds.**

Teach and inspire us in the ways of your salvation.

† 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: I Was Glad C. H. H. Parry

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. (Psalm 122)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Patrick Dunnevant

**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: Luke 18:1-8

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 351: Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior Pass Me Not

Children's Moment

Sermon: Prayer and Justice Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church Bill Miller

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: Weave a Silence Janet Smiley

Weave a silence onto my lips, weave a silence into my mind, weave a silence within my heart. Close my ears to distractions, close my eyes to attractions, close my heart to temptations. Calm me, O Lord, as you stilled the storm. Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm. Let all the tumult within me cease. Fold me, Lord, in your peace.

† 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

Blessing of the Guatemalan Mission Team

(After the blessing, all say together)

**Almighty God, whose love for the whole family of humankind has
been made known to us through Jesus, send your blessing upon
these your servants soon to go forth to join you in mission with the
people of Guatemala. Grant that they be guided and strengthened for
their task; that they be open to new truths and insights from their
hosts, and that they be given good health and traveling mercies; to
the end that your name be glorified in all the earth, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† Hymn: O Thou Who Camest from Above Duke Street

**O Thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
upon the altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.**

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go With Us Lord (All sing) Tallis Canon
**Go with us Lord and guide our way, through this and every coming day.
That in your spirit strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.**

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in C Georg Böhm

*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.*

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

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Byassee and Mr. and Mrs. Clement Howell by their children, Jean Byassee and Jim Howell.

Theodore Meyer Madison, son of Todd and Krissy Madison, was presented for baptism at the early service today. Todd and Krissy also joined the church.

The Call to Worship is adapted from Psalm 89. The Prayer of Confession is adapted Ministry Matters, Worship Elements, by Bill Hoppe.

Cover art: "The Iniquitous Judge and the Persistent Widow" by the Swiss painter, Eugène Bernand, who produced this painting in 1908.

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

Today's Music: The tune, Amsterdam, for our opening hymn, Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above, is from J. A. Freylinghasuen's *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704, a tune book used by Moravians on board ship and in the Georgia colony. Our version of the tune was derived from The Sacred Harp, 1844. It entered our hymnals in the 1857 edition of the *Methodist Hymnal*. (1849)



TRUNK OR TREAT 2022

You're invited to join us on Saturday, October 29 from 4-6 p.m. for our annual Trunk-or-Treat celebration. All are invited to attend. This year's grand event will be a pedestrian-style walkthrough event with traditional trick-or-treating, carnival games, and a bounce house. The event is free of charge and open to the public. BBQ dinners will be available to all guests in McWhirter Hall. Adult BBQ plates are \$10 and kids' plates are \$7. Plates include BBQ pork, two sides, a drink, and a Halloween cookie. All proceeds benefit the church. Parking will be available off the Louise Ave. entrance of the church.

We are still seeking volunteers to host themed trunks, to help with carnival games, and to bring candy donations for this event. Please e-mail Anna Hollingsworth at annahollingsworth@gmail.com if you can help volunteer this year.

WEST END VARIETY SHOW

Calling all members who want their name (and their face) in lights. Or who just want to show "their stuff," on or off the stage. If you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, act, paint/draw/sculpt, do magic, swing a hammer, sew a costume, coiffe a wig, even lip sync a favorite song - WE NEED YOU! Join us for West End's Variety Show on Saturday, November 12 at 3 p.m. We ask that every Sunday School class be represented by an act on-stage or by helping behind the scenes. Send names and description of act/talent, volunteer to help behind the scenes, or to schedule private rehearsal time, please contact John McGuire at 4thstory@westendumc.org.

COUNSELOR-LED GRIEF PROCESSING GROUP

Grief can be a difficult experience to process, especially without support. This grief processing group has been designed to provide a safe and welcoming environment for you to share your grief. The group will be led by Cara Lindell, MA, LPC-MHSP from The Counseling Center at Belle Meade UMC. Group sessions will be held on Monday evenings November 7-December 12 from 6-7 P.M. in Room 322. Register by October 30 at westendumc.org/grief.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT WEST END

Wednesday Nights at West End are back. Take a moment in the middle of your week to fellowship with other believers and encounter God. It starts with Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:15 p.m. Children Choirs and the new Encounter worship service begin at 6:15 p.m. Find out more and RSVP for dinner at westendumc.org/Wednesday.

JOIN A SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

Looking for a way to connect further on Sunday mornings outside of our worship service? We have several welcoming Sunday Morning Classes where you can find community and deepen your spiritual relationship. Visit the Welcome Center or westendumc.org/sundayschool to find out more.

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.

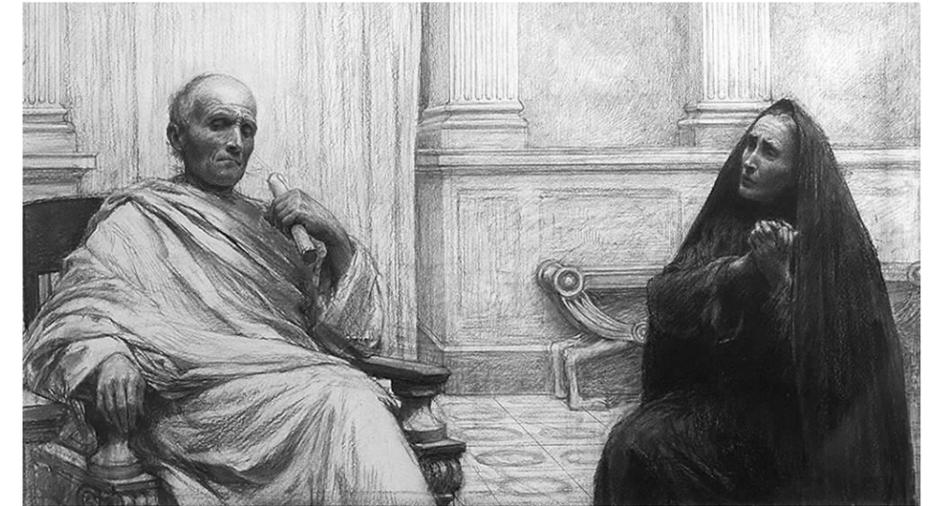


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