

GATHERING

Voluntary: Voluntary in D John Beckwith

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon
*Please take a moment to record your attendance.
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: All That Hath Life and Breath René Clausen

† Processional Hymn No. 88: Maker, in Whom We Live.....Diademata

† Call to Worship.....Maggie Jarrell
Liturgist: Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.
People: **We have come to this place in need of healing and hope.**
Liturgist: Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.
People: **We come here seeking guidance and strength.**
Liturgist: Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.
People: **Open our hearts, spirits, and souls so that we may follow you faithfully.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
O God,
in these perplexing days
we confess that we are tempted to give up
and turn away from the path you would have us go.
Forgive us, we pray.
We ask that you would increase our faith;
that you would enlarge our capacity to forgive;
that you would guide our stumbling feet
in the way that leads to life
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Show Me Thy WaysWalter L. Pelz
Show Me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths; lead me in thy truth and teach me: for thou art God of my salvation. And on thee do I wait all the day. (Psalm 25:4-5)

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 Nora Scott 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, Nora Scott, 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 ResponseNo. 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.....Brandon Rich
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 Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:4-12, 20-25

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

† Hymn 441: What Does the Lord Require.....Sharpthorne

Children's Moment

Sermon: The Heart of It All Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of FaithNo. 883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the ChurchErin Racine

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: My Eternal King.....Jane Marshall
My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear and manifold disgrace. Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord! E'en so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing: solely because thou art my God, and my eternal King.

† 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

† Recessional Hymn No. 384: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Beecher

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Voluntary: "The people respond - Amen!" from *Rubrics*..... Dan Locklair
*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.

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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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Adrian Downing and in honor of Peggy Drumright Downing by their family.

A rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Grace Elinor Culver who was born February 9th in Washington, DC to David and Mary-Morgan Limperis Culver. She is welcomed also by her aunt, Emily Culver Bigelow, cousins Anna and Peter Bigelow, and grandparents, Jim and Nancy Neese Culver.

Nora Scott Shelton, daughter of Ryan and Brittany Shelton, is presented for baptism today.

The Call to Worship is by David LaMotte. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer by Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. in his book, "Prayers and Liturgies of Confession and Assurance."

Bulletin Cover Art: "Moses addressing the Children of Israel in the Wilderness," or "The Parting of the Red Sea," drawn in pencil around 1835, by the Swiss artist, John James Chalon, working in England.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Matt Phelps is organist-director. Andrew Risinger is assisting at the organ.

Today's Music: Our processional hymn, "Maker in Whom We Live," was written by Charles Wesley. It was first published in his *Hymns for those that Seek, and those that Have Redemption*, and entitled "To the Trinity." In 1776, Toplady included it in his *Psalms & Hymns*, and thus brought it into use in the Church of England. It was included unaltered in the *Wesleyan Hymn Book* in 1797 and retained in the revised edition of 1875.

WAYS TO GIVE

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- 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



JAZZ MASS THIS TUESDAY – February 21 at 6:30 p.m.

This festive celebration of Holy Communion is framed in a jazz setting, with a jazz band, a Mardi Gras style processional complete with beads, masks and other Mardi Gras trimmings. Join us in this final celebration for Christians before the Lenten season begins the next day. Childcare is available for children under age 2. This service will also be Livestreamed.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – February 22 - NOON and 6:15 PM

The Jazz Mass on Shrove Tuesday only has meaning within the context of the services that take place on the following day, Ash Wednesday. The contrast between the celebration and excess of Tuesday gives way to the solemnity and restraint of Ash Wednesday. It is in the radically different character of the two days that we discover the meaning of each. If you attend the Jazz Mass, seriously consider attending one of the Ash Wednesday services as well. If you are a regular attender at an Ash Wednesday service, seriously consider participating in the Jazz Mass in preparation to experience the importance of the imposition of ashes that follows the next day.

LENTEN NOON CONCERTS BEGIN FEBRUARY 23

The first of our Thursday noon concerts during Lent begins with a performance by organist, Malcolm Matthews featuring music of Bach, Brahms, Vierne, and Mendelssohn. Each half-hour concert will begin promptly at noon, and admission to all concerts is free. Following the concert, lunch is available at 12:30 p.m. in McWhirter Hall for \$12. Lunch requires reservations. Register online at westendumc.org/lentenconcerts or call the church at 615.321.8500 by noon on Wednesday, one day prior to each concert.

BIBLE THRU THE YEAR LARGE GROUP GATHERING AND POTLUCK

Our first large gathering will be on Sunday, February 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. This first gathering will be a good, old fashioned potluck dinner! The church will provide the meat and drinks, and we ask participants to sign up to bring a salad, side dish or a dessert. Please RSVP at westendumc.org/largegrouppotluck by February 20. If you would rather not participate in the potluck, please RSVP anyway to let us know you'll be there. We want to make sure we have enough space and supplies. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. and the program will begin at 5:30 p.m. Part of our time together will be spent in conversation around our tables, so be sure and bring your thoughts and questions with you. Childcare will be available. Please email Maggie at mjarrell@westendumc.org with names and ages of your children to reserve.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

The West End Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2023 - 2024 academic year. To find out more about criteria and download applications, visit westendumc.org/scholarships.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

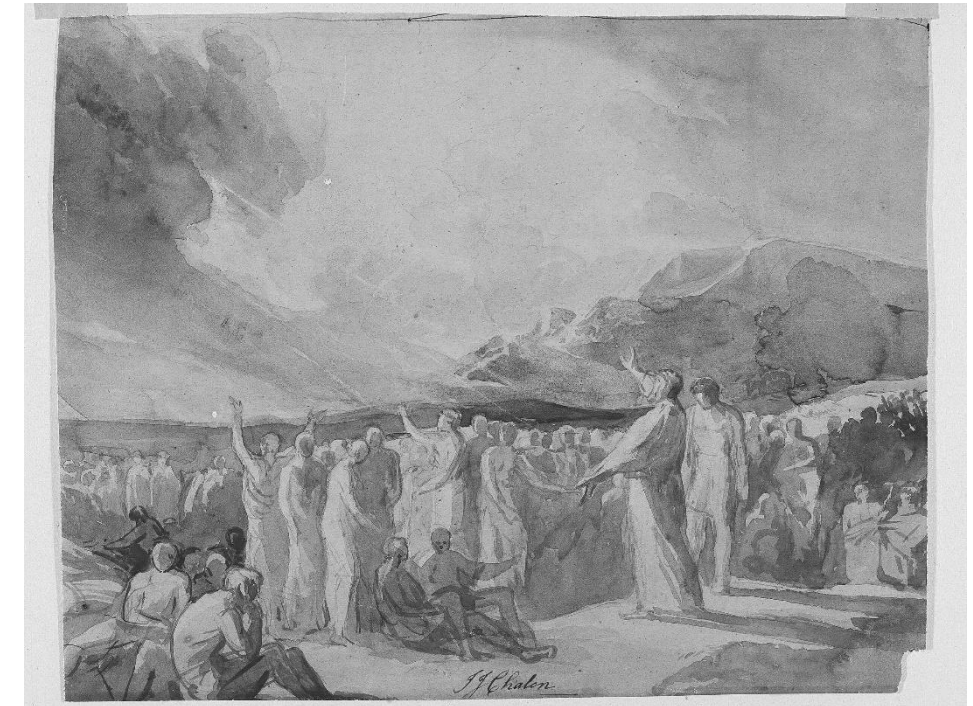
Our Great Day of Service is Saturday, March 4 at The Village at Glenclyff. Visit westendumc.org/gdos to find out more and sign up!

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.

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