

GATHERING

Voluntary: Andante and Andantino in D-flatCésar Franck
(from L’Organiste)

Welcome Emily Robbins
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: Stand Up, Stand Up for JesusWebb, arr. Berry and Valey

† Opening Hymn No. 400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Nettleton

† Call to Worship Ella Peacock
Leader: *Here in this place, there are no foreigners,*
People: **for all are welcome in God’s house.**
Leader: *Come, all who are searching for acceptance or purpose.*
People: **God draws us in and weaves our lives together. Let us gather in the embrace of God and be held.**
Leader: *May our worship today lead us to a place where all of this may be so.*
People: **Whatever we bring, wherever we come from, whatever we hope for, this sacred space can hold it all.**
All: **Beloveds, let us worship God.**

† Call to Confession.....Emerson Baxter

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Lord, we have the tendency to wander in the confusion of our own creating.
Many times, we have thought only of our own wants and desires and ignored the needs of others.
Help us to understand the commandments to love you with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind.
Help us to reorder our priorities.
Renew our hearts in worship,
our minds in wisdom,
and our hands in service.
Let us care for our neighbors both near and far.
Bring us back to your loving light.

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

Liturgist: *In the midst of our darkness and ignorance, the bright light of God’s love shines through, healing our souls.*
Go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world.
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.....Maggie Harrell

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.**

Voluntary: I Know That My Redeemer Lives.....arr. Berry and Valey

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination..... Connor Harris
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: Ruth 1:1-18

Response to the Lesson

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

Anthem: Ubi Caritas.....Michael John Trotta

Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another (sung in Latin).

Children’s MomentLochlan Cook and Mary Peacock

Sermon: Draw the Circle Wide Trip Cook and Anna Bigelow

† Affirmation of Faith..... 2023 Senior Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, who is the Almighty One, the maker of heaven and earth. God is both seen and unseen; manifested in all.
We believe God is the One who continues to nurture and support us in all circumstances.

We believe in Jesus, God who came in the form of a human to understand all that we experience.

We believe Jesus is the Savior of men and women who offers all we need through his life, death and resurrection. Jesus is our mentor and guide; the one who shows us how we are to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We believe Jesus is our hero who loves us unconditionally.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the presence of God on earth in our minds and hearts who offers calm and comfort to our lives.

We believe the Holy Spirit has the power to guide our thoughts and actions. As followers of Jesus, we believe the Holy Spirit helps us spread the Gospel to others.

We believe in the Church, a community of people who believe in Jesus Christ.

We believe the Church is a place where people experience peace, worship God, and participate in the sacraments. The Church is a place where we learn about God and Jesus so that we can serve and care for others with love.

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Harper Barnes

Salutation

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

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.

Call for the Offering..... Aidan Harris

Offertory: Draw the Circle Wide.....Mark Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. No one stands alone, we’ll stand side by side. Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song, no one stands alone standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.

† 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

† Closing Hymn No. 378: Amazing Grace.....Amazing Grace

† Thank YouMolly Borneman

† Benediction..... Noah Phelps

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune.....Charles Callahan

† *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.

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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 to the glory of God and to honor the pastoral staff, church staff and lay leaders who offer their time and talents to strengthen and uphold our church community by Vicky Clayton.

William Joseph Marigza-Yeo, son of Robert and Jayme Marigza-Yeo, was presented for baptism today at the 8:45 service.

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Youth Ministry Director - Emily Robbins

Bulletin Cover Art: "Draw the Circle Wide" was created by Anne Renouf, an artist, art educator and writer in Peterborough County, Ontario. (S)he explores concepts in art and spirituality...drawing inspiration from 90 acres of cedar and maple woods, fields and wetlands.

Music Participants: The Youth Vocal Ensemble, Matthew Phelps and Sarah Sharp, directors. The Youth Bell Choir, Andie Smith director. Matthew Phelps is organist today.

Today's Music: In 1752, a young Robert Robinson attended an evangelical meeting to heckle the believers and make fun of the proceedings. Instead, he listened in awe to the words of the great preacher George Whitefield, and in 1755, at the age of twenty, Robinson responded to the call he felt three years earlier and became a Christian. Another three years later, when preparing a sermon for his church in Norfolk, England, he penned the words that have become one of the church's most-loved hymns: "Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace."

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.



Last College Lunch of the Semester

Join students from across Nashville for lunch (our treat)! This week we will celebrate the end of the semester with a Nashville favorite, Swett's Restaurant! Meet in Nancy in the Narthex after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Opportunities for Advocacy Today in the Gym

We have a few opportunities available to for you to live out your call as a United Methodist to support social justice. First, we have an opportunity for you to write community leaders and let them know your support for gun reform. There is also a chance for you to join with other church members to sign letters in support of Creation Care to legislators. Finally, members of West End's NOAH core team (Nashville Organized for Action and Hope) are having a *Snack and Chat* to listen to what concerns you have about Nashville and beyond and to bring to the NOAH Issues Convention, which will set NOAH'S priorities for the next four years. Head down to our gym and take advantage of these opportunities!

Bible Thru the Year - Large Group Gathering

Our second large gathering for our Bible Thru the Year will be on Sunday, April 30, from 5 - 7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. We will have a baked potato and salad bar for this gathering. *Please RSVP at westendumc.org/largergroupgathering by April 24 to let us know if you would like to eat or if you will just be participating in the Bible Study.* We will gather at 5 p.m. to eat, 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.

It's Time for Habitat

We are resuming our Habitat build from last fall! We will be working, once more, on building walls for Habitat houses starting on April 29th. All shifts are from 7 - 3:30 PM. Sign up at westendumc.org/habitat.

The History of our Sanctuary Windows

As part of our year-long celebration of our church's 150th Anniversary, join us on Sunday, May 7 for Lunch and Learn with Heath Jones to learn about the history and meaning in our beautiful sanctuary stained-glass windows. We will gather in the Theater for a time of lunch together before Heath leads us in a presentation about our windows. After we learn about the families represented in the windows, the meanings of symbols chosen and more, we will tour the Sanctuary to see the windows up close and in person in a whole new light. Lunch is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. *Please RSVP at westendumc.org/lunchandlearn to let us know you will be attending and eating lunch with us.*

The Sanctuary Choir Presents Choral Evensong

The Sanctuary Choir will sing a service of choral evensong here in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 7 at 4 p.m. The service, mostly sung by the choir, draws upon a rich inheritance of music composed for the express purpose of evensong. The language and music can speak to us of God in a rich and diverse way and allow us to forget the ceaseless activity of daily life and be still. Led by conductor, Andrew Risinger and organist, Malcolm Matthews, the service will include music of Joseph Barnby, Herbert Howells, Paul Spicer, and Charles Wood. We invite everyone to join us for this service of prayers both sung and spoken.

Called Charge Conference

There will be a brief called Charge Conference on Tuesday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the beginning of the monthly Ministry Table meeting. The Charge Conference will be voting to approve adjusted clergy salaries. All are welcome to attend in Room 310 or by Zoom. If you would like the Zoom link, please contact Julie Catterton at jcatterton@westendumc.org.

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Third Sunday of Easter

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