

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
AUGUST 27, 2023 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Lied Louis Vierne

Welcome..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

*Please take a moment to let us know you are here today by either filling out the attendance form in the pew or by visiting westendumc.org/attendance.
If you are a first-time guest with us today, please share a way to connect so that we can share more information about West End UMC with you!*

Introit: O Let Us Praise Thee.....Richard Farrant

† Processional Hymn No. 545: The Church’s One Foundation..... Aurelia

† Call to WorshipStacey Harwell-Dye

Liturgist: Today we celebrate, O Lord, our acceptance into your family!

People: You offer grace and love without boundaries!

Liturgist: Today, we commit ourselves to the work of redemption you have already begun!

People: May our worship of you mold our hearts to be more like you!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession **(in unison)**

**O God,
from your providing hand, even the dissatisfied and grumbling
receive what they need for their lives.**

**We recognize that, at times, our understanding of justice
is steeped in judgment and punishment instead of grace and
reconciliation.**

**Teach us *your* way of justice and lead us to practice your
generosity so that we may live lives worthy of the gospel
made known through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

† 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 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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: Will you nurture one another in 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 so that she may grow in service with others. We will pray for her 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 Elizabeth Parrish 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, Elizabeth Parrish, 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 Response No. 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 Robb Bigelow

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 20:1-16

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Sermon: From Grumbling to Gratitude Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of FaithNo. 883

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made Flesh, to reconcile
and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns of the ChurchShannon Baxter

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: How Firm a Foundationarr. Dan Forrest

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled? “Fear not, I am with thee O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid; I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the river of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee thy trials to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

(“K” in Rippon’s *Selection of Hymns*, 1787)

† 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

Welcoming of New Members

Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: Family of God, Chris Dean and Shayla Soriano are now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

People: We give thanks for all that God has already give you 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.

† Recessional Hymn: O Saviour, Let Me Walk with Thee Maryton

**O Savior, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me
bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me thy patience, still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong;**

**In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future’s broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Savior, let me live.**

† 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: Fugue in G, “Gigue,” BWV577..... J. S. Bach

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

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

* *TFWS—The Faith We Sing (Pew Edition)*

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

*The altar flowers are given by Steve Hyman and Mark Lee Taylor
in memory of their mothers, Ruth Hyman and Virginia Taylor.*

*Elizabeth Parrish Stevens, daughter of Abby and Mark Stevens,
is presented for baptism.*

*Today’s liturgy was adapted by Shannon Baxter from Vanderbilt Divinity
Library Revised Common Lectionary resources.*

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director, Organist
Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Today’s Music

In the mid-nineteenth century, Bishop John William Colenso of Natal raised a ruckus in the Catholic Church by challenging the historicity and authority of many of the Old Testament books. Bishop Gray of Capetown wrote a stirring response of defense, which, in 1866, inspired Samuel Stone, to write “The Church’s One Foundation,” basing his text on Article 9 of the Apostle’s Creed: “The Holy Catholic (Universal) Church; the Communion of Saints; He is the Head of this Body.”

Bulletin Cover Art

“Red Vineyards at Arles” was created in 1888 by the famous Dutch artist, Vincent van Gogh. This was among around 860 oil paintings created by van Gogh in the last two years of his life and bears the brush strokes that make his art very identifiable.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, 27 August

8:45 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
8:45 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 a	Children's Sunday School	4th FL Classrooms
9:45 a	Grigg Small Group - BTTY	LL 2
9:45 a	Summer Sunday School	4th Story Theater
11:00 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
11:00 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 p	OEF Kickoff	McWhirter Hall
5:00 p	Youth Group	Youth Center
6:00 p	Harrell Small Group - BTTY	310

Monday, 28 August

10:00 a	Sunny Day Club	McWhirter Hall
5:30 p	Carroll Small Group - BTTY	306

Tuesday, 29 August

7:30 a	Morning Bible Study	310
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Wednesday, 30 August

5:00 p	Mitchell Small Group - BTTY	305
6:00 p	Children's Choir Rehearsal	408
7:30 p	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

Thursday, 31 August

7:00 p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
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Saturday, 02 September

All Day	Parking Lot Fundraiser	
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WEST END STAFF

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....*Senior Pastor*
Rev. Will McLeane.....*Pastor of Spiritual Formation*
Rev. Maggie Jarrell.....*Pastor of Children & Families*
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye.....
.....*Pastor of Missions & Outreach*
Rev. Shannon Baxter.....
.....*Pastor of Congregational Connection*
Rev. Aimee Baxter.....*Pastor of Young Adults*
Molly Borneman.....*Pastoral Fellow*
Matthew Phelps.....*Minister of Music*
Andrew Risinger.....*Associate Minister of Music*
Emily C. Robbins.....*Minister of Youth*
Melanie Paulson.....*Director, HR & Operations*
Shelley Kuhlmeier.....*Communications Director*
Lazaro Kapella.....*Church Financial Officer*

Jim Raver.....*Property Operations Manager*
Corye Nelson.....*Preschool Executive Director*
Christina Shoptaw.....*Preschool Operations Manager*
Cheryl Reeves.....*Preschool Curriculum Coordinator*
Karina Gurgenidze.....*Childcare Coordinator*
Cindy Siemer.....*Senior Administrative Assistant*
Julie Catterton.....*Assistant to Senior Pastor*
Andrew Callis.....*Administrative Assistant*
Tosha Jackson.....*Receptionist*
Devon Bardo.....*Receptionist*
Chase Bencin.....*Media Coordinator*
Cin Tuang.....*Media Assistant*
Bob Hilton.....*Building Engineer*
Richard Thomas.....*Custodian*
Bethany DiSantis.....*Music Intern*

A WARM WELCOME TO WEST END

Welcome to West End United Methodist Church! 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!

Scan this QR Code or visit westendumc.org/links to register your attendance with us, find out more about our Sunday Morning Classes, sign up for our weekly email, and learn more about the different ways to give at West End.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Prayer Requests:** College students beginning classes, Jonathan Garlit and Lucas Litrell, Jane Weaver, Carol McSwiney, Jewell McGhee-Rader, Lois Rober-son and Tennessee Special Legislative Session

If you have an emergency and need to contact one of the Pastors after hours, please call 615.321.8500, Ext. 8853. The Pastor on Call for August 20th-26th will be Rev. Shannon Baxter.

To submit a prayer request, Visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

West End UMC announces a Request for Qualifications from artists for the commissioning of new work that offers diverse perspectives and understandings of God and the people of God, both historically and today, for the church's art collection. Artists must be local to the Nashville area. Black, Indigenous, People of Color and LGTBQ+ artists are especially encouraged to submit their portfolios. The deadline to submit your portfolio for consideration is August 31st at 11:59 p.m. Award details and submission instructions are available at westendumc.org/art-inclusion.

DON'T MISS OUR CHURCH-WIDE FALL RETREAT!

We are having a church-wide Fall Retreat at Beersheba Springs Assembly this September 15-17. Don't miss this intergenerational time of study, fellowship and fun. Space is limited, so register now at westendumc.org/fallretreat23.

'CHAT AND CHEW' STARTS TODAY

Welcome back, college students! Join Pastor Aimee after the 11 a.m. service each week for free lunch at a nearby restaurant beginning today, August 27th! Meet in the back of the sanctuary to find out where we're going. All undergraduate and graduate students are invited to attend! Contact Pastor Aimee at abaxter@westendumc.org with questions.

OEF KICKOFF THIS AFTERNOON

All 4th, 5th and 6th graders are invited to join us for Older Elementary Fellowship (OEF) this year! We meet monthly during the school year for different fun activities and service projects. Kids AND parents are invited to join us for the kickoff event from 5-7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall this afternoon. The plan will be to have a snack supper followed by some games and the planning of our other activities for the rest of the year.

FALL MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you have been a part of West End UMC recently and would like to make it your church home, join us for our Fall Membership Class! This will be a four-week session that meets on the first floor in McWhirter Hall at 9:45 am starting September 24. Each week we will take a look at the five membership vows all United Methodists commit to upon joining: to faithfully serve Christ by your Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. We will also discuss some specifics of United Methodism doctrine and history. After attending at least three of the four sessions, participants will be invited to join the church at either worship service on Sunday, September 29th (or another fourth Sunday later in the year). Register now at westendumc.org/membership.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SURVEY

Our Youth and Children's ministries are conducting a survey for parents and volunteers as we enter a season of discovery and discernment together. We hope to hear from everyone, especially families we have not see in a while. Scan this QR code to access the survey and fill it out by Labor Day. Thank you!



Scan me!

THE ART OF BELONGING - WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND FORMATION

Join us on Wednesday nights starting September 6 in McWhirter Hall for a catered meal and time of formation around the table. Dinner will be served starting at 5:30 p.m., and from 6:15-7 p.m., Rev. Will McLeane will guide us in a four-week class, "The Art of Belonging." The class will only be offered in-person on Wednesday nights, but you need not come to dinner to attend the class. For those who would like to register for a catered meal or attendance in the class, please visit westendumc.org/wednesdays.

HABITAT DEDICATION TODAY

The Habitat for Humanity Dedication for our 2022-2023 home owner Philonda is TODAY, August 27 at 2:30 p.m. All are invited to congratulate Philonda on her new home and celebrate the end of a very long build season. Parking is available at Bass Street Missionary Baptist Church for this celebration.

IT'S TIME FOR HABITAT 2023

Our Fall 2023 Habitat Build is here! We will need people to help bring snacks, breakfasts, waters, and lunches as well as volunteer to build. Right now our dates for meals are Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7 and our dates for building are October 7 and October 21. If you are interested in helping with food needs, please email Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye at sharwelldye@westendumc.org and keep an eye out for the sign up link!

REGIONAL MISSION TRIP TO SAGER BROWN

We are going to the UMCOR Sager Brown depot in Baldwin, Louisiana April 13-20! We'd love for you to come with us as we serve the community and bring down our hygiene kits, cleaning kits, and menstruation kits we've made this year. We'll assist at the depot, do projects around town, and learn about our connectional response to disasters around the globe through the good work of UMCOR. Register at westendumc.org/sagerbrown.

ADULT AND YOUTH SENSORY BAGS

We have sensory bags at each sanctuary entrance for adults and youth. If this is a need of yours, feel free to grab a bag and return it to the cart at the end of the service. Our intention is to make our service welcoming for all individuals.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



**KATIE
ALLGOOD**



**MOLLY
BORNEMAN**



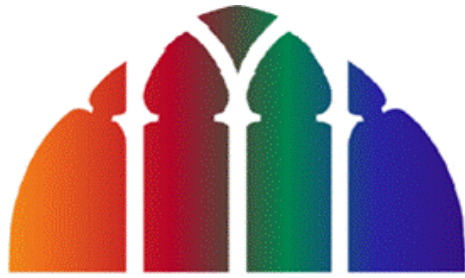
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