



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude, Fugue, and VariationCésar Franck

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: Come, and Let Us Sweetly JoinOrlando Gibbons

† Processional Hymn No. 181: Ye Servants of God.....Hanover

† Call to Worship Will McLeane

Liturgist: God, the amazing things you do in the world

People: show your love for all people.

Liturgist: Open our eyes to those who need your healing touch,

People: and may we be people who offer comfort and compassion.

Liturgist: We glorify your name this day

People: and celebrate your presence among us!

† Call to Confession

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

† 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 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 of New Members

Liturgist: Members of the household of God, I commend Charlie May 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, Charlie May, and we welcome you in Christian love.

Liturgist: Family of God, Ellie and John 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 given 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.

† 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 Will Howerton

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 7:1-17

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Bible Presentation

*Liturgist: Receive the Word of God.
Learn its stories and study its words.
Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all.
They tell us of God's love.
They tell us who we are.
They tell us that we belong to one another,
for we are the people of God.*

Congregational Blessing (in unison)

**Holy God,
we thank you for each of these children before us.
We rejoice in this step in their faith journey.
We love them and we ask your blessing on them and the adults
who care for them.
Lord, may they all experience your love as they discover together
the stories of scripture.
We pray that the stories will light up their paths and help them
grow to be the people you created them to be.
We ask that your Word would live in their hearts all their days.
Amen.**

Sermon: Healing Power..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith No. 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 Church..... Emily Robbins

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: Sing We Merrily unto God Our Strength Sidney Campbell

Sing we merrily unto God our strength;
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret,
the merry harp with the lute.
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,
ev'n in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day.
For this was made a statute for Israel
and a law of the God of Jacob.
Alleluia.
(Psalm 81:1-4)

† 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. 369: Blessed Assurance Assurance

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Taizé Alleluia Jacques Berthier

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Voluntary: Fugue in G Major, BWV 541..... 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)*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and to bless the memory
of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hughes Dobson III, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warthen
Smith, and Matthew Hughes Dobson IV by their family.*

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Charlie May Chamberlin, daughter of Ellie and John Chamberlin, is presented for baptism. Additionally, Ellie and John are becoming the newest members of the West End UMC congregation.

Today's Call to Worship was written by Maggie Jarrell. The Prayer of Confession was reprinted from the United Methodist Hymnal No. 890.

Music Participants

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

Today's Music

Ira Sankey, a good friend of hymn author Fanny Crosby, once related this story about the comfort "Blessed Assurance" provides: "During the recent war in the Transvaal," said a gentleman at my meeting in Exeter Hall, London, in 1900, "when the soldiers going to the front were passing another company whom they recognized, their greetings used to be, "Four-nine-four, boys; four-nine-four;" and the salute would invariably be answered with "Six further on, boys; six further on." The significance of this was that, in "Sacred Songs and Solos," a number of copies of the small edition of which had been sent to the front, number 494 was "God be with you till we meet again"; and six further on than 494, or number 500, was "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine" (*My Life and Sacred Songs*, 69. Taizé Alleluia, copyright 1984 *Les Presses de Taizé* (France), administered by GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted with permission, Onelicense.net #718007.

Bulletin Cover Art

"The Resurrection of the Son of the Widow of Nain," one of a number of paintings in his "The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ" series by prolific French artist, James Jacques Tissot (1836-1902). This painting was purchased by The Brooklyn Museum from Tissot in 1902 and is still housed there.

Today's Bible Recipients, Preschool

Jolene Adams, Ellie Akins, Evie Clare Dale, Dax Darling, Patrick Egan, Elliot Ferguson, Jack Garrison, James Hardisty, Ellie Luna Hazlewood, Remi Kennedy, George Long, Annie McCleane, Maggie McNamee, Mae Mobley, Will Moore, Charlie Morrison, Penelope Page, Hunter Perdue, Everett Phillips, Virginia Schneeweiss Paul Smith, Wright Stevens, Teddy Walker, Charlotte Walton, Genevieve Weiss, Matheson Ziegler, and Liam Ziegler

Today's Bible Recipients, 3rd Grade

Henry Anderson, Asa Baxter, Henry Garrison, Sarah Scott Hollett, William Howerton, Austin McCord, Virginia McMillan, William Reynolds, Watson Ward, and Valla Wilson

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 10th

8:45 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
8:45 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 a	Bible Sunday Reception	McWhirter Hall
9:45 a	Children's Sunday School	
9:45 a	Grigg Small Group - BTTY	LL 2
9:45 a	Sunday School	
11:00 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
11:00 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 p	Chat and Chew	
3:00 p	Tolstories	4th Story Theater
5:00 p	Youth Group	Youth Center
6:00 p	Harrell Small Group - BTTY	310

Tuesday, September 11th

7:30 a	Morning Bible Study	310
1:30 p	Creative Hands	305

Wednesday, September 12th

5:00 p	Mitchell Small Group - BTTY	305
5:30 p	Ministry Table	310
5:30 p	The Art of Belonging	McWhirter Hall
6:15 p	Children's Choir Rehearsal	4th Floor
7:30 p	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

Thursday, September 13th

7:00 p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
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WEST END UMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-DillonSenior 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
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Andrew Risinger Associate Minister of Music
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Cin Tuang Media Assistant
Bob Hilton.....Building Engineer
Richard Thomas Custodian
Tammy Wilborn.....Congregational Connection Intern
Nico Zavala 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

♦ **Sympathies** - Our friend Donald Stennis recently passed away. There will be a small graveside service of remembrance of Donald at Hills of Calvary on September 11 at 3 p.m.

♦ **Prayer Requests** - Dean McIntyre, Crystal Vines, Laura Bethal, Jonathan Wiltsie, Jewel McGhee-Rader, Don Pierce and Margaret Werts.

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 September 11rd - 17th will be Rev. Maggie Jarrell.

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

THE ART OF BELONGING - WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND FORMATION IN SEPTEMBER

Join us on Wednesday night this week in McWhirtner 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, but you need not come to dinner to attend the class. However, we need meal reservations by noon on Tuesday. Visit westendumc.org/wednesdays to reserve your meal or let us know your interest in the class.

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 24th. Find out more or register now at westendumc.org/membership.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK STUDY

The Young Adult group will be studying The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis this Fall on Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30 in Room 317. Contact Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org for more information.

SEPTEMBER'S COMMUNION OFFERING FOR CAMPUS MINISTRIES

This month's communion offering benefits the United Methodist campus ministries on Belmont, Vanderbilt, Fisk, and TSU's campuses. These spaces are where students can connect with one another and deepen their faith or encounter Jesus for the first time. Conversation, food, fellowship, missions, and ministry happen in unique ways on college campuses. Give generously so we can give excellent financial support to these four important campus ministries.

IT'S TIME FOR HABITAT 2023

Our Fall 2023 Habitat Build is here! We 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 6th and Saturday, October 7th and our dates for building are October 7th and October 21st. 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 13-20th! We'd love for you to come with us as we serve the community and bring down the 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 connective response to disasters around the globe through UMCOR. Register at westendumc.org/sagerbrown.

'CHAT AND CHEW' LUNCH FOR COLLEGE AND GRAD STUDENTS

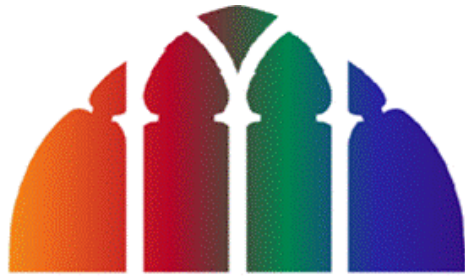
Welcome back, college students! Join Pastor Aimee after the 11 a.m. service each week for free lunch at a nearby restaurant. Meet in the back of the sanctuary to find out where we're going. All undergraduate and graduate students are invited to attend! Contact Pastor Aimee at abaxter@westendumc.org with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

COLLEGE NIGHT AT THE NASHVILLE SOUNDS

We're headed to the ballpark on Saturday, September 23 at 6:35p.m. and would love for all undergrad and graduate students to attend with us! If you would like to go, please let Aimee Baxter know by September 13 at abaxter@westendumc.org.

CARING FOR THOSE WITH DEMENTIA IS A FULL TIME JOB, AND WE WANT TO HELP

The West End UMC Sunny Day Club provides respite for caregivers while providing love, support and care to those with early stage dementia. We meet at the church every Monday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. providing chair exercises, musical entertainment, games, craft projects and visits from therapy dogs. Participants in the Sunny Day Club are NOT required to be members of West End Methodist Church. For more information, contact Rev. Shannon Baxter at sbaxter@westendumc.org or 615.321.8500. Check us out on Facebook at facebook.com/sunnydaywestendumc.



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