



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
OCTOBER 15, 2023 AT TEN O'CLOCK
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: What a Fellowship, What a Joy DivineAnthony Showalter
arr. Susan Berry and Janet Van Valey

O God Our Help in Ages Past St. Anne
arr. Kevin McChesney

Fantasy on All Creatures of Our God and King Sandra Eithun

Sweet Hour of PrayerKevin McChesney

How Firm a Foundation..... Linda Lamb

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 Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord Hal Hopson

† Hymn *TFWS No. 2009: O God Beyond All Praising.....Thaxted

† Call to Worship Will McLeane

One: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

All: O come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come together to remember God's faithfulness in the past, to receive God's grace in the present, and to seek God's hope for the future.

All: For we are God's people, and all are welcome here!

† Prayer of Consecration

One: Dearly beloved, as we learn from the Holy Scriptures, it is meet and right that houses erected for the worship of God should be set apart for God's service. We are, therefore, now assembled for the purpose of consecrating this church to the worship and service of Almighty God.

All: We consecrate this church to the fellowship of praise, to the preaching of God's Word, and to the administration of the Sacraments. We consecrate this church to the help of the oppressed, to the comfort of the sorrowful, and to the consolation of the dying;

One: to the edification of the faithful and to the persuasion of those who have not yet believed; to the sanctifying of the life that now is; and, to proclaiming the reality of life eternal.

All: We consecrate this church to plead the cause of righteousness and justice and kinship; to lift up our voice against all human wrong.

One: We consecrate and set apart this church as a house of praise and prayer.

All: Let all who enter these portals come into the courts of the Lord with reverence to the praise and glory of God.

† Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: 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.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationDavis Turner

**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 New TestamentPhilippians 1:1-11

Response to the Lesson

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune Ralph Vaughan Williams

Text can be found in Hymnal No. 75

Children's Moment

Sermon: A God Ever Faithful Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Apostles' Creed, No. 881.....Shannon Baxter

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of Recommitment and Renewal

Hymn No. 546: The Church's One Foundation..... Aurelia

Verse 1

**The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us
that we might ever be
his living servant people,
by his own death set free.**

Our Foundation.....Shannon Baxter

Bill Miller

*One: For the ways this church building, our beautiful sanctuary
and stained glass windows built through the faithfulness of
previous generations, allows us to worship you in spirit and
in truth, inspiring us and comforting us,*

All: We praise and give you thanks, O God.

*One: For this generous community of faith, filled with people of
all ages and walks of life who help us on our journeys of
faith in forgiveness, spiritual growth, and healing,*

All: We praise and give you thanks, O God.

*One: For the ministries of mercy and justice that are an integral
part of who we are and how we hope to live in the world,*

All: We praise and give you thanks, O God.

*One: For the wide, wide welcome and inclusion of all your
children, for the firm belief that "God loves everyone
unconditionally," and for the willingness to provide a safe
space for all people,*

All: We praise and give you thanks, O God.

Verse 2

**Called forth from every nation,
yet one o’er all the earth;
our charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing
and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing,
by Christ’s own spirit led.**

Verse 3

**Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees us oppressed.
By schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed
(please stand)
yet saints their watch are keeping.
Their cry goes up “How long?”
But soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

Our ConfessionStacey Harwell-Dye
Emily Dougherty

One: Today we remember and acknowledge the ways we have forsaken your call to be the church. Though we are consecrated to “plead the cause of righteousness and justice and kinship,” we remember with lament the people who originally walked this land upon which the foundation of this building rests: the Yuchi, the Cherokee, the Shawnee. Where we have failed to remember,
All: Lord, have mercy.
One: Though we are called to “the help of the oppressed,” we remember how the church was founded as part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a denomination formed in 1844 to uphold the sinful enslaving of people. We remember all those who worked to build this building but to whom the doors were not fully open. Where we have benefited from their labors and that of others,
All: Christ, have mercy.
One: Though we are consecrated to be “a fellowship of praise” and “a house of prayer,” we have at times experienced division and conflict. We have not always been faithful in practices of prayer or holy listening to the Spirit and to one another. Where we have failed to be faithful,
All: Lord, have mercy.
One: Though we are consecrated to “lift up our voice against all human wrong,” we remember how at times we remained silent and did not stand up for the oppressed in the streets or in the halls of power. Where we have failed to speak up,
All: Christ, have mercy.

† Our Proclamation Carol Cavin-Dillon
Nick Deitman

One: In remembrance of our past, in the fullness of our present, and in hope for our future in Christ, we reaffirm both our rejection of sin and our commitment to Christ.
All: We commit to you and our neighbor, O God.
One: We accept the freedom and power you have given us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.
All: We commit to you and our neighbor, O God.
One: We renew our dedication to the practices of prayer, presence, giving, serving, and bearing witness so that you may continue to transform us into the likeness of Christ.
All: We commit to you and our neighbor, O God.
One: We renew our dedication to strive for justice and peace in your world, affirming your unconditional love for all people, so that the loving light of Christ may shine ever more brightly in and through this congregation.
All: We commit to you and our neighbor, O God.

Verse 4

**Mid toil and tribulation
and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

† Our Going Forth..... Will McLeane
Savannah Bakker

One: God's presence sustained us in the past.

All: We go in your name, O God.

One: God's mercy and faithfulness encourage us today.

All: We go in your name, O God.

*One: God's love propels us to go and share with our neighbors the
loving light of Christ that we have experienced throughout
the generations.*

All: We go in your name, O God.

*One: God's Spirit sends us out into the world to live as
one body, in one spirit, and with one witness.*

All: We go in your name, O God.

Verse 5

**We now on earth have union
with God the Three in One
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.**

† 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: Open Thou My Eyes..... John Rutter

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see:
incline my heart and I shall desire:
order my steps and I shall walk
in the ways of thy commandments.
O Lord God, be thou to me a God
and beside thee let there be none else,
no other, nought else with thee.
Vouchsafe to me to worship thee
and serve thee according to thy commandments,
in truth of spirit, in reverence of body,
in blessing of lips, in private and public.
(Lancelot Andrewes)

† 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

Special Welcome and Recognitions..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Hymn *TFWS No. 2221: In Unity We Lift Our Song Ein Feste Burg

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Bind Us Together..... Bind Us Together

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
Lord, bind us together in love.**

Voluntary: Carillon-Sortie Henry Mulet

*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 were donated in loving memory of family members who have loved and worshiped at West End by Paul and Mary Stumb, including Paul A Stumb, Jessie Rust Stumb, Susan Cheairs Hughes, Tillman Cavert, Florence Peterson Cavert, Paul R Stumb, Grace Cavert Stumb, Thomas W Schlater, Mary Hughes Schlater Rose, Florence Cavert Smith, Harris Shull Sr., Margaret Cavert Shull, Peterson Cavert, Thomas W Schlater Jr., and Paul Stumb V.

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Reverend Maggie Jarrell

Reverend Stacey Harwell-Dye

Reverend Aimee Baxter

Pastoral Fellow Molly Borneman

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Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs

Matthew Phelps and Andrew Risinger - Directors

Patricia Cullum - Soprano soloist

Descant to *O God Beyond All Praising* written by Ben Troxler

Joy Ringers

Matthew Phelps - Director

Youth Vocal Ensemble, Chapel, and Asbury Choirs

Matthew Phelps, Andrew Risinger, Emma Jackson, and Bethany DiSantis -
Directors

Youth Bell Choir

Andie Smith - Director

WEST END STAFF

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Rev. Maggie Jarrell.....Pastor of Children & Families

Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye.....
.....Pastor of Mercy & Justice Ministries

Rev. Shannon Baxter.....
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150th Birthday Bash

Sunday, October 15, 2023



On October 15, 1873, a new congregation called West End Methodist Church gathered to worship for the first time.

One hundred fifty years later, we will gather to worship and celebrate 150 years of ministry in Nashville and beyond.

Join us today as we celebrate West End UMC's 150th Birthday!

CELEBRATION ON THE GROUNDS ♦ 2-4 P.M.

Cake Cutting and refreshments // West Lawn // 2:15 p.m.

Missions Partner Fair // Gym

History and Archives Display // Reed Hall

West End Swag, including brass ornaments and Hatch Show prints // Cloister Garden

Fun and Games for Kids and Families // Parking Lot

Portraits by Helen Burris // Sanctuary Doors on West Lawn

Community Art Project // Parking Lot

150th Video Release // Bishops Parlor

HYMN FESTIVAL FEATURING

GUEST CONDUCTOR ANTON ARMSTRONG ♦ 4 P.M.

Join Chancel and Sanctuary Choir with Guest Conductor Anton Armstrong in a festival of scripture, hymns, and choral music celebrating the 150th anniversary of the church at 4 p.m. in our historic Sanctuary.

YOUTH SMALL GROUPS ♦ 5-7 P.M.

Our students in grades 7-12 will finish out the celebrations with Small Groups.

They will meet in the Youth Center on the 3rd floor from 5-7 p.m. to share a meal, play games, and then split into our small groups. We hope to see you there!

150th CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS AND HATCH SHOW PRINTS

We have some exciting merch to commemorate our 150th anniversary that you are not going to want to miss! There is a lovely brass Christmas tree ornament that features parts of the West End stained glass, logo, and architecture. We also partnered with Hatch Show Print to create a beautiful, one of a kind poster. Visit the merch table in the Cloister Garden from 2:30 - 4 p.m. to get your ornaments and posters, along with our 150th tote bags and stickers! All proceeds from sales will be used to purchase coats and shoes for the West End Clothing Closet!

OVERFLOW PARKING INFORMATION

We anticipate large crowds today and parking will be limited in our on-site lot. If you are able, please utilize the Caterpillar Financial Parking Garage free of charge. For directions, visit westendumc.org/parking.

WE WANT TO SEE YOUR PICTURES FROM THE DAY

After all the planning and preparation, the celebration is finally here and we want to see your pictures from today! Share your snapshots on social media using the hashtag #WESTEND150 and also, email your photos to skuhlmeier@westendumc.org.

GREETINGS FROM FORMER WEST END UMC CLERGY

A century and a half--what a remarkable milestone to celebrate together! In these anxious times when so many churches are uncertain about their future, it is wonderful to be able to reflect together on how God has guided the church for 150 years of ministry and at the same time to be able to rededicate yourselves to continuing your witness and service to this vibrant city. West End UMC is richly blessed with many gifts--a stately building, a strategic location, abundant resources and, above all, remarkably gifted and faithful people. I am deeply grateful that I had the privilege to be in ministry with you for eight years and rejoice with you that God's grace and power will continue to guide you as you reflect the loving light of Christ in this community.

Rev. Tom Laney
Senior Pastor, 1999 - 2007

Greetings to our dear friends at West End UMC, We send our warmest regards to you from Texas where we moved to be closer to our son, daughter, and grandsons. Please know that we will rejoice with you in Spirit on October 15th, as you celebrate 150 years of faithful ministry and witness. With warmest greetings in Christ, Gayle and David Watson

Rev. David Lowes-Watson
Senior Pastor, 2007-2010

West End has been a blessing for many, and I stand as one who was blessed. I am grateful for the ministry and the relationships, and the role it has played in my life. Blessings to each of you, as you move towards the next 150 years!

Arelene Hewitt
Associate Pastor, 1998-2003

Happy Birthday West End UMC! I'm grateful for the four years four I served at West End and wish I could be there to celebrate this milestone with you!

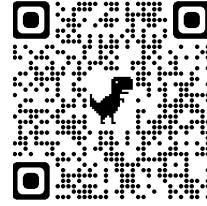
Rev. Lisa Gwock
Previous Pastor of Missions and Outreach

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** - Dean and Karen McIntyre, John and Emily Townes, John Howell, Jr., Corrina Hodges, Virginia Dean, Raj Prasad.

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 October 16-22 will be Rev. Maggie Jarrell. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

IT'S TIME FOR HABITAT 2023

Our Fall 2023 Habitat Build is here! We have one last chance for you to volunteer on October 21. To register for the build, visit westendumc.org/habitat.

OCTOBER'S COMMUNION OFFERING

October's communion offering will go to our prison ministry. This money funds holiday meals, gift packages, and other needs within Riverbend as well as asks of returning citizens.

COMMUNION TRAINING

Preparing the Lord's Table and serving the elements for the sacrament are two of the most joyous ways to serve in the life of our church. Please join us on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary or Sacristy for a teaching on how to prepare the table or serve communion on a Sunday morning. Please register at westendumc.org/communiontraining.

OVERNIGHT HOSTS AND BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Room in the Inn is starting back this fall and we have a lot of Wednesdays that will need overnight hosts and bus drivers. If you are interested in spending the night at the church and providing hospitality to our guests experiencing homelessness, contact Pastor Stacey at sharwelldye@westendumc.org. Bus drivers are also needed. To drive our minibus, you need to be over 25, have a valid driver's license (no CDL required), and submit to a background check and short training that will include a driving portion to get you comfortable with the bus. We literally can't do it without these two vital roles.

'CHAT AND CHEW' COLLEGE AND GRAD STUDENTS LUNCH

Join Pastor Aimee after the 10 a.m. service 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.

TRUNK OR TREAT 2023 IS COMING!

West End Preschool is hosting their annual Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the church parking lot, and everyone in the church is invited, too! There will be trunk or treating as well as inflatables for playing.

If you'd like to participate by donating your trunk, your time, your talents, or simply your Halloween spirit, we would LOVE to have your help. Please email Allison Martin allisonfullermartin@gmail.com. This year, we are still in need of volunteers to host the trunks, and we are also seeking both candy and non-candy donations for trunk-or-treating. Visit westendumc.org/tot for more information.

REGIONAL MISSION TRIP

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. We will have a free day to explore New Orleans as well. Register here at westendumc.org/sagerbrown.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 15

9:00 a	Childrens' SS Birthday Bash	McWhirter Hall
9:00 a	Sunday School	
10:00 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
10:00 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:00 p	150th Birthday Celebration	
4:00 p	Hymn Festival	Sanctuary
5:00 p	Youth Small Groups	Youth Center
6:00 p	Harrell Small Group - BTTY	310

Monday, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

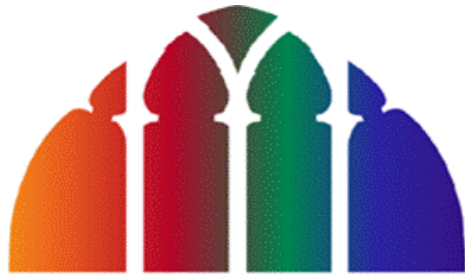
7:30 a	Morning Bible Study	310
1:30 p	Creative Hands	305

Wednesday, October 18

5:00 p	Mitchell Small Group - BTTY	305
6:00 p	Communion Prep Training	Sanctuary
6:15 p	Children's Choir Rehearsal	4th Floor
7:30 p	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

Thursday, October 19

7:00 p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
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