

# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 12, 2023 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# GATHERING

Voluntary: Thy Father's Power and Glory Bright .....Marcel Dupré  
Adagio on *Aurelia*..... Robert Hobby

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](http://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 Worship .....Maggie Jarrell  
*Liturgist: As we gather for worship this day, help us to remember:*  
**All: every good and perfect gift comes from above.**  
*Liturgist: The creator of the stars and the universe is present in this place today:*  
**All: every good and perfect gift comes from above.**  
*Liturgist: Draw us into the word of truth, and set our feet on the path of righteousness.*  
**All: Every good and perfect gift comes from above.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession **(in unison)**  
**Gracious God,**  
**we come before you today as a people in need of your grace.**  
**When the voices of the world overwhelm us, give us ears that are quick to listen to your call to be still.**  
**When we default to lashing out, help us to be slow to speak.**  
**When anxiety and fear set in, give us hearts that are slow to anger.**  
**Transform our hearts and lives by the hearing of your word as a call to care for one another with acts of justice and mercy.**  
**May we be a people who bears the fruit of your Spirit at work in us and extends your love into the world.**

† 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.**

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination .....Carter Wiseman  
**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 Testament ..... James 1:17-27

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Quick to Listen.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883 ..... Will McLeane  
**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

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: I'll Praise My Maker..... arr. by Lloyd Pfautsch  
(Text may be found on page 60 of the hymnal)

† 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

† Recessional Hymn No. 733: Marching to Zion .....Marching to Zion

† 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: Miriam's Dance ..... Joel Martinson

*The postlude 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 this week have been given in memory of William Lambeth Lester and Pattie French Byrn Lester by Elizabeth Fox and Laura and Tom Pollock.*

*Cecilia Charlene Cumby, daughter of Bri and Josh Cumby, will be presented for baptism at today's late service.*

*A rose is on the table in honor of the birth of Angel Victor Burgos-Perez Whalen to Eva Whalen and Angel Burgos-Perez of Leesburg, FL, on November 4th. His grandmother is West End member Kathi Whalen.*

*Today's liturgy was written by Rev. Aimee Baxter.*

### Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir

Matthew Phelps: Director / Organist

### Today's Music

In the mid-nineteenth century, Bishop John William Colenso of Natal raised a ruckus in the Catholic Church when he challenged 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."

*Miriam's Dance*, by Joel Martinson, was written for in 1994 for the closing ceremony of the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists. Fast and rhythmic, it is meant to depict the joy of Miriam who danced in Exodus praising the Lord. (Exodus 15:20-21)

### Bulletin Cover Art

This is an image of James 1:10-12, 13-15, a page from Papyrus 23, which is an early (3rd Century CE) manuscript of the New Testament in Greek. Papyrus 23 is among hundreds of early manuscripts of the New Testament discovered through the centuries.

## 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](http://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:** Gina Dixon, Alex and Emily Townes, Adrienne Ames, Bryan Roberson, Emily McCord, Brant Phillips, Cin Tuang, Rev. Dr. Herbert Lester

♦ **Sympathies:** Brant Phillips in the death of his mother, DiAnne Guinn Phillips

♦ **Births:** Angel Victor Burgos-Perez Whalen was born to Eva Whalen and Angel Burgos-Perez in Leesburg, FL, on November 4. Grandmother Kathi Whalen.

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 November 13-19 will be Rev. Will McLeane. To submit a prayer request, Visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](http://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).

## LARGE GROUP GATHERING

Our final Large Group Gathering is this evening from 5-6:30 p.m. We will gather in McWhirter Hall from 5-6:30 p.m. We will be having a Thanksgiving Potluck! The church will provide turkey and dressing. Plan to bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish to share with everyone. Everyone is welcome to attend, whether you have read the assigned readings or not!

## 'CHAT AND CHEW' COLLEGE AND GRAD STUDENTS LUNCH

Join Pastor Aimee after the 11 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 with questions at [abaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:abaxter@westendumc.org).

## COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE AT GORDON MEMORIAL

We have been invited by our friends at Gordon Memorial UMC to participate in a community service of praise and worship to celebrate "Beloved Community." Other local congregations will be participating as we hear several pastors, including our own Pastor Carol, preach about God's calling to beloved community in Micah 6:8. The service will be on Sunday, November 19, at 2 p.m. at Gordon Memorial UMC.

## YOUR 2024 ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Our church depends on the financial support of its members to carry out the ministries and programs that allow West End United Methodist Church to be the loving light of Christ, connecting, transforming. Each and every gift to our church is appreciated. Help our church plan for the coming year by turning in an Estimate of Giving card by November 12, and when you do, please prayerfully consider increasing your investment in our church. Estimate of Giving cards have been mailed to you and will be available in the pew racks next Sunday. You can also make your Estimate of Giving online at [westendumc.org/estimatetnow](http://westendumc.org/estimatetnow). Thank you for your support and for the many ways you add to our community at West End.

## SUNNY DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have had new members join Sunny Day recently, and now we need more volunteers to help care for our members! The Sunny Day Club provides social interaction, stimulation and friendship in a caring, safe environment for those experiencing early stages of memory loss, as well as provide a known block of respite time for the caregivers. To find out more or volunteer, contact Shannon Baxter at [sbaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:sbaxter@westendumc.org).

## SUPPORT OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS DURING FINALS WEEK

If you'd like to help show our college students some love at the end of the semester, please consider donating a \$10 gift card to a local restaurant or coffee house. Gift cards will be included in a care package given to students at West End and Vandy Wesley. If you'd like to donate, contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at [abaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:abaxter@westendumc.org) or bring the gift cards to the church office by Sunday, November 26.

## ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP ♦ DECEMBER 3 ♦ 4-5:30 PM

Advent is just around the corner, and you will be seeing more information soon, but mark your calendar now for the Advent Wreath Workshop on December 3 from 4-5:30 p.m. We will be gathering in the gym to make wreaths to prepare for the Advent season of waiting and hoping for the birth of Christ. The wreath making event will include an Advent worship time, celebrating the 1st Sunday of Advent. Resources and devotional materials will be available for church families to observe lighting the Advent wreath candles in their homes during the Advent season. Our mission is twofold this year.

1. At the event, we'll be making Christmas cards to spread cheer to our Sunny Day Club members and to our homebound members.
2. We will also be collecting diapers and baby wipes for Nashville Diaper Connection to support their work of providing diapers to families in Nashville who need them.

## WEEKDAY MAIN ENTRANCE SECURITY

As we continue enhancing the security of our church, we want to ensure everyone understands the current protocols in place. A buzzer system was installed at the automatic doors in the main lobby a few years ago. The doors remain locked Monday-Friday; and the receptionist or guard allows entrance. While they often recognize many of you, they do not know all of our members or guests. You may be asked a question or two about the nature of your visit. You will also be asked to sign in/out, wear a name tag, and/or wait for a staff member to come downstairs. It would be helpful if you wear your church name badge (Visit [westendumc.org/nametag](http://westendumc.org/nametag) if you need one). Thank you for your patience as we strive to make the building safe for everyone!

## ACCESSIBILITY IN WORSHIP

♦ **Service Dogs** - On Sundays, we may have congregants with service or guide dogs in worship with us. Please warmly welcome them both but refrain from petting the dog because it is a distraction to the animal while its working.

♦ **Braille Bulletins** - Also, we are now able to offer braille bulletins for those who may need it to fully participate in our worship service. Please email Pastor Stacey at [sharwelldye@westendumc.org](mailto:sharwelldye@westendumc.org) so we can make those arrangements and have it available for you.

## SAVE THE DATE

Our 2024 Church-Wide Fall Retreat is set for September 27-29, 2024. Mark the dates on your calendar now and encourage your friends to come too!

## 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 Mercy and Justice Ministries  
**Rev. Shannon Baxter** .....  
..... Pastor of Congregational Connection  
**Rev. Aimee Baxter**..... Pastor of Young Adults  
**Molly Borneman**..... Pastoral Fellow  
**Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn**... Congregational Care Intern  
**Matthew Phelps**..... Minister of Music  
**Andrew Risinger**..... Associate Minister of Music  
**Nico Zavala**..... Music Intern  
**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 Gurgendze**..... 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  
**Open**..... Building Engineer  
**Richard Thomas**..... Custodian



West End UMC is a unique and special community of believers. It's a place where individuals find a place to connect and belong. Our church is a place where we can grow, serve, and make a difference in our city and beyond.

We want to share our church with others who may be seeking a place for connection and belonging. Help us do this by inviting your friends, neighbors, coworkers and family to join you in worship on Sunday, November 19 for

## Bring a Friend to Church Sunday.

To help you do just that, we have a short, captivating video that you can share with others by email and social media.

**Use the link [westendumc.org/mychurch](http://westendumc.org/mychurch) or scan the QR code below.**

Include a brief personal message, specifically asking your friend to join you on November 19. This video, entitled "This Is My Church" shows the love and connection between West End members as they fellowship with one another, worship God, and serve in our church and community.

It's a wonderful way to share the Loving Light of Christ that is lived out in West End UMC every day.

**BRING  
a FRIEND  
to CHURCH**



Sunday, November 19  
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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, November 12th

8:45 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
8:45 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 a	Sunday School	
9:45 a	Grigg Small Group - BTTY	LL 2
11:00 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
11:00 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 p	Communion Prep Training	Sanctuary
4:30 p	Visitation for Sims Family	Reed Hall
5:00 p	Bible Study Large Group Gathering	McWhirter Hall
5:00 p	Youth Small Groups	Youth Center

### Monday, November 13th

10:00 a	Sunny Day Club	McWhirter Hall
9:30 a	Visitation for Sims Family	Reed Hall
11:00 a	Memorial for Linda Sims	Sanctuary
5:30 p	Carroll Small Group - BTTY	306
5:30 p	Hospitality Team Meeting	307
5:30	SPRC Meeting	310

### Tuesday, November 14th

7:30 a	Morning Bible Study	310
5:30 p	Ministry Table	310
6:30 p	Young Adult Small Group	317

### Wednesday, November 15th

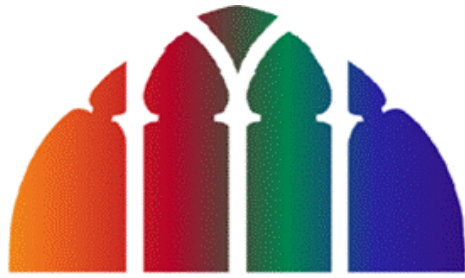
5:00 p	Mitchell Small Group - BTTY	305
5:00 p	Room in the Inn	LL
6:15 p	Children's Choir Rehearsal	4th Floor
7:30 p	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

### Thursday, November 16th

7:00 p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
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### Saturday, November 18th

3:00 p	Visitation for McSwiney Family	Reed Hall
4:00 p	Memorial for Carol Swiney	Sanctuary



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