



## GATHERING

Voluntary: Preludes on *Now Thank We All Our God*.....Marcel Dupré  
Jeffrey Honoré

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: Lord Jesus Christ ..... 17th Century German

† Processional Hymn No. 154: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name .....Coronation

† Call to Worship ..... Emily Robbins

*Liturgist: Everlasting God, you have revealed yourself to your saints throughout history.*

**People: Your light has shined and they have shared that revelation with us.**

*Liturgist: May we be attentive to their words and seek to be changed by them.*

**People: You also make yourself known to each of us today in ways that celebrate your creative work.**

*Liturgist: May our hearts be as moldable as clay as we join together in worship.*

**People: As we lift up word, song, and prayers, may we become more like you!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of the past, present, and future,  
today we acknowledge our limited understanding of your world.**

**We recognize where we have failed to trust you as the author and sustainer of all life.**

**Forgive us for giving into the temptation of self-reliance and not recognizing the grace you offer us daily.**

**Help us to recognize the gift that is you, a gift freely given that offers us life to the fullest.**

† 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.**

Anthem: Creator of Beauty and Giver of Light ..... Mark Schweizer

Creator of beauty and giver of light,  
who set the stars shining in dark sacred night,  
We offer our music with hearts full of praise,  
with joyful thanksgiving for all of our days.

In pastures of heaven, where green valleys sing,  
and high mountains echo, each prayer to our King;  
May this song, a gift forever be found,  
now offered with grace, and eternity bound.

The journey of each soul remains in your care,  
your guidance and faithfulness, always you share;  
Your spirit, within us, each strength that you send,  
returned to your glory, a world without end.

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination ..... Brandon Rich

**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 .....Revelation 1:9-19

Response to the Lesson

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling .....Hyfrydol

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Children’s Moment

Sermon: The Alpha and Omega .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883 .....Shannon Baxter

**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: Coronation Gloria ..... Charles Villiers Stanford

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill toward all.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesu Christ.  
O Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
That takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For Thou, Thou only are holy, Thou only art the Lord;  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

† 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

Welcoming of New Members

Commendation and Welcome

*Liturgist: Family of God, Melissa, Ellen, and Garrett 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.**

† Recessional Hymn No. 102: Now We Thank All Our God..... Nun Danket

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: God Be with You Till We Meet Again..... Randolph  
**God be with you till we meet again,  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.**

Voluntary: Now Thank We All Our God from *Cantata 79* ..... J. S. Bach  
arr. Robert Hebble

*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 flowers on the altar today are given for the Glory of God  
and in memory of Nancy Perry Bowers and Bob Bowers on the 67th anniversary  
of their marriage in this sanctuary.*

*The flowers in Reed Hall are given in loving memory of Carol McSwiney  
by her sister, Sue McSwiney.*

*Arthur Cullen Read, son of Laurie and Matt Read, was presented for baptism  
at the early service.*

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

### Music Participants

The Chancel Choir

Youth Vocal Ensemble

Matthew Phelps: Director / Assisting at Organ

Andrew Risinger: Organist

Stanford Semi-Chorus:

Emma Jackson, Bethany DiSantis, Hollie Dueker,  
Bevin Gregory, Matt Smyth, Nico Zavala, Ben Troxler.

### Today's Music

The first two stanzas of *Now Thank We All Our God* are based on the doxology of Sirach: "And now bless the God of all, who everywhere works great wonders, who fosters our growth from birth, and deals with us according to his mercy. May he give us gladness of heart, and may there be peace in our days in Israel, as in the days of old. May he entrust to us his mercy, and may he deliver us in our days!" (*Sirach 50:22-24*)

### Bulletin Cover Art

"The Alpha and Omega" vision from Revelation chapter 1, was painted by contemporary artist Peter Olsen. Olsen was born in Brooklyn, NY and, since 1974, he has been creating art with Biblical themes, many from the book of Revelation. In the 1960s, Olsen moved to South Florida where he paints, sculpts, and teaches art in private schools and in his studio.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, November 19

8:45 a Children's Church  
 8:45 a Worship Service  
 9:45 a Sunday School  
 9:45 a Grigg Small Group - BTTY  
 11:00 a Children's Church  
 11:00 a Worship Service  
 5:00 p Taize  
 5:00 p Youth Group  
 6:00 p Harrell Small Group - BTTY

Scales Chapel  
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 Youth Center  
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### Monday, November 20

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

McWhirter Hall  
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### Tuesday, November 21

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

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### Wednesday, November 22

5:30 p Room in the Inn

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### Thursday, November 23

7:30 a Church closed for Thanksgiving

### Friday, November 24

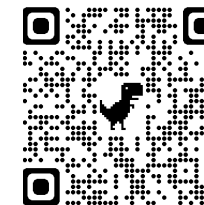
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## A WARM WELCOME TO WEST END

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](https://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, Adrienne Ames, Bryan Roberson, Emily McCord, Brant Philips, Cin Tuang, Viola-Cleo Bradshaw, Greg Carter, and Clay Ferguson.

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 20-26 will be Rev. Carol Cavin-Dillon.

To submit a prayer request, visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](https://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).

## '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).

## 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, and when you do, please prayerfully consider increasing your investment in our church. Estimate of Giving cards have been mailed to you and are available in the pew racks. You can also make your estimate online at [westendumc.org/estimatesnow](https://westendumc.org/estimatesnow). Thank you for your support and for the many ways you add to our community.

## 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 Gurgenedze** .....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

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR KIDS IN FOSTER CARE

This year we are excited to continue to offer an opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for area kids in foster care. Like in previous years, we need these gifts to be unwrapped and grouped together. Gift bags are fine as long as we can see inside to take inventory. Durable bags or boxes are preferred to make carrying items to the central gift location easiest. Because foster kids may need to take their belongings to a permanent home or another foster home, placing the gifts in a small rolling suitcase or duffel bag may also be appropriate. Please make a tag for each box/bag so that we can make sure the gifts stay together and get to their intended donation. If there are multiple boxes or bags please mark the tags with the name of the child, the code and then 1 of 2, or 2 of 2, etc. Please keep your spending right at \$150 so that each kid has an equitable amount of Christmas gifts to other kids in the program.

Gifts need to be at the church no later than Tuesday, December 12. Stacey will have a bin for collection of the items at the missions market in Reed Hall on the December 3 and 10. If you need to make arrangements to drop off the gifts at the church, please contact Stacey at [sharwelldye@westendumc.org](mailto:sharwelldye@westendumc.org). Visit [westendumc.org/christmasgifts](http://westendumc.org/christmasgifts) to find out more.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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!

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## Welcome To Our Newest Members



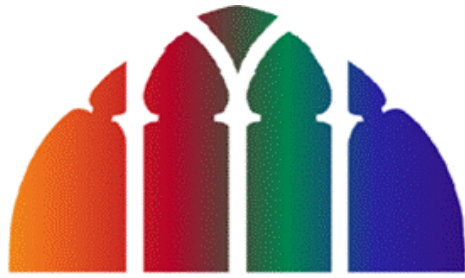
**Ellen and Garrett  
Ward**



**Madeline and Daniel  
Franquemont**



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