



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 26, 2023 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

GATHERING

Voluntary: Voluntary no. 8.....John Stanley

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: Praise and Thanksgiving.....Anonymous Round

† Processional Hymn No. 131: We Gather Together.....Kremser

† Call to WorshipMolly Borneman
Liturgist: Creator God who gives us life,
People: may the grace of the Lord Jesus be with us today.
Liturgist: Restore our hearts and minds with your boundless love.
People: We have come to worship you!
All: Let it be so.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession **(in unison)**
Loving God,
we easily forget about the wonder of your love.
We begin our days too quickly, failing to thank you for your new mercies.
We allow your healing love to fade away from our daily actions.
Forgive us for the times we have neglected your outpouring of grace over all people.
Reveal to us new ways to share and accept your love.
Restore in us a new creation that is willing to be transformed.
Remind us that grace is for all people.
Lead us to a life of shared grace.
Lead us, O Loving God.

† 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: O Come, Ye Servants of the LordChristopher Tye
O come ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name,
from early morn to setting sun, his might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just, and glad the heart, he makes his mercies known;
to princes come ye people too and bow before his throne.

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
Liturgist: Members of the household of God, I commend Mary Irwin 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, Mary Irwin, 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 IlluminationDerek Weber

**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 22:1-7, 20-21

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 723: Shall We Gather at the RiverHanson Place

Children's Moment

Sermon: A Tale of Three TreesCarol 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: At the Name of JesusRichard Waters
(Text may be found on page 168 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. 428: For the Healing of the NationsCwm Rhondda

† 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: Festive Trumpet Tune David German

*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 in celebration of the baptism of Mary Irwin Corcoran (Wynne) and in memory of her grandfather, Thomas Francis Corcoran, III.

Mary Irwin Corcoran, daughter of Francie and Tom Corcoran, is presented for baptism today.

Today's liturgy was written by Pastoral Fellow Molly Borneman. The "Prayers of the People" was adapted from "Eucharistic Prayers" by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher.

Music Participants

The Chancel Choir
Matthew Phelps: Director / Assisting at Organ

Today's Music

The original Dutch text of "We Gather Together," "Wilt heden nu treden," was first published in 1626 by Adrian Valerius in his *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, although it may have been written earlier in the late 16th century. The author is unknown. This text was written in celebration of the freedom of the Netherlands from Spanish rule. Theodore Baker, an American music scholar, translated the text into English in 1894 for an anthem titled "Prayer of Thanksgiving."

Bulletin Cover Art

"Tree of Life" painted by contemporary German artist Bettina Dittmann. She produces art works both in paintings and in photographs, and most of her work is rooted in her love of and eye into nature.

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 Gurgenzidze..... 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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 26

8:45 a
8:45 a
9:45 a
9:45 a
11:00 a
11:00 a
12:30 p
2:30 p
5:00 p

Children's Church
Worship Service
Sunday School
Grigg Small Group - BTTY
Children's Church
Worship Service
Visitation for Jeannine Bowers
Internment for Jeannine Bowers
Youth Group

Scales Chapel
Sanctuary

LL 2
Scales Chapel
Sanctuary
Bishop's Parlor
Cloister Garden
Youth Center

Monday, November 27

10:00 a

Sunny Day Club

McWhirter Hall

Tuesday, November 28

7:30 a
5:30 p
6:30 p

Morning Bible Study
Finance Committee Meeting
Young Adult Small Group

310
310
317

Wednesday, November 29

5:00 p
5:00 p
6:15 p
7:30 p

Mitchell Small Group - BTTY
Opening of the Climbing Wall
Children's Choir Rehearsal
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

305
Gymnasium
4th Floor
Music Suite

Thursday, November 30

7:00 p

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Music Suite

Saturday, December 2

11:00 a

OEF Christmas Party

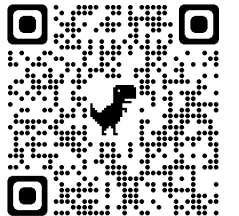
McWhirter Hall

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:**

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 27 through December 3 will be Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye.

To submit a prayer request, visit 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.

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 or bring the gift cards to the church office by Sunday, November 26.

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/estimatenow. Thank you for your support and for the many ways you add to our community.

Revenue for West End UMC as of October 31, 2023

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Difference YTD	
Pledged Giving	1,620,857	1,796,023	(175,164)	-9.8%
Non-Pledged and Other Giving	384,615	573,207	(188,592)	-32.9%
Grants, Fees, Other Income	<u>104,437</u>	<u>70,905</u>	<u>33,532</u>	47.3%
Total Revenue	\$2,109,909	\$2,440,133	(\$330,224)	

YOUTH BONFIRE AND SMALL GROUPS

Join us for a fun evening at the Barnes/Creekmore home on Sunday, November 26 from 5-7 p.m. for hot dogs, games, s’mores and small group prayer. Bring a camp chair, some friends and your parents are invited too! Contact Emily for the address at erobbins@westendumc.org.

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.

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 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 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!

THE ROAD TO JOY :: ADVENT AT WEST END UMC

2023 ADVENT EVENTS

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. 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. A Bin for collection will be in Reed Hall during the Ministry Market on December 3 and 10, or you can make arrangements with Stacey at sharwellldye@westendumc.org. Visit westendumc.org/christmasgifts to find out more.

ADVENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

This Advent season, we will have two resources available for you to pick up at the church or download online. The first is a guide that uses the poetry of E.E. Cummings to ground ourselves in the prophetic joy of the Advent season through embracing poetry as a spiritual practice, called *E.E. Cummings and The Joyful Poetry of Advent*. The second devotional is for those of all ages who are looking to simplify the Advent season, called *Less is More*. Pick up your copies at the church, or you can download a digital copy on our Advent page at westendumc.org/advent.

ADVENT SPECIAL OFFERING - OPEN TABLE NASHVILLE

This Advent we invite you to give generously to the work of Open Table Nashville. Open Table Nashville is committed to relational outreach which involves journeying with un-housed and precariously housed individuals and families, being a consistent presence in the homeless community, advocating with the marginalized, and creatively networking available resources. You can give by check made out to West End marked "Open Table Nashville" in the memo line or online with a designated gift to Open Table Nashville. You can also give with the special offering envelopes with this mailing or in the pew racks of the sanctuary.

ADVENT MINISTRY MARKETS

This year we are excited to welcome back vendors to Reed Hall for an Advent Ministry Market. These vendors either give money to our partner organizations, like the beautiful stained glass from Chimes for Justice, or are themselves social entrepreneurship organizations that do good in our community through their hiring or fairtrade practices. We will also be selling beautiful handmade goods from Guatemala and Creation Care will be selling recycled crayons that make great stocking stuffers. So stop by Reed Hall on December 3, 10, and 17th to pick up gifts that make a difference.

OEF CHRISTMAS PARTY ♦ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

4th, 5th, and 6th Graders are invited to join us for a Christmas Party on Saturday December 2 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. Register online by November 30 at westendumc.org/oefparty.

ADVENT CHAT & CHEW ♦ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 ♦ 12 P.M.

On December 3, Chat & Chew for undergrad and graduate college students, will be a special meal provided by the SPRC at the church. We will also have a fun surprise available for each student to help you prepare for finals week.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP ♦ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Join us as we gather in the gym to make and bless wreaths for the Advent season! We'll also have crafts, cookies and cocoa, and a Christmas card making station. We'll be collecting diapers and baby wipes for Nashville Diaper Connection to support their work of providing diapers to families in Nashville who need them. We hope to see everyone there, no registrations required!

TAIZÉ SERVICE ♦ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 ♦ 5:30 P.M.

The liturgy of the Taizé community continues to ground us in the Advent practices of waiting, searching, and hoping for God's healing and renewing work. Come along with us on Sunday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. for a Taizé worship service in the Sanctuary.

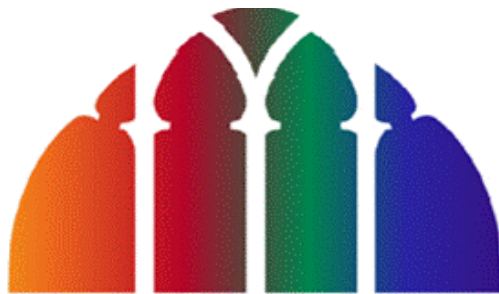
THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS ♦ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

We will continue our "First Wednesday" gatherings on December 6 as we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas. We will gather for dinner in McWhirter Hall before engaging in a festive activity that will continue St. Nicholas' work of blessing others with the gift of surprising joy. RSVP at westendumc.org/stnicholas.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT ♦ DECEMBER 8 ♦ 5:30-8 PM

West End Kids is hosting a Parents Night Out December 8 from 5:30-8 p.m. We will be having pizza dinner, games, and a Christmas movie for the kids, while parents can have a night out! Registration is required by December 6 at westendumc.org/pno.

Find information about these events and more on our Advent page, westendumc.org/advent.



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