

Advent 2023

The Road To
JOY

WEST END
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
DECEMBER 3, 2023 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GATHERING

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on *Savior of the Nations, Come*, BWV 659 J. S. Bach

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, Thou Long Expected Jesus.....Stuttgart

Lighting the Advent CandleTuesday Morning Bible Study

† Processional Hymn No. 211: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.....Veni Emmanuel
(Verses 1 - 4)

† Call to WorshipMaggie Jarrell
Liturgist: God, you did awesome deeds that we did not expect.
People: We are all your people.
Liturgist: You formed us with your own hands.
People: We are all your people.
Liturgist: You call us to pay attention and to worship you.
People: We are all your people.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled
against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not
heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

† 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.

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationBrant Phillips
As your Holy Spirit spoke to the prophets of old, speak to us now through your Word, that by listening to your voice we, too, will make a way for your joy to come into the world. Amen.

A Lesson from the Old Testament.....Isaiah 64:1-9

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: From Lament to Hope.....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

Offertory: E’en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come Paul O. Manz
 Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
 who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
 who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
 Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon!

E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
 they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!
 (Adapted from *Revelation 22*)

† 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.

† Thanksgiving
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are
 ful of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance

People:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

People:

Through your Son, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly
 Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

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.**

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

*The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns
during communion: 214, 216, TFWS 2092.*

† Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: You have given yourself to us, Lord.

People: Now we give ourselves for others

Celebrant: Your love has made us a new people;

People: as a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Celebrant: Your glory has filled our hearts;

People: help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 206: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light..... Houston

† Benediction

† Benediction Response.....Veni Emmanuel

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
has come to you O Israel!**

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on *Hyfrydol*..... Ralph Vaughn Williams

*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 today to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Jane and Chase Delony, Frances Delony, Patty Chadwell,
Lillian and Robert Chadwell, and Ellen and James Hofstead by Patty Delony.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Robert “Beau” Tompkins Cherry IV
to Rob and Kristin Cherry on October 6th.*

Today's liturgy was written by Reverend Maggie Jarrell.

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir

Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Today's Music

In monasteries as early as the nineteenth century during Advent vespers the eight days before Christmas, seven “O” antiphons and an eighth antiphon to Mary were sung before and after the *Magnificat* (Mary's song from Luke chapter 1). A metrical form of the antiphons was prepared as early as the 12th century and a version printed from the 18th century was used by John Mason Neale for his translation—*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*—in *Mediaeval Hymns and Sequences*, 1851.

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 Gurgendize..... 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, December 3

8:45 a Children's Church
 8:45 a Worship Service
 9:45 a Sunday School
 11:00 a Children's Church
 11:00 a Worship Service
 4:00 p Advent Wreath Workshop
 5:00 p Youth Small Groups
 5:30 p Taizé

Scales Chapel
 Sanctuary

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 Gymnasium

Sanctuary

Monday, December 4

10:00 a Sunny Day Club

McWhirter Hall

Tuesday, December 5

7:30 a Morning Bible Study
 6:30 p Young Adult Small Group

310

317

Wednesday, December 6

5:00 p Room in the Inn
 5:30 p Feast of St. Nicholas
 6:15 p Children's Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Lower Level
 McWhirter Hall
 4th Floor
 Music Suite

Thursday, December 7

7:00 p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Music Suite

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 December 4-10 will be Rev. Maggie Jarrell.

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

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

All are welcome to attend the annual Charge Conference, hosted by our District Superintendent Jerry Wallace, on Tuesday, December 12, at 5:30 p.m. We will gather in McWhirter Hall and over Zoom. If you'd like the Zoom link, please email jcatterton@westendumc.org.

YOUR 2024 ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Have you turned in your 2024 Estimate of Giving yet? 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. Help our church plan for the coming year by visiting westendumc.org/estimatetnow to let us know your estimated giving for the year.

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)	

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!

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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 from the Advent Share the Gift brochure 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.

2023 ADVENT EVENTS

ADVENT CHAT & CHEW ♦ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 ♦ 12 PM

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 ♦ 4 P.M.

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. No registrations required!

TAIZÉ SERVICE ♦ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 ♦ 5:30 PM

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 today 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.

CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE ♦ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 ♦ 5:30 P.M.

Join West End's choirs and handbell choirs in our annual tradition of lessons and carols. Early arrival is recommended. Livestream is available.

YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER ♦ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

This is an evening for ALL of our 7th -12th graders to come together for fun, fellowship, yummy food and a lot of laughter. Please RSVP to Emily by Sunday, December 10 at erobbins@westendumc.org, so we have plenty of vehicles and food!



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