



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER, 2024 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Psalm 127 (from *Psalm Interpretations for Organ*) Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome..... Emily Robbins
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: Day by Day Harold Friedell

† Processional Hymn No. 101: From All That Dwell Below the Skies Duke Street

† Call to Worship Hampton Randall
Liturgist: Is anyone among us in trouble or distress?
People: Let us pray together to you, O God.
Liturgist: Are any among us happy and joyful?
People: Let us sing together with shouts of praise!
Liturgist: In this time of worship, may we bring both our sorrows and joys.
People: For you, O God, are with us.

† Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession
God of grace,
you are with us in the lowest of lows and highest of highs.
In times of despair and sickness, happiness and gladness, you are the source of our hope and joy.
Forgive us for when we have wandered from your goodness toward us and each other.
Give us wisdom to redirect our hearts to your love and compassion.
Help us to be agents of mercy and justice in the world for the building of your kin-dom on earth.

† 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: Gentle Shepherd William Gaither
Youth Vocal Ensemble

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.
There's no other we can turn to who can help us face another day;
gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.
(Gloria Gaither)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Irwin Fisher
**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 5:13-16

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

† Hymn: Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire Azmon
**1 Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, unuttered or expressed,
the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast.**
**2 Prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling of a tear,
the upward glancing of an eye, when none but God is near.**
**3 Prayer is the simplest form of speech that infant lips can try;
prayer the sublimest strains that reach the Majesty on high.**
**4 Prayer is the Christians' vital breath, the Christians' native air;
their watchword at the gates of death; they enter heaven with prayer.**
**5 O Thou, by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way:
the path of prayer thyself hast trod; Lord, teach us how to pray!**

Children may begin making their way to the front for the Children's Moment during the final verse of the hymn.

Children's Moment

*Children's church is located in Scales Chapel, which is down the hall from the sanctuary.
If it's your first time, a grown-up should please follow us after the children's moment to drop off.
Pick up will at the same location immediately following the service.*

Sermon: Lessons on Faith from a Dying ManTammy Lewis Wilborn

† Affirmation of FaithEmily Robbins

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 live with respect in Creation,
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

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: O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord..... Emma Lou Diemer

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God;
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth;
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it;
his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down and come,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.
For he is the Lord our God;
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh to judge the earth;
and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the peoples with his truth.
O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
For he is the Lord, our God.
(Psalms 95 & 96)

† 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. 582: Whom Shall I Send? Deus Tuorum Militum

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Draw the Circle WideMark Miller

**Draw the circle, draw the circle wide,
draw the circle, draw the circle wide,
no one stands alone, we'll stand side by side,
draw the circle, draw the circle wide.**

Voluntary: Allegro MarzialeFrank Bridge
*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.*

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The altar flowers are given in celebration of the baptism of Patterson James Phillips.

*Patterson James Phillips, son of Amanda and Thomas Phillips,
was presented for baptism today at the early service with Rev. Diane Blum as Pastor.*

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

Music Participants

The Chancel Choir and Youth Vocal Ensemble
Matthew Phelps: Director / Assisting at Organ
Andrew Risinger: Organist

Today's Music

Emma Lou Diemer, of today's Offertory Anthem, was a composer and organist based in Santa Barbara, California. She taught at UC Santa Barbara, along with previous positions in Kansas City, MO and Arlington, VA. She was a prolific composer who wrote music for multiple genres but is especially known for her organ and choral music. She was also a sought-after organist and performed recitals across the country. She passed away on June 2, 2024.

Bulletin Cover Art

"Prayer," today's cover art, is an unattributed piece from the Bible Art website. We are drawn in by the symmetry of both shape and color with this image. In the center, we can see the shadow of a person looking up and holding their hands in a traditional prayer form. Directly behind the profile, we observe a glowing halo that radiates outward to all edges of the piece contrasting warm colors and cool colors. We find another series of circles forming a rainbow above the person which are also various colors with some depicting a cross, an eclipse, a mountain, a lotus flower, the sun, and the moon. Directly above the person, we see another circle divided into quarters of contrasting colors. The lower part of the circle connects to a path downward before a sharp right angle toward the left of the piece connects to the lotus flower. Scattered around the piece are colorful waves, paths, leaves, squares, and small circles, along with some cloud-like shapes.

FIRST WEDNESDAY

October 2

Blessed Are The Women: Naming And Reclaiming Women's Stories From The Gospels



Join us on Wednesday, October 2, as we welcome local author Claire McKeever-Burgett to explore the impact and stories of women in Jesus' ministry. Reclaiming women's stories in the Gospels will help us more fully imagine the story of God's unconditional love and to faithfully prepare us to read the book of Ruth as a congregation in November.

Dinner will start at 5:15 pm, and the program will begin at 6 pm. Register online by Monday at noon at westendumc.org/firstwednesday. The menu will be a late summer/early fall cookout: tossed salad, grilled (flat grilled) hamburgers and cheeseburgers, baked beans, potato salad, french fries, and baked apples.

CHAT & CHEW LUNCH // TODAY

All local Nashville undergrad and grad students are invited to attend lunch at a local restaurant (West End's treat!) every Sunday after the 11 o'clock service throughout the Fall semester. Contact

Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org to find out more.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS // OCTOBER 6

Join us as we bless our animals and thank God for God's good creation on Sunday, October 6 at 3 pm on our West Lawn. Bring your beloved pets and a chair to sit on.

Please make sure that any animals you bring are on a leash or in a cage. Do not bring aggressive pets. You are responsible for your pet while you are on campus, including cleaning up any messes made. West End cannot be held responsible for the behavior of animals, so come at your own risk and help us mitigate the risk to your own pet.





Interested in
Joining West End?

Fall Membership Class
October 6, 13, 27 and November 3 • 9:45 a.m. • McWhirter Hall
westendumc.org/membership

If you have felt the nudge to make West End UMC your official church home by becoming a member, you are invited to join our next four-week class beginning October 6. The class will take place Sunday mornings in McWhirter Hall at 10 am and will entail conversations around our Methodist heritage, how to get connected with the life of the church, and what it means to be a member at West End UMC. To participate in the class, register online at westendumc.org/membership.

SEPTEMBER'S COMMUNION OFFERING // CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Our September communion offering will benefit the four Wesley Foundations in Nashville. Wesley Foundations are places for college students to connect with God and one another. They are often entryways to students who have never experienced the United Methodist Church and are part of the calling stories of many UMC pastors. This offering will be split four ways so please give generously.

WEST END LUNCH FORUM

A time when any of our church members can meet with our Senior Pastor for food, fellowship, and conversation, the West End Lunch Forum meets the first Tuesday of each month at Swett's Cafeteria on 28th Avenue. To receive reminders prior to each lunch date, RSVP online at westendumc.org/swettslunchforum.

ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING // OCTOBER 20

Join us for this year's annual Town Hall meeting on Sunday, October 20 at 9:45 am in the 4th Story Theater or online. Presenters from various ministry teams will share updates, and we'll celebrate the many ways God has been at work in and through West End in 2024. We'll share financial updates and budget plans for 2025, as well as reports from worship, Sunday School, small groups, and ministry teams. Time to celebrate 2024 and look ahead to 2025!

BREWED THEOLOGY // OCTOBER 8

Young Adult Gathering 1st Tuesday of the Month - Brewed Theology will meet Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 pm at L&L Market. All young adults are invited to join us for a laid-back conversation around a particular theological topic each month. For more info, contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org.

LGBTQIA+ GATHERING // OCTOBER 11

Our next LGBTQIA+ community gathering will again be at Fletcher Foster's home, thanks to his generosity, on October 11 (National Coming Out Day!) beginning at 6 pm. You can RSVP for the event through Realm or by emailing Andrew Callis at acallis@westendumc.org. We will discuss upcoming book studies, small groups, and other activities for members of the LGBTQIA+ community. So, make sure you join us to learn about the exciting plans we have for the near future!

GUATEMALA INTEREST SESSION // OCTOBER 20

We are going back to Guatemala in March 2025! This time we will have multiple options for our trips. Come to an interest session in McWhirter Hall on Sunday, October 20 immediately following the 11 am service to learn more. If you have initial questions, please don't hesitate to email Rev. Stacey at sharwelldye@westendumc.org.



**Theology
and
The Arts**

Sundays, October 6 - November 10
9:45 a.m. • 4th Story Theater
westendumc.org/theologyandart

High schoolers and adults are invited to attend this special series hosted by the Young Adult Ministry where we will explore how our spiritual lives can be articulated and enhanced through the arts. Sessions include discussions around women's roles in the Bible and theater, Taylor Swift and the Psalms, Mythology and Storytelling, etc. The group will also attend a TPAC performance in the fall. Register online at westendumc.org/theologyandart if you are interested in participating.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you expecting a child? When your baby is born, please email our Children's Pastor, Maggie Jarrell, at mjarrell@westendumc.org. We'd love to celebrate your new baby as part of our church family with a rose on the altar.

WE HELP // TECH SUPPORT GROUP

Our new technology support team (WE Help) is forming now! Let us know if you are interested in volunteering your IT skills by registering online at westendumc.org/wehelp. After the team has training, we will begin announcing how you may seek their help with your church-related computer problems and needs.

SMALL GROUPS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Are you interested in joining a Sunday school class or small group this fall? Contact Rev. Will McLeane at wmcleane@westendumc.org to learn about the different classes and groups that meet on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

Member Vicki Brier has begun hosting an online small group on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 am. This group creates space for community and reflection on Sunday's scripture and sermon. To learn more about joining this small group, please contact Rev. McLeane at wmcleane@westendumc.org.

COMPOSTING OPPORTUNITY

Thanks to the generosity of those who gave in memory of Ty Finch, we are able to expand our composting. If you'd like to bring your home compost to our expanded program, please email Rev. Stacey at sharwellldye@westendumc.org and she will send you details including start date, frequency, and bucket for transport.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Kathy Osten; Alex and Emily Townes, and family; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; those mourning the loss of a loved one; peace and unity in the lead up to our national elections; peace in Palestine/Israel, Haiti, Sudan, and Ukraine.

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 Sept. 30 to October 6 will be Rev. Maggie Jarrell. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

IT'S TIME FOR HABITAT

It's that time of year again - time for our Habitat for Humanity Fall Build. We will join other Methodists on Saturdays, October 19 and 26 and November 2 from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm. You can sign up online at westendumc.org/habitat.

There's something to do for everybody over the age of 16 at all skill levels. Help make the housing dream of one of our Nashville neighbors come true this fall!



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RUSTIN // OCTOBER 18

Meet Bayard Rustin, angelic troublemaker of the civil rights movement. Join us on Friday, October 18 at 7 pm for a screening of the 2023 Netflix film *Rustin* in the 4th Story Theater. Centered around his monumental achievement in organizing the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the film takes a soulful look at the man who was pushed to the margins but never allowed his light to be dimmed by anyone. Donations at the door and for concessions will go toward funding the next Pilgrimage to Montgomery. Childcare provided.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT // OCTOBER 27

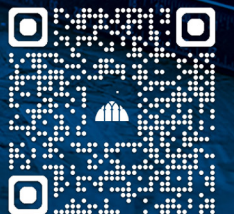
Sunday, October 27 from 3 to 5 pm in the church's lower level parking lot, West End Preschool is hosting their annual Trunk-or-Treat and everyone in the church is invited too! There will be trunk-or-treating as well as inflatables for playing.

If you'd like to participate with your time, your talents, or simply your Halloween spirit, we would LOVE to have your help. Please email Jane Wiegand jane.g.wiegand@gmail.com. This year we are in need of volunteers to host the bounce house, and we are also seeking bottled water, candy, and non-candy donations for trunk-or-treating.

GIVE TO HABITAT

*We have raised \$8,000
towards our \$15,000 goal*

*Help us reach our goal by giving
generously at westendumc.org/give*



A Warm Welcome

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.

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.



We believe that God loves everyone unconditionally!

West End Staff

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