WEST END
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship
October 19, 2025 at Eleven o'clock
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Voluntary: Trio in G Minor ..... Josef Rheinberger
O God Our Help in Ages Past ..... St. Anne, arr. Buckwalter

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: O God, We Worship Thee ..... Hal Hopson

† Hymn No. 559: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation ..... Westminster Abbey

† Call to Worship ..... Melody Suite
Liturgist: To the One who brought your people out of dry land,
People: we give thanks for your abundant love toward us!
Liturgist: May our lives and our worship this day reflect our gratitude and praise.
People: We give thanks for your abundant love toward us!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession
Convicting God,
we are grateful for your honesty with us when we need it.
Thank you for showing us where we have pursued things that aren't for our common good.
Forgive us for our recklessness with your gifts to us.
Have mercy on us when we pledge our allegiance to empty ambition and not to your love for humanity.
Guide us to a better way of knowing you and your people, and honoring your love for the world.

† 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.

Bell Voluntary: Give Me Jesus ..... Spiritual, arr. Fast

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 he may grow in service with others. We will pray for him 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 Joel Llewelyn to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.
People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Joel Llewelyn, 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 Illumination ..... Beth Howard
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 Old Testament.....Jeremiah 2:4-13

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

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.

† Hymn No. 133: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms .....Showalter

Sermon: First, the Bad News.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith ..... 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 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: I Am the Vine.....Philip James
I am the vine, ye are the branches.
They that do with me abide, theirs shall be the glorious fruitage,
theirs the blessings that betide.
And my law I lay upon ye, that accordingly ye live;
love ye one another, unto him that asketh, give.
I am the vine, ye are the branches:
fruitless shall the branches be,
except that they keep my commandment,
except that they abide in me.
(John 15:4, 5, 7, & 12)

† 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

† Hymn No. 368: My Hope Is Built .....The Solid Rock

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Together Met, Together Bound .....Land of Rest

Together met, together bound,
we go our different ways,
and as God's people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

Voluntary: Postlude in D Minor .....Charles Villiers Stanford

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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Hardeman Fort, Combs Lawson Fort, and Combs Lawson Fort, Jr. by Linda and Hal Moses.

Joel Llewelyn Ward, son of Ellen and Garrett Ward, is presented for baptism.

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

Music Participants
Chancel Choir
Joy Ringers
Matthew Phelps: Director / Assisting at Organ
Andrew Risinger: Organist
Scott Brons: Tenor
Viji Burma: Soprano

Today's Music

As Edward Mote was walking to work one day in 1834, the thought popped into his head to write a hymn on the "gracious experience of a Christian." As he walked up the road, he had the chorus, "On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand." By the end of the day, he had the first four verses written out and safely tucked away in his pocket. Later that week, he visited his friend whose wife was very ill, and, as they couldn't find a hymnal to sing from, he dug up his newly written verses and sang those with the couple. The wife enjoyed them so much she asked for a copy, and Mote went home to finish the last two verses and sent it off to a publisher, saying, "As these verses so met the dying woman's case, my attention to them was the more arrested, and I had a thousand printed for distribution" (*Lutheran Hymnal Handbook*).

Bulletin Cover Art

"The Prophet Jeremiah" is a 1968 painting by Marc Chagall, a Jewish artist born in Russia, who escaped the antisemitism there to settle in France. This painting depicts Jeremiah with a long beard and holding a book. He is surrounded by an orb in which an Angel of the Lord appears to him. Against a dark background, we also find a crescent moon with a glow around it.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

◆ **Prayer Requests:** Steve Hyman as he cares for his friend Virginia Sory Brown; Flood victims in Texas; Barbara Cragg; Nancy Jones; Kathy Osten; our neighbors in South Nashville, immigrants and refugees, and those whose family members have been detained by immigration officials; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; peace in Palestine/Israel, Iran, Haiti, Sudan, Syria, 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 October 13-19 will be Rev. Carol Cavin-Dillon. To submit a prayer request, visit *westendumc.org/prayerrequest*.

OCT COMMUNION OFFERING BENEFITS COLLEGE MINISTRY

We are approaching October's Communion offering for campus ministries a little differently this year. Traditionally, the offering is divided four ways between four campus ministries in our area. However, in light of West End's incredible generosity of providing $50,000 in support for Vanderbilt Wesley this year, we have chosen to focus this month's offering on the Wesley Foundations at Fisk University and Tennessee State University. All funds raised during October will be shared between these two campus ministries, both of which serve students at institutions that have been historically and systematically underfunded.

WESLEYAN PILGRIMAGE TO ENGLAND

If you have ever wanted to explore the roots of Methodism in the places that John and Charles Wesley lived and ministered, we are seeking information from interested individuals to judge the viability of a trip for West End UMC. The possible trip would take place next summer, July 6-16, 2026, and will visit places like London, Epworth, Bristol, Salisbury, and Oxford. Approximate cost will be $2700, not including airfare. If you would like to register your interest in this experience, fill out the form at *westendumc.org/pilgrimage* by October 12. For more information, please contact Shannon or Aimee Baxter.

Building on the BEDROCK

CELEBRATE OUR GIFTS TOGETHER ON OCTOBER 26

As we continue to Build on the Bedrock that was laid by those who came before us, you can support our church both financially and with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Next Sunday, October 26, during worship we will present our 2026 Estimates of Giving and our Ministry Gifts to the church.

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. By turning in your 2026 Estimate of Giving, you help our church staff and leaders plan and budget for the coming year. You can find a estimate card in the pew back or visit *westendumc.org/estimatenow*. Be sure to take the Ministry Gifts card that is in your bulletin this week and prayerfully record the ways your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness can be shared at West End in 2026.

DINE OUT TO DONATE AT P.F. CHANG'S // OCTOBER 23

P.F. Chang's 2525 West End location is supporting our preschool by donating a portion of funds from orders mentioning West End UMC Preschool on Thursday, October 23! This will be an all-day event (so you could dine for lunch or dinner) and will include take-out orders that are called in. Funds raised for the preschool help us host community events like Trunk or Treat, so we hope you'll join us! Please be sure to mention West End Preschool when you order!

ANNUAL TOWN HALL // OCTOBER 26

Join us for this year's annual Town Hall meeting on Sunday, October 26 at 9:45 a.m. 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 2025. We'll share financial updates and budget plans for 2025; reports from worship, Sunday School, small groups, and ministry teams. Time to celebrate 2025 and look ahead to 2026!

DON'T MISS HABITAT 2025

There are still three opportunities to be a part of our Habitat Build this Fall! Build dates are 10/25, 11/1, and 11/15. Sign up today at *westendumc.org/habitat*.

BLESSING OF THE PETS // NOVEMBER 2

Our Blessing of the Pets will be November 2nd from 3:30 - 4:30 PM at shelter #10 at Edwin Warner Park. Parking is located conveniently in front of the shelter. We are doing a drop in blessing during this time and then encouraging you to take a walk with your pet and use our guided meditation to give God thanks for the blessings our pets bring us. This is a public event! Feel free to invite friends. First 100 people will get pet blessing medallions to put on your pet's collars. Per Edwin Warner Park rules, all animals but horses are welcomed. Please put your pet in a leash or cage as appropriate for the type of animal and be sure to pick up after your pet.

GOD LOVES EVERYONE UNCONDITIONALLY: *BECOMING OUR BEDROCK BELIEF*

McWhirter Hall // Sundays in October // 9:50 a.m.

In recognition of LGBTQIA+ History Month, this class will equip us to read and process challenging Scripture through the lens of our Wesleyan theology, engage in honest conversations regarding historical and contemporary spiritual trauma that deconstructs stereotypes and offers hope for healing, and explore the stories of queer saints who have revealed to us the deepest truth of God's unconditional love.

This class is open to everyone.

INNOVATIVE PREACHING EXCHANGE | THE SISTERS CIRCUIT

The Sisters Circuit is an innovative and inspiring preaching exchange where four female senior pastors—the first to be appointed to their congregations—will take turns speaking in one another's home churches: Clark Memorial UMC, West End UMC, Gordon Memorial UMC, and Belle Meade UMC. This unique partnership aims to:

- Empower female voices. The circuit elevates the voices and leadership of women in ministry, showcasing their theological depth and pastoral skills to new audiences.
- Strengthen inter-church bonds. It builds fellowship and solidarity among different congregations, demonstrating Christian unity across United Methodist churches and challenging us to make a collective kingdom impact.
- Bring fresh perspectives. The guest pastors offer new insights and perspectives, providing a revitalizing experience for each congregation.

At West End, we welcomed Rev. Toi King on October 12, and we look forward to hearing from Rev. Sam McGlothin on November 9 and Rev. Dr. Paula Smith on December 14.

CHAT & CHEW LUNCH // TODAY

All local Nashville undergrad and grad students are invited to attend lunch at a local restaurant each Sunday after the 11 a.m. service throughout the semester (with student ID). Contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at *abaxter@westendumc.org* to find out more.

JOIN THE MULTI-MEDIA TEAM

Our Multi-Media Team has a new leader, Stephen Lackey, and we are looking for a few new faces to join our crew! Whether you are an experienced sound technician or a novice button pusher, we have a space for you! Training is provided. Email Stephen at *slackey@westendumc.org* to find out how you can get involved!

Throughout October and November, we will journey with the prophet Jeremiah as he invites God's people to return to the ways of communal justice, authentic worship, and shared joy. Alongside our reading of the Biblical narrative, we invite you to read the newly released book by Richard Rohr, *The Tears of Things*. In *The Tears of Things*, Rohr explores the transformation of the prophet and prophetess through anger, grounded conviction, and steadfast love.

- On October 29, we will host two opportunities to engage with our congregational reading of *The Tears of Things*. At 12 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon will host a conversation on Zoom. At 6:15 pm, Jessica Hyne (LPC-MHSP), a Nashville pyschotherapist who has trained with Rohr at the Center of Contemplation and Action, will guide us through a conversational learning session using tools and somatic practices to embrace the transformational prophetic journey. Sign up for one of these sessions at *westendumc.org/tearsofthings*.
- LGBTQIA+ Book Study // October 8 & 22, November 12 & 19 - As part of our church-wide reading of Richard Rohr's *The Tears of Things*, Khette Cox will lead a reading and reflection small group for members of the LGTBQIA+ community. For more information, visit *westendumc.org/rohrbookstudy*.
- To discover a small group or Sunday School class that's reading *The Tears of Things* in community, reach out to Rev. Will McLeane at *wmcleane@westendumc.org*.

CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR COLLEGE FRESHMEN

Our youth are putting together cards and care packages for our college freshmen during Small Groups on Sunday, November 2, and we would love your help! We hope to send a variety of goodies: Pre-cut and packaged cookies or brownies, water bottles, Halloween themed cards, beef jerkey/protein bars/mints/gum, fun stickers, fidgits, lip balm, AND $10 gift cards to Walgreens/CVS or a fast-food restaurant. Email Emily about donating at *erobbins@westendumc.org* or bring your items before or on November 2 to the Youth Café on 3rd Floor, labeled for care packages.

If you know a college freshman who would love to receive a care package - please email Emily their name and current school address.

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

Members of West End UMC ..... *Ministers*

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon ..... *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Will McLeane ..... *Spiritual Formation*
Rev. Aimee Baxter ..... *Young Adults*
Rev. Shannon Baxter ..... *Hospitality and Operations*
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye ..... *Mercy and Justice*
Rev. Maggie Jarrell ..... *Children and Families*
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Ronnie Franklin ..... *Building Superintendent*
Andy Ulm ..... *Safety and Security Coordinator*
Richard Thomas ..... *Custodian*
Tosha Jackson ..... *Receptionist*
Kathryn Ware ..... *Receptionist*

West End Preschool

Corye Nelson ..... *Executive Director*
Christina Shoptaw ..... *Operations Manager*
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If you need to contact our security coordinator, Andy Ulm, to report any activity, please use the following phone number: 615-617-9010.