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WEST END
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship
August 16, 2026 at Eleven o'clock
Promotion Sunday

GATHERING

Voluntary: Tallis Theme .....Tallis, arr. Shaw
Benedictus for Organ..... Alec Rowley

Welcome..... Will McLeane
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: Where Charity and Love Prevail..... Dundee

† Processional Hymn No. 60: I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath .....Old 113th

† Call to Worship .....Maggie Jarrell
Liturgist: Christ has come in human form to partner with us.
People: Through his humanity, may we honor one another.
Liturgist: Christ has come to us in humility and love.
People: Through our worship of him, may our joy be complete!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession
Loving God,
your generosity calls us to deeper grace.
Forgive us when we withhold our love and are motivated by selfish ambition.
Let the same mind be in us that is in Christ Jesus whose humility bids us to look not only to our own interests, but to the interests of others.
Draw our hearts together in one accord to resist cynicism and apathy.
In the Spirit, make us co-laborers in the work of joy and hope.

† 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: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ..... Thomas Tallis
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination .....Theresa Santillan
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 Pauline Epistles.....Philippians 2:1-13

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

Children's Moment: Blessing of the School Year
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. 441: What Does the Lord Require .....Sharpthorne

Sermon: Serve Joyfully..... Will McLeane

† Affirmation of Faith ..... Stacey Harwell-Dye

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 and 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: Let Us with a Gladsome Mind ..... Alan Ridout

Let us with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord for he is kind:
for his mercies shall endure ever faithful, ever sure.
Let us blaze his name abroad, for of gods he is the God:
for his mercies shall endure ever faithful, ever sure.
He with all commanding might, filled the new made world with light:
for his mercies shall endure ever faithful, ever sure.
He the golden tressed sun caused all day his course to run:
for his mercies shall endure ever faithful, ever sure.
The horned moon to shine by night, mid her spangled sisters bright:
for his mercies shall endure ever faithful, ever sure.
All things living he doth feed, his full hand supplies their need:
for his mercies shall endure ever faithful, ever sure.

† 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. 670: Go Forth for God ..... Geneva 124

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go with Us Lord ..... Tallis' Canon

Go with us Lord and guide our way
through this and every coming day,
That in your spirit strong and true,
our lives may be our gift to you.

Voluntary: Festival Voluntary ..... Flor Peeters

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 today to the glory of God and in memory of A.B. Campbell, father of Susan Harrell, by Trey, Susan, Mary Frances, and Maggie Harrell.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Cecily Grace Berck, born on August 8th, to Emily Dougherty and Matthew Berck.

Today's Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Aimee Baxter.

Music Participants
Chancel Choir
Matthew Phelps: Director / Assisting at Organ
Andrew Risinger: Organist / Accompanist

Today's Music

"I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath" is a paraphrase of Psalm 146 by Issac Watts entitled, "Praise to God for his Goodness and Truth." It first appeared in Watts' *Psalms of David, Imitated in the Language of the New Testament*. John Wesley made slight changes in stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6 and included them in his *Charlestown Collection*, 1737. The hymn was a favorite of Wesley's, who included it in his collections from 1741-1780. (Carlton Young)

Prayer Requests

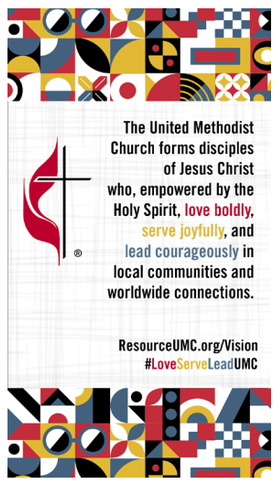
Emily Ruth, daughter of Helen Gaye Brewster; Emily and John Robbins in their continued displacement from their home since Winter Storm Fern; Christal Haner; victims of gun violence; our Muslim friends and neighbors; the sick, the unhoused, the lonely; those affected by flooding and natural disasters; those who choose hate over love; immigrants and refugees; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; peace in Venezuela, Palestine/Israel, Iran, Haiti, Sudan, Lebanon, Tanzania, Syria, and Ukraine.

THE UMC HAS A NEW VISION STATEMENT!

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections. The vision encourages United Methodists to embody the following principles:

- **Love Boldly:** Passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender and walk of life. (Inspired by Matthew 22:37-39 and John 13:34-35)
- **Serve Joyfully:** With a Christ-like heart, journey alongside the most vulnerable, offering care and compassion with joy. (Inspired by Psalm 100:1, Nehemiah 8:10, John 13:14-15 and 1 Peter 4:10)
- **Lead Courageously:** Follow Jesus' example by resisting and dismantling all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice and reconciliation. (Inspired by Joshua 1:9 and Ephesians 6:10)

Which one are you most excited to learn about? Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously?



Week of Aug 16 - This week's theme from our new vision statement is *Serve Joyfully*, with a Christ-like heart, offering care and compassion with joy! Where have you served joyfully? Have you ever been served with joy? Post and share with others - "I'm going to serve joyfully by...."

AUG. COMMUNION OFFERING // PUBLIC SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Our August Communion Offering benefits H.G. Hill Middle School. We are partnered with H.G. Hill to support students, teachers, and families. A portion of this money is used to provide teachers with gifts and meals of appreciation each year.

H.G. HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Panther Strong

NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT HG HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are looking for individuals interested in being tutors at HG Hill Middle School. Tutoring is easy and fun, and it only takes an hour a week on Tuesdays or Thursdays and at 9 a.m. Tutoring is in either reading or math depending on your preference, and we'd love to have a few Spanish speaking tutors, as well. All tutors are background checked and receive preliminary training through our partner, United4Hope. Reach out to Anne Underhill if you have any questions or are interested in getting started with this incredible school at *annerunderhill@gmail.com*.

KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS // AUGUST 23

How can we, as a congregation, be better neighbors with the people who live and work in our Midtown community? Join us for a "Know Our Neighbors" training on Sunday, August 23, from 12:15-2:00 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. We'll make plans to go speak with the people around us, to discuss hopes, concerns, and opportunities, as we as a church discern how to lean into the United Methodist vision to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously! We will provide you the support and tools to do this well. RSVP at *westendumc.org/neighbors* for lunch and if you need childcare.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP THIS FALL // BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10

If you are walking through a season of grief and looking for others to share the journey, you are invited to join our 6-week grief support group. A trained counselor will guide the conversation as we share support and care. This group will meet on Thursday evenings from 6 - 7 p.m., September 10 - October 15. Sign up at *westendumc.org/griefgroup* or email Pastor Carol at *ccavindillon@westendumc.org*.

HABITAT BUILD / FALL 2026

It's time for Habitat! We are partnering once again with other Methodist churches to help build a home. Our build dates for 2026 are 9/12, 10/3, 10/25. Sign ups are now available at *westendumc.org/habitat*.

If you or your group would be interested in providing food for one of our build dates, contact Stacey at *sharwelldye@westendumc.org*.

REGISTER NOW FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Children's Choirs are open to children ages 3 yrs - 6th grade and meet each Wednesday evening from 6:15 - 7 p.m. Children sing in worship at various times throughout the church year, including Christmas Candlelighting and Palm Sunday. Contact Andrew Risinger at *arisinger@westendumc.org* for more information or register now at *westendumc.org/childrenschoir*.

ACOLYTE TRAINING // AUGUST 23

The acolyte ministry at West End is an opportunity for children and youth to lead in our worship services each week. On Sunday, August 23, there will be a training for new Acolytes in the Sanctuary from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Acolytes carry the light of Christ into the sanctuary and back out into the world in both of our worship services each week. Kids who are currently in 3rd grade and older are invited to participate. Email Maggie Jarrell at *mjarrell@westendumc.org* to register!

OEF KICKOFF // AUGUST 23

All 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are invited to join us for older elementary fellowship (OEF) this year! We meet monthly during the school year for different fun activities and service projects. Kids AND parents are invited to join us for the kickoff from 5-7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. RSVP by Friday 8/21 to *mjarrell@westendumc.org*.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH AND BIBLE SUNDAY

We're excited to continue the tradition of our annual Children's Sabbath, where children will take on all the worship leader roles and children's choirs will sing. We will also be presenting Bibles to our 3 and 4 year olds AND our 3rd graders in worship.

- **Children's Sabbath Opportunities -** Children have opportunities to serve as greeters, ushers, liturgists, scripture readers, acolytes, preachers, and to lead us in music with handbells and our the childen's choirs. If your child wants to help, contact Maggie Jarrell at *mjarrell@westendumc.org* to sign up!
- **Preschool Bible Milestone -** All 3s and 4s will receive a Spark Story Book Bible to read with their families in the hopes that they will begin to develop a love for God and scripture by connecting with God through reading the stories of the Bible.

Register your child to receive a Bible at *westendumc.org/preschoolbible*.

- **Third Grade Bible Milestone -** Our 3rd graders will receive a Deep Blue Kids Bible to continue the long-held tradition of giving Bibles to our 3rd graders as they continue to grow in their faith and begin to read and discover God's word for themselves.

Register your older child to receive their Bibles at *westendumc.org/3rdgradebible*.

We are excited for our annual Church-Wide Fall Retreat! This year's Fall Retreat will be Friday evening to Sunday mid-morning, September 25 through 27. All ages are invited to join us at Beersheba Springs Assembly, less than two hours away in Beersheba, Tennessee. Campfires, hikes, times of worship and prayer, slow meals at the table, and rocking chair visits with one another will set our agenda for the weekend as we seek connection across the generations of our community.

Don't miss this intergenerational time of study, fellowship, and fun! Register now at *westendumc.org/fallretreat*

WEST END LUNCH FORUM AT SWETT'S // SEPTEMBER 1

The West End Lunch Forum meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reservations are not needed, but we would like a count. RSVP at *westendumc.org/swettslunchforum*. All church members are invited to meet with our Pastor for food, fellowship, and conversation at Swett's Cafeteria on 28th Avenue.

FIRST WEDNESDAY // SEPTEMBER 2

Writing as a Spiritual Practice with Andrew Breeden - Writing can be a spiritually formative activity and a wonderful means to engage scripture and personal life experiences in a deep, creative, and meaningful way. Andrew Breeden is a WEUMC member with a passion for equipping others to tell their story through his work as Senior Editor at The Upper Room. On September 2 from 6-7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall, Andrew will lead a writing workshop designed to help you think about the small, seemingly ordinary moments in your life that have ultimately shaped your spiritual journey and then to capture those experiences in words. He will talk about devotional writing, journaling, spiritual autobiography, and the relationship between visual art and spiritual writing. Don't think you're a writer or that you have anything important to say? You should come anyway so that Andrew can change your mind.

We will have our first Wednesday Night Dinner of the Fall before Andrew's presentation. Dinner will be served in McWhriter Hall starting at 5:15 pm. Registration is required for dinner at *westendumc.org/firstwednesday*.

All youth and parents are invited to join us tonight at 4:45 p.m. for our Fall Kick-Off EGGSTRAVAGANZA! It will be a night full of fun, fellowship, food and messy egg competitions! Bring $5 for dinner, and be sure to wear clothing that can get messy and wet. Don't forget a towel for your ride home See you there and bring a friend!

COLLEGE MINISTRY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

- **August 23: Move-in Weekend for Vanderbilt** -Take home a prayer card for students and be on the lookout for new faces in worship!
- **August 26: Welcome Week Game Night** - All undergrad and graduate students are invited to a game night and free dinner to start the semester off from 6-7:30 p.m. in Room 318.
- **August 30: First chat & Chew of the semester** - Chat & Chew is a free meal for all local college students after the 11 a.m. worship service each week during the school year.
- **September 20: College Sunday** - Students will lead worship in both services. Everyone is invited to represent their school by wearing your favorite college swag.

Vandy WESLEY
INCLUSION - SERVICE - BELONGING

VANDY WESLEY DINNER AND DISCUSSION // WEDNESDAYS

Vandy Wesley hosts Dinner & Discussion every Wednesday in Room 318 from 6-7:30 p.m. throughout the academic year. Undergrad and graduate students are invited for a free meal and faith discussion.

SALTY SENIORS UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

The Salty Seniors are older adults of retirement age who seek to find fellowship and service in our church and for our God. We have several plans, but we need some volunteers! Below are the dates, events, and the coordinators whose contact information is in One Church (OCS).

- **September 13** - Potluck Lunch with our college students immediately after church: Anita Schmidt, coordinator.
- **Date TBD** - Training for composting assistants at meals in McWhirter Hall - Gay Vekovius, coordinator. This team is open to people of all ages.

VOICES OF RESILIENCE: COMMUNITY LAUNCH & POTLUCK RECEPTION

Sunday, August 30, 2026 | 1 – 3 p.m. All Nashvillians are welcome to the table. *Voices of Resilience* — the traveling multimedia exhibit centering the stories of those most impacted by climate change, often first and hardest — makes its next tour stop at West End United Methodist Church on August 30. The exhibit will be in the 4th Story Theater Gallery thru the end of September. Join us for a community potluck luncheon, a panel conversation with featured voices from the exhibit, and an afternoon of art, food, and connection. ***What to Expect:***

- **Community Potluck** — Bring a dish to share that reflects your own food tradition, culture, or community. All are welcome at this table.
- **Panel Conversation** — Featured *Voices of Resilience* storytellers will share their experiences of climate resilience, community, and what it means to build something together in the face of change.
- **Bread Exchange** — Bring a baked loaf of bread — homemade or store-bought, no judgment here. Leave a loaf, take a loaf. A simple, generous act of community.
- **Food Drive** — Bring non-perishable food donations to contribute to a curated food drive benefiting neighbors in need right here in Nashville.
- **Gallery Walk** — Tour the *Voices of Resilience* exhibit panels, experience the artwork, and encounter the stories at the heart of this project in community.

This is not just a lunch. It is a reception — for the voices, for the stories, and for the city that holds them. Come hungry. Come curious. Come ready to belong to something.

Free and open to all. Bring a dish. Bring a friend. Bring bread to take and eat. Be part of the *Voices of Resilience* story.

Questions? Contact Pastor Stacey at *sharwelldye@westendumc.org*.

RICE FOOD DRIVE FOR THE STORE

As part of our *Voices of Resilience* launch on August 30, we are asking that all guests bring an item to donate to The Store. They are asking us for Knorr Rice Sides (5.6 oz - any flavor- individual packets only please!). We will have a box in the entryway to the church, but will also have one in the theater the day of the Community Launch. People can bring the Knorr Rice Sides any time before the end of the month.

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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Kathryn Ware ..... *Receptionist*

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Corye Nelson ..... *Executive Director*
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