

GATHERING

Voluntary: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light.....Wayne Wold

Welcome.....Brandon Baxter

Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.

Introit: O Light Everlasting.....Jean Pasquet

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

† Greeting.....Emily C. Robbins

Liturgist: *Gather this day in silence and hope.*

People: **We wait for God’s word for us.**

Liturgist: *Let your hearts and spirits be open.*

People: **God is our strength and salvation.**

Liturgist: *Wait patiently for the Lord.*

People: **With willing hearts and spirits we wait for the Lord.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**O God, we listen to the stories of the call of the disciples
and find them interesting but unrealistic.**

How could we leave everything to follow you?

But you are persistent and understand our doubt.

**You continue to call us to be in ministry and mission in our world,
which may not mean leaving everything behind,
but it does mean being willing to serve wherever you call us.**

That is hard for us, O God.

We want to place conditions on service.

Still you call to each of us.

Forgive us for turning our backs on serving you.

Forgive us when we look the other way.

**Forgive us our angry attitudes and actions
which hurt rather than heal.**

Wrap your arms around us, healing our wounds, binding us to you.

Gently move us into service in your name. Amen.

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

† Passing of 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.**

(You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Fred Bittle

**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.**

Lesson from the Gospel: Mark 1:14-20.....(pew Bible, page 812)

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71

*The children are invited to come forward during the singing
of the Gloria Patri to join Brandon at the chancel.*

**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.**

(Please be seated.)

Sermon: No More Casting About.....Brandon Baxter

† Affirmation of Faith of the United Church of Canada.....No. 883

Ministry Moment.....Mary Mitchell

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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: Dear Lord, Creator of Us All.....C. Hubert H. Parry

Dear Lord, creator of us all, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives, thy service find, in deeper rev’rence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow Thee. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace. Breathe thro’ the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak thro’ the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm!
(John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872)

† 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!**

Consecration of Church Leaders

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 577.....Cwm Rhondda
God of Grace and God of Glory

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: For Your Light Has Come.....Ronald A. Nelson

Voluntary: Prelude in D Major, BWV 532.....J. S. Bach

*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 stand.*

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services
and worship events.*

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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Robert Adrian Downing by his family.

The roses on the altar are to celebrate the birth of Iris Alegria Reyes on December 20, 2017 to Ellen (Van Voorhees) and Carlos Reyes in Los Angeles, CA and the birth of Jacob Massesy Lundin to Julia and Ben Lundin in Washington DC on December 23, 2017. These children are also welcomed by their grandparents, Ed Van Voorhees and Linda Lundin.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES

The following third grade students will receive a Bible today during the Eleven o'clock service. Be sure to encourage them in their study and to pray for them and their families.

Elijah Bakker	Bobby Hollis Moss
Harper Corley Barnes	Robert Wolcott Nelson
Emerson Marie Baxter	Ella Grace Peacock
Luca A. Bogni	Cassandra Rhianne Phelps
Anne Keaton Boosalis	Samuel Blythe Powell
Charlotte Elizabeth Bury	Henry Stephen Sheaffer
Zachary Fannesbeck	Alexander Clayton Stirling
Margaret Ann Harrell	Nikeria Ware
Clayton Aaron Jenkins	

LAY LEADERSHIP 2018

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Everyone is welcome at West End! 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, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

Sunday Activities

Service Times.....	8:45 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
College Lunch.....	12 - 1 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal*.....	12:15 - 1 p.m.
Adult Handbells.....	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Youth Small Groups*.....	5 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Activities

Meal.....	Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Class Offerings.....	Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
Children's Choir and Youth Handbell Rehearsals.....	Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....	Thursdays, 7:15pm - 9:15 p.m.

Building Tours are offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM, or immediately following the early service. Meet at the Welcome Center in Reed Hall, through the side doors of the Sanctuary.

For a complete listing and additional information on Sunday and Weekly Activities, please visit our website at www.westendumc.org or see the bulletin insert.

*Meal provided.

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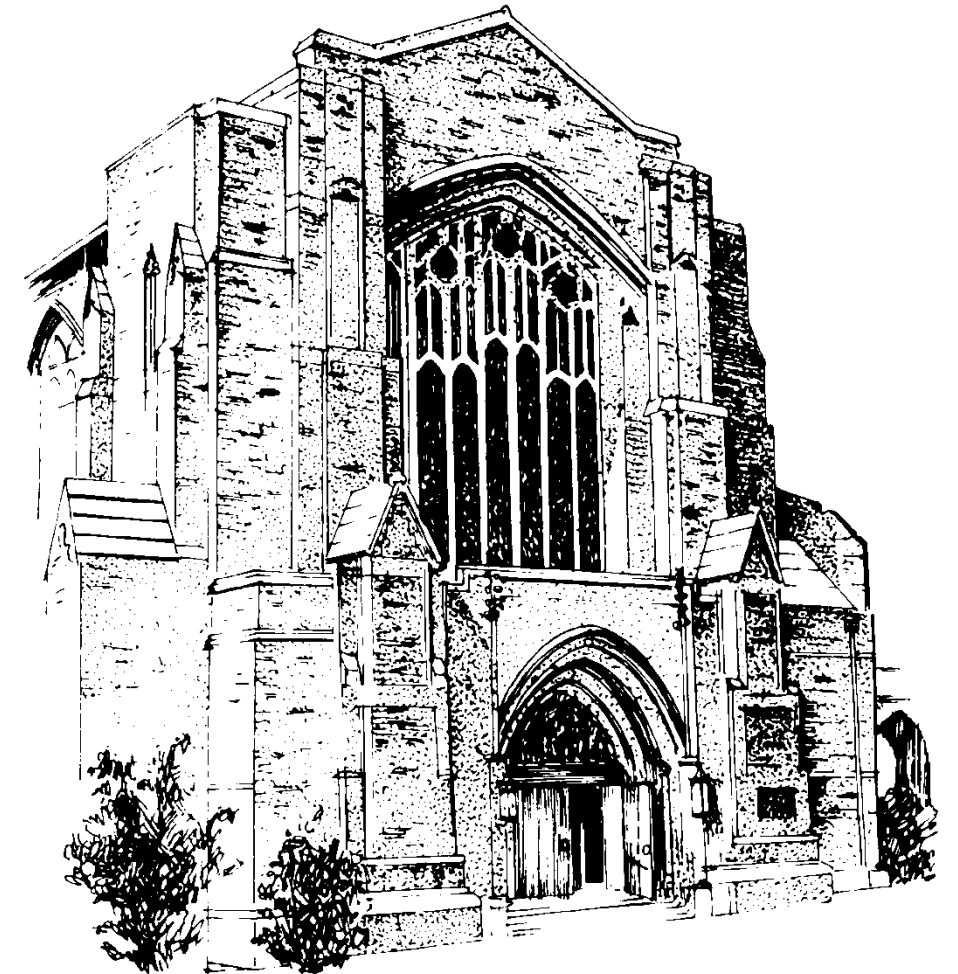
Head Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is directing. Music Associate, Allison Williams, is assisting at the organ.

Hymnic Notes: Issac Watts wrote "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" for his 1719 publication *The Psalms of David, Imitated*. It was one of three paraphrases he wrote based on Psalm 117, and it was first published in two verses. In 1780 John Wesley published a version with an added two verses. These verses are included in the *United Methodist Hymnal*, *Trinity Hymnal*, and *Presbyterian Hymnal*. The hymn tune Duke Street is often used with this text, along with another famous Watts text "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun."

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