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WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
AUGUST 13, 2023 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: These Are the Holy Ten Commandments, BWV 678 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: Make a Joyful Noise..... Hal Hopson

† Processional Hymn No. 203: Hail to the Lord's Anointed Ellacombe

† Call to Worship Molly Borneman

Liturgist: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of All Creation,

your prophets called us to live lives of repentance and justice.

Their voices offer hope to oppressed people and call out the oppressors.

Help us to have ears to hear their message.

Forgive us for our failings.

Forgive us for turning our backs on our neighbors.

Forgive us for the ways we have left others out.

Forgive us for the harm we cause, knowingly and unknowingly.

May we become more aware of the hurts of the world around us.

May we be agents of change for the building up of your kin-dom here on earth, so that all will know your love, your justice, and your peace.

† Silent Confession

CLOTHING CLOSET NEEDS

Our West End Clothing Closet needs your help! Our greatest need right now are sturdy men's shoes, but all men's clothing will be accepted. So, if you're cleaning and thinning your closet, feel free to bring them to us and we'll put them to good use. Look for the blue donation bins at church for your drop offs. If you don't have any clothing to donate, monetary donations are accepted to help us provide the resources our brothers experiencing homelessness desperately need.

OLDER ELEMENTARY FELLOWSHIP KICKOFF AUGUST 27

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 event from 5-7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall on Sunday, August 27. The plan will be to have a snack supper followed by some games and planning of our other activities for the rest of the year.

Let Maggie know you plan to be there by Friday, August 25 at mjarrell@westendumc.org so we can order pizza.

FALL MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you have been a part of West End UMC recently and would like to make it your church home, join us for our Fall Membership Class! This will be a four-week session that meets on the first floor in McWhirter Hall at 9:45 am starting September 24. Each week we will take a look at the five membership vows all United Methodists commit to upon joining: to faithfully serve Christ by your Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. We will also discuss some specifics of United Methodism doctrine and history. After attending at least three of the four sessions, participants will be invited to join the church at either worship service on Sunday, September 22 (or another fourth Sunday later in the year).

For more information, contact Shannon Baxter, Pastor of Congregational Connection at sbaxter@westendumc.org. You can also sign up by visiting westendumc.org/membership.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL YEAR

Do you love kids? Do you love Bible stories? Would you be willing to share the love of God with children? Then we would love to have you volunteer for children's ministry in the 2023-2024 school year! We need Sunday school teachers who serve 1-2 Sundays a month throughout the school year and Children's Church volunteers who serve one Sunday every other month (or more often if you like!) throughout the year.

Contact our Children's Pastor Maggie Jarrell at mjarrell@westendumc.org for more information and to volunteer to share the loving light of Christ with West End kids!

2023 EGGSTRAVAGANZA ♦ YOUTH KICK OFF PARTY

Who will be our 2023 Champs? All YOUTH AND Parents are invited to join us Sunday, August 20 at 4:45 p.m. for a night full of fun, fellowship, food and messy egg competitions! Make sure to wear clothing that can get messy and wet and bring a towel for your ride home!! See you there and bring a friend!

Contact Emily Robbins for location info at erobbins@westendumc.org.

YOUTH PARENT MEETING

August 20 ♦ 9:45 a.m. ♦ Youth Game Room

Youth Parents: please come learn what we are up to this fall and see where you can help us support our youth ministry!

VILLAGE PERSON NEEDED

The Villages of Glenclyff, a mission our church supports, is the "medical respite" - temporary housing for unhoused persons who have had surgery. A new female resident has settled in and we would like to provide a special friend ("a Village Person") to have regular contact with her through the mail, the phone and an occasional visit. They usually only stay 90 days. Please contact Kay Gray at 615.545.6987 or kgray510@gmail.com for more info and to volunteer.

BECOME A CONNECTOR

Ushers and Greeters are an important part of getting people connected at West End UMC! If you can smile and be friendly, open a door, help someone, then you are a connector! Contact Shannon Baxter at sbaxter@westendumc.org.

† 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.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Harper Barnes

**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..... Malachi 4:1-6

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

† Hymn No. *TFWS 2089: Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice..... La Grange
(Verses 1 and 2)

Children's Moment

Sermon: The Persistence of God Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of FaithNo. 883

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 ChurchShannon Baxter

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.

AUGUST 20 IS PROMOTION AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Join us August 20 for Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks! Promotion Sunday is the day when all of our Sunday School children, 3 year olds through 6th grade, will promote to the next grade or class. The fun begins at 9:45 a.m. in McWhirter Hall. We will have a celebration for parents and kids, and then after kids go to their new classrooms, parents will stay for a parent meeting and fellowship time. Kids will have an opportunity to make new friends, learn about and experience Jesus' love, hear Bible stories that help us love God and one another in our world today.

Also as part of our preparations for the new school year, we will be having a Blessing of the Backpacks in 8:45 and 11 a.m. worship. This will be an opportunity for us to pray for kids as they go back to school. Students will be invited to bring their backpacks with them and come forward during the service. For more information, contact Maggie Jarrell at mjarrell@westendumc.org.

REGISTER FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND YOUTH ENSEMBLE AND BELLS

It's time to register for the 2023/24 Children's Choir and Youth Ensemble and Bells. Visit westendumc.org/childrenschoir or westendumc.org/youthmusic to find out more!

REGISTER NOW FOR OUR CHURCH-WIDE FALL RETREAT

We are having a church-wide Fall Retreat at Beersheba Springs Assembly this September 15-17. Don't miss this intergenerational time of study, fellowship and fun. Space is limited, so register now at westendumc.org/fallretreat23.

AUGUST SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK STUDY CONTINUES TODAY

Join us this morning in the 4th Story Theater as West End member Tom Lee leads us through a study of Bishop Ken Carter's book, *Unrelenting Grace: A United Methodist Way of Life*. Bishop Carter's book shows us how to come together to embrace grace, seek holiness, and build meaningful connections to promote strength and healing. As we wrestle with the effects of the pandemic, social disruption, and conflicts, "Unrelenting Grace" offers guidance for stepping into the future as individuals and as a community of faith. As a special bonus, Bishop Carter will join us for the class on August 20!

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, 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

- ♦ Sympathies to the family and friends of David Kinnard as they mourn his passing on Saturday, August 5.
- ♦ **Surgery and Hospitalization:** Don Pierce, Becky McNamee, Cris Jarrell, Allie and Raney Schoen, Lucy Walker, Dean McIntyre, and Barbara Cragg
- ♦ **Prayer Requests:** Students, Teachers and Administrators going back to school, Russ Connell, Mike Fisher, Jane Weaver, Carol McSwiney, and Jewell McGhee-Rader

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 August 14-20 will be Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye.

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

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

West End UMC announces a Request for Qualifications from artists for the commissioning of new work that offers diverse perspectives and understandings of God and the people of God, both historically and today, for the church's art collection. Artists must be local to the Nashville area. Black, Indigenous, People of Color and LGBTQ+ artists are especially encouraged to submit their portfolios. The deadline to submit your portfolio for consideration is August 31 at 11:59 p.m. Award details and submission instructions are available at westendumc.org/art-inclusion.

Offertory: O Love, How DeepEverett Titcomb
O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing
thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.
For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.
All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and for evermore. Amen.

† 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.**

SENDING FORTH

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

† 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: Prelude to *Te Deum*.....Marc-Antoine Charpentier, arr. Phelps

*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)*

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Brant Phillips in celebration of the 58th wedding anniversary of his parents, Wade and DiAnne Phillips.

Maren Louise Smith-Tyge, daughter of Anna Gedman and Nate Smith-Tyge, was presented for baptism.

Today's liturgy was adapted by Maggie Jarrell from Psalm 118:24.

Music Participants

The Chancel Choir

Matthew Phelps: Director, Assisting at Organ

Andrew Risinger: Organist, Accompanist

Today's Music

Montgomery's revised text for "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" from 1828 is most commonly used today, although there are multiple versions and verse combinations in today's modern hymnals. *The Episcopal Hymnal* follows the original text most closely. The biggest change comes in *The Psalter Hymnal*, in which Bert Polman edited the text significantly to stay truer to the actual Psalm. It was not Montgomery's intent, however, to write a direct paraphrase of the Psalm, but rather to absorb "from the Psalm the essential intent of the Psalmist as he saw it, then [proceed] to create his own imagery" (Bailey, *The Gospel in Hymns*).

Bulletin Cover Art

"The Coming of God's Messenger," an engraving by Gustave Doré. Doré (1832-1883) was a French artist who, among a wide variety of works mainly for books, produced a number of wood engravings like this one for illustrating Bibles.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 13, 2023

8:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45 AM	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
9:45 AM	Summer Sunday School	Theater
9:45 AM	Sunday School Teacher Training	406
9:45 AM	Grigg Small Group	LL2
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Children's Church	Scales Chapel

Monday, August 14

11:00 AM	Sunny Day Club	McWhirter Hall
5:30 PM	Carroll Small Group	306
5:30 PM	SPRC Meeting	310

Tuesday, August 15

7:30 AM	Pastor's Morning Bible Study	310
1:30 PM	Creative Hands	305

Wednesday, August 16

5:00 PM	Mitchell Small Group	306
5:30 PM	Vanderbilt Wesley Board Meeting	310

WEST END UMC 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 Missions & Outreach
Rev. Shannon Baxter.....
.....Pastor of Congregational Connection
Rev. Aimee Baxter.....Pastor of Young Adults
Molly Borneman..... Pastoral Fellow
Matthew Phelps.....Minister of Music
Andrew Risinger..... Associate Minister of Music
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 Gurgenz..... 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
Bob Hilton.....Building Engineer
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