



# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
AUGUST 20, 2023 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE  
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Fountain Reverie .....Percy Fletcher

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](http://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: Come, Ye That Love the Lord ..... arr. Alice Parker

† Processional Hymn No. 117: O God, Our Help in Ages Past..... St. Anne

† Call to Worship ..... Will McLeane

*Liturgist: O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness extends to the skies.*

**People: Your righteousness towers like the mountains; your justice is deeper than the sea.**

*Liturgist: All find protection under the shadow of your wings. We feast on the abundance you provide.*

**People: You are the source of all life, and in your light, we see light.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (**in unison**)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have resisted your unrelenting grace and denied the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**We have filled our hearts with loves that do not satisfy.**

**We have forgotten the needs of our neighbors and the cries of the poor. We have failed as stewards of your good Creation.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us for joyful obedience that we may follow Jesus in the life that is truly life.**

† 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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

*Liturgist: Will you nurture one another in 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 so that she may grow in service with others. We will pray for her 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 Penelope Joan to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.*

**People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Penelope Joan, 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 ..... Tiner Goldsby

**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 ..... Matthew 22:34-40

Response to the Lesson

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment and Blessing of the Backpacks

Sermon: The Great Commandment ..... Bishop Ken Carter

† Affirmation of Faith ..... No. 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 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: Simple Gifts..... arr. Marie Pooler

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free,  
‘tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,  
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
‘twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,  
to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed,  
to turn, turn will be our delight,  
till by turning, turning we come round right.

† 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. 500 .....Morecambe  
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Together Met, Together Bound..... Land of Rest  
**Together met, together bound,  
we go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world  
we’ll live and speak his praise.**

Voluntary: Prelude in B Major ..... Marcel Dupré

*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 in memory of Beverly Hiester  
by her daughter and son-in-law, Meredith and John Eason*

*Penelope Joan Wiegand, daughter of Martin and Jane Wiegand,  
is presented for baptism.*

*Today’s liturgy was adapted by Will McLeane from Psalm 35:5-9.*

### Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir  
Andrew Risinger: Director, Organist  
Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

### Today’s Music

“O God our Help in Ages Past” was written by Isaac Watts in 1714, shortly before the death of Queen Anne of England. This was a time of great crises and turmoil, as the successor of Queen Anne was as yet undetermined and the fear of a monarch who would reinstate the persecution of Protestants was great. King George I prevented such persecution, but the fear before Anne’s death was great. This was the context in which Watts wrote his powerful text, now lauded as “one of the grandest in the whole realm of English Hymnody” (Bailey, *The Gospel in Hymns*, 54).

### Bulletin Cover Art

“The Greatest Commandment” is by an unattributed contemporary artist.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, 20 August

8:45 AM	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
8:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Youth Parent Mtg.	314 (Youth)
9:45 AM	Promotion Celebration & Parent mtg	McWhirter Hall
9:45 AM	Children's Sunday School	4th FL Classrooms
9:45 AM	Grigg Small Group (Bible Reading)	LL 2
9:45 AM	Summer Sunday School	4th Story Theater
11:00 AM	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:00 PM	Mid-Year Leadership Retreat	McWhirter Hall
2:00 PM	NOAH Monthly Board Meeting	310
5:00 PM	Taize service	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Harrell Small Group (Bible Reading)	310

### Monday, 21 August

9:30 AM	Sunny Day Club	McWhirter Hall
5:30 PM	Carroll Small Group (Bible Reading)	306
5:30 PM	Trustees Meeting	310

### Tuesday, 22 August

7:30 AM	Morning Bible Study	310
3:00 PM	HR/Property	204
5:30 PM	Finance Committee	310
5:30 PM	Trauma-Informed Deescalation Training	McWhirter Hall

### Wednesday, 23 August

5:00 PM	Mitchell Small Group - BTTY	305
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### Saturday, 26 August

All Day	Parking Lot Fundraiser - Youth	Parking Lots
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## 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 Gurgenedze** ..... *Childcare Coordinator*  
**Cindy Siemer** ..... *Senior Administrative Assistant*  
**Julie Catterton** ..... *Assistant to Senior Pastor*  
**Andrew Callis** ..... *Administrative Assistant*  
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**Bob Hilton** ..... *Building Engineer*  
**Richard Thomas** ..... *Custodian*  
**Bethany DiSantis** ..... *Music Intern*

## 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 identity, 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](https://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 Rosalie Bargmann as they mourn her passing on Tuesday, August 15th. Details regarding a Service of Remembrance will be forthcoming.

♦ **Surgery and Hospitalization:** Cris Jarrell

♦ **Prayer Requests:** College students beginning classes, Jonathan Garlit and Lucas Litrell, 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 20th-26th will be Rev. Carol Cavin-Dillon.

To submit a prayer request, Visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](https://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 31st at 11:59 p.m. Award details and submission instructions are available at [westendumc.org/art-inclusion](https://westendumc.org/art-inclusion).

## **IT'S PROMOTION SUNDAY AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

Today is the day! Promotion Sunday is the day when all of our Sunday School children, 3 year olds through 6th graders, will promote to the next grade or class. The fun begins at 9:45 a.m. in McWhirter Hall with 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.

We will also 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.

## **CHILDREN'S CHOIRS BEGIN THIS WEDNESDAY**

Rehearsals start Wednesday, August 23rd and run from 6:15 to 7 p.m. on the 4th Floor and include singing, activities, and even drumming! To sign up, visit [westendumc.org/childrenschoir!](http://westendumc.org/childrenschoir!)

## **BISHOP CARTER LEADS OUR SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY**

Join us today in the 4th Story Theater as West End member Tom Lee and special guest Bishop Ken Carter lead us through a study of Bishop 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.

## **2023 EGGSTRAVAGANZA ♦ YOUTH KICK OFF PARTY TODAY**

Who will be our 2023 Champs? All YOUTH AND Parents are invited to join us Sunday, August 20th 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](mailto:erobbins@westendumc.org).

## **YOUTH PARENT MEETING THIS MORNING**

**August 20 ♦ 9:45 a.m. ♦ Youth Game Room** - Youth Parents: come learn what we are up to this fall and see where you can help support our ministry!

## **DON'T MISS OUR CHURCH-WIDE FALL RETREAT! REGISTER TODAY**

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](http://westendumc.org/fallretreat23).

## **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 27th. The plan will be to have a snack supper followed by some games and the 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](mailto:mjarrell@westendumc.org) so we can order pizza.

## **VILLAGE PERSON NEEDED**

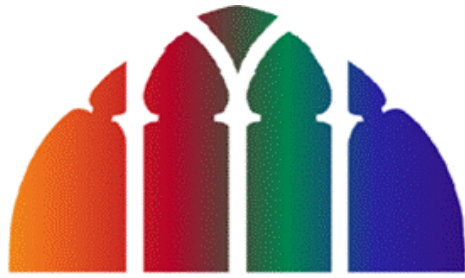
The Villages of Glencliff, a mission our church supports, is the "medical respite" - temporary housing for unhoused persons who have had surgery. A new female resident has settled in and we would like to provide a special friend ("a Village Person") to have regular contact with her through the mail,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

## **ADULT AND YOUTH SENSORY BAGS**

We have sensory bags at each sanctuary entrance for adults and youth. If this is a need of yours, feel free to grab a bag and return it to the cart at the end of the service. Our intention is to make our service welcoming for all individuals with the hope that you feel best equipped for a fulfilling worship experience.

## **'CHAT AND CHEW' STARTS SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH**

Welcome back, college students! Join Pastor Aimee after the 11 a.m. service each week for free lunch at a nearby restaurant beginning August 27th. Meet in the back of the sanctuary to find out where we're going. All undergraduate and graduate students are invited to attend! Contact Pastor Aimee at [abaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:abaxter@westendumc.org) with questions.



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