



# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Recollection (Soliloquy No. 2) .....David Conte

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: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now ..... 17th c. German

† Processional Hymn No. 157: Jesus Shall Reign .....Duke Street

† Call to Worship ..... Maggie Jarrell

*Liturgist: We gather together today as one people,*

**People: a people who are loved unconditionally.**

*Liturgist: May we be overjoyed with God's abundant grace.*

**People: Let us rejoice and worship!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of all people,**

**we confess that our hearts can be selfish,**

**our perspectives are too small.**

**We tend to judge those who are not like us—**

**those with a different status,**

**those with different opinions,**

**those with different backgrounds.**

**We forget that all people are your beloved.**

**Forgive us for the many ways we have failed**

**to be a people known by love.**

**Lead us to a grace that is given without condition.**

**Teach us to be an accepting people**

**who continuously welcome with love.**

† 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.**

Anthem: God of Great and God of Small ..... Natalie Sleeth

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, praised be thy name.

God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,  
God of neverending power yet beside me ev'ry hour,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, praised be thy name.

God of silence, God of sound, God in whom the lost are found,  
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
God of heav'n and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,  
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, praised be thy name.

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination .....Frank Clement

**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 .....Acts 11:19-26  
13:1-3

Response to the Lesson

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 463: Lord, Speak to Me.....Canonbury

Children's Moment

Sermon: Best Supporting Actor..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† 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 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.....Shannon 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.**

Ministry Moment..... Aimee Baxter and Tatum Earp  
Campus Ministries at Belmont, Fisk, Tennessee State, and Vanderbilt

Offertory: O Sing Joyfully..... Adrien Batten

O sing joyfully unto God our strength:  
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Take the song, bring hither the tabret:  
the merry harp with the lute.

Blow up the trumpet in the new moon:  
even in the time appointed,  
and upon our solemn feast day.

For this was made a statute for Israel,  
and a law of the God of Jacob.

*(Psalm 81: 1-4)*

† 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

Welcoming of New Members  
Commendation and Welcome

*Liturgist: Family of God, Brandy, Cathy, and Sharon are now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.*

**People: We give thanks for all that God has already give you 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.**

† Recessional Hymn No. 159: Lift High the Cross .....Crucifer

† 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: Allegro con brio from *Sonata IV* ..... Felix Mendelssohn

*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 SERVICES

*The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marie and Buck Cowan by their son Tommy Cowan.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Leila Maeve Adams on September 7th to Blake Adams and Jessica Lawson Adams. She is welcomed also by siblings Jolene and Archie Adams.*

*Rosalind (Rosie) Jean Schleh, daughter of Emily and Mike Schleh, was presented for baptism at the early service this morning.*

*Today's liturgy was written by Molly Borneman.*

#### Music Participants

The Chancel Choir  
Chapel Choir  
Andrew Risinger: Organist / Director  
Emma Jackson: Director of Chapel Choir  
Ben Troxler: Accompanist

#### Today's Music

Isaac Watts wrote "Jesus Shall Reign" for his 1719 publication, *Psalms of David, Imitated*. It originally had eight stanzas and was titled, "Christ's Kingdom among the Gentiles." The original second, third, and seventh stanzas are omitted from most modern hymnals. These verses have references to Europe, Persia, India, and "barbarous nations," and are perhaps the reason Albert Bailey could write this about Watts' text: Watts made "David speak like King William III; England and Scotland take the place of Israel and Judah." Thus, the Psalmist became "an orthodox and patriotic English Christian of the early eighteenth century." (The Gospel in Hymns, 49)



### Bulletin Cover Art

“The Little Christs of Barnabas and Paul Holding the Church” is an icon mural from the St. Basil the Great Greek Orthodox Church in San Jose, California.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 24

8:45 a	Children’s Church	Scales Chapel
8:45 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 a	Sunday School	
9:45 a	Grigg Small Group - BTTY	LL 2
11:00 a	Children’s Church	Scales Chapel
11:00 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 p	Youth Group	Youth Center
6:00 p	Harrell Small Group - BTTY	310

### Monday, September 25

10:00 a	Sunny Day Club	McWhirter Hall
5:30 p	Carroll Small Group - BTTY	306

### Tuesday, September 26

7:30 a	Morning Bible Study	310
5:30 p	Finance Committee Meeting	310

### Wednesday, September 27

5:00 p	Mitchell Small Group - BTTY	305
5:30 p	Wednesday Night Supper	McWhirter Hall
6:15 p	The Art of Belonging	McWhirter Hall
6:15 p	Children’s Choir Rehearsal	4th Floor
7:30 p	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

### Thursday, September 28

7:00p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
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## WEST END STAFF

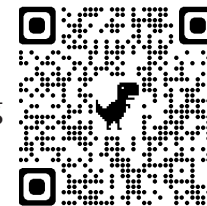
**Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon**..... *Senior Pastor*  
**Rev. Will McLeane** ..... *Pastor of Spiritual Formation*  
**Rev. Maggie Jarrell**..... *Pastor of Children & Families*  
**Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye**..... *Pastor of Missions & Outreach*  
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**Rev. Shannon Baxter** ..... *Pastor of Congregational Connection*  
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**Rev. Aimee Baxter**..... *Pastor of Young Adults*  
**Molly Borneman** ..... *Pastoral Fellow*  
**Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn**... *Congregational Care Intern*  
**Matthew Phelps**..... *Minister of Music*  
**Andrew Risinger** ..... *Associate Minister of Music*  
**Nico Zavala**..... *Music Intern*  
**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*  
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**Julie Catterton**..... *Assistant to Senior Pastor*  
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**Devon Bardo**..... *Receptionist*  
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**Bob Hilton**..... *Building Engineer*  
**Richard Thomas** ..... *Custodian*

## 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](http://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

♦ **Births** - A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Leila Maeve Adams on September 7 to Blake Adams and Jessica Lawson Adams. She is welcomed by siblings Jolene and Archie Adams.

♦ **Prayer Requests** - Dean McIntyre, Crystal Vines, Laura Bethal, Jonathan Wiltsie, Jewel McGhee-Rader, Don Pierce, Margaret Werts, Elijah Henry Read, Noelle McIntyre

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 September 25 - October 1 will be Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye. To submit a prayer request, visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](http://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).

## THE ART OF BELONGING - WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND FORMATION IN SEPTEMBER

Join us on Wednesday night this week in McWhirter Hall for a catered meal (Moe’s) and time of formation around the table. Dinner will be served starting at 5:30 p.m., and from 6:15-7 p.m., Rev. Will McLeane will guide us in a four-week class, “The Art of Belonging.” The class will only be offered in-person, but you need not come to dinner to attend the class. However, we need meal reservations by noon on Tuesday. Visit [westendumc.org/wednesdays](http://westendumc.org/wednesdays) to reserve your meal or let us know you’ll be in the class.

## 2023 ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING - OCTOBER 1

Join us for this year’s annual Town Hall meeting on Sunday, October 1 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 2023. We’ll share financial updates and budget plans for 2023; reports from worship, Sunday School, small groups, and ministry teams. Time to celebrate 2023 and look ahead to 2024!

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCTOBER 1

Join us on Sunday, October 1 at 3 p.m. on our West Lawn as we bless our animals and thank God for God's good creation. Please make sure that any animals you bring are on a leash or in a cage. Pawster, a nonprofit that seeks to end pet homelessness before it starts, will be onsite to collect financial and inkind donations.

## IT'S TIME FOR HABITAT 2023

Our Fall 2023 Habitat Build is here! We need people to help bring snacks, breakfasts, waters, and lunches, as well as volunteer to build. Right now our dates for meals are Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7 and our dates for building are October 7 and October 21. To find out more or volunteer for the build or to provide a meal, visit [westendumc.org/habitat](http://westendumc.org/habitat).

## REGIONAL MISSION TRIP TO SAGER BROWN

We are going to the UMCOR Sager Brown depot in Baldwin, Louisiana April 13-20th! We'd love for you to come with us as we serve the community and bring down the hygiene kits, cleaning kits, and menstruation kits we've made this year. We'll assist at the depot, do projects around town, and learn about our connectional response to disasters around the globe through UMCOR. Register at [westendumc.org/sagerbrown](http://westendumc.org/sagerbrown).

## 'CHAT AND CHEW' LUNCH FOR COLLEGE AND GRAD STUDENTS

Join Pastor Aimee after the 11 a.m. service each week for free lunch at a nearby restaurant. 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.

## OVERNIGHT HOSTS AND BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Room in the Inn is starting back this fall and we have a lot of Wednesdays that will need overnight hosts and bus drivers. If you are interested in spending the night at the church and providing hospitality to our guests experiencing homelessness, please reach out to Pastor Stacey at [sharwelldye@westendumc.org](mailto:sharwelldye@westendumc.org). Bus drivers are also needed. To drive our minibus, you need to be over 25, have a valid driver's license (no CDL required), and submit to a background check and short training that will include a driving portion to get you comfortable with the bus. Help us serve our neighbors through serving as an overnight host or bus driver at West End this year! We literally can't do it without these two vital roles.

## BACK TO SCHOOL WITH HG HILL

United 4 Hope and West End UMC are once again partners with HG Hill Middle School to support the students and staff. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to work with the students as reading and math tutors. Our time with the students is 9-10 a.m. on the morning of the week that works for you. It's one hour, one day a week. The connection with each student is so important in their skill development and in their knowing that we care about them. You can make a difference! For information please contact Anne Underhill at 615.294.4745 or [annerunderhill@gmail.com](mailto:annerunderhill@gmail.com).

## PARENTING WORKSHOPS OFFERED

We have two Parenting Workshops about Technology and Connection coming the first week of October led by counselors from the Brentwood Counseling Center. Anyone is welcome at either workshop.

♦ **Parents of pre-teens and teens** - you are invited to come on Sunday, October 1 from 5:30-7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall.

♦ **Parents of younger kids** - you are invited to come on Wednesday, October 4 from 6:15-7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall.

## YOU'RE INVITED!

On Sunday, October 15, 2023, we are having a Birthday Bash for West End UMC! We have events planned all day to celebrate 150 years of West End being the Loving Light of Christ in Nashville! Visit [westendumc.org/birthdaybash](http://westendumc.org/birthdaybash) to find out more!

**Sunday School ♦ 9 a.m.**

**One Worship Service ♦ 10 a.m.**

**Celebration on the Grounds ♦ 2-4 p.m.**

**Hymn Sing ♦ 4 p.m.**



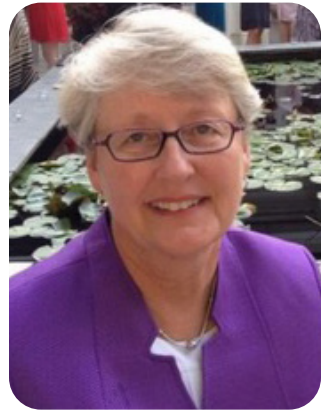
## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



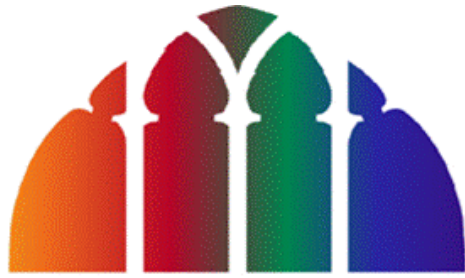
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