

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Lento, assai espressivo (from *Two Slow Airs*).... Herbert Howells

Welcome .....Erin Racine

*Please take a moment to record your attendance.*

*First-time guests and other visitors 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: Come Into God's Presence .....Mark Patterson

*This introit is sung as an echo between leader and choir. On the repeat, the congregation is invited to be the echo in response to the choir.*

Come into God's presence (echo)

singing songs of joy. (echo)

Come into God's presence; (echo)

this is the house of the Lord. (echo)

† Processional Hymn No. 545: The Church's One Foundation.....Aurelia

† Call to Worship ..... Chris Donald

Liturgist: *May God break down the barriers that divide us.*

People: **May God tear down the walls of hostility and fear.**

Liturgist: *May God take away our anger and hatred.*

People: **May God breathe new life into God's people.**

Liturgist: *For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.*

People: **We are all loved by God.**

Liturgist: *Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our paths.*

People: **Let us praise God who seeks to guide us in peace.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Lord, we know we have forgotten how to trust you entirely.**

**We find it much easier to put our needs**

**in front of our neighbor's needs.**

**We find it much simpler to work toward power instead of peace.**

**Forgive us when we forget to include your love**

**into our daily lives.**

**Give us the courage and strength to accept your forgiving love,**

**that we may again place our whole trust in you.**

† 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 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**

† 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: Prayer of St. Francis..... Carol McClure

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where I find doubt and despair, where I find sadness and hate, let me shine with your faith and hope; let me shine with your joy and love. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Let me seek to love with compassion. Let me seek to give and forgive, as you gave for me in your death, God's gift of love so that I might live. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Lenten Prayer for Illumination..... Ed Zinkiewicz

**Holy God, as we turn to the scriptures, open our hearts and minds that we might encounter you in the person of Jesus Christ. Be with us as the word is read and proclaimed, that we might know you more fully and follow you more faithfully.**

A lesson from the Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 269: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days.....Land of Rest

Children's Moment

Sermon: Resisting Temptation..... Erin Racine

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

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.**

Ministry Moment: Glencliff UMC

Offertory: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross .....Gilbert Martin

(Text can be found in the hymnal, #298)

† 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

Welcoming of New Members

Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: *Family of God, these persons are now entrusted to your ..... love 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 given 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. 715: Rejoice the Lord is King .....Darwall's 148th

† Benediction

† Lenten Benediction Response: ..... Tallis Canon

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way, Where meeting Christ our guide and light, we'll live in hope 'til Easter day.**

Voluntary: Toccata in E minor.....Johann Pachelbel

*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.  
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† The congregation is invited rise in body or in spirit.

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

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 identity, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Joseph Jordan Cherry by Vonde, Jordan, and Jimmy Caden.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Penelope Joan Wiegand to Martin and Jane Wiegand on February 16<sup>th</sup>. She is welcomed also by her siblings, Francie and Tripp Wiegand.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are by Molly Borneman.

Bulletin Cover: "Battle Beneath the Stars" by the contemporary artist, Stushie, a Scottish artist living and ministering in East Tennessee. His passion is drawing religious pieces for church bulletins and for children to color.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Matthew Phelps is director and assisting at the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. The Asbury Choir, Bethany DiSantis and Andrew Risinger directors. The Chapel Choir, Emma Jackson director. Ben Troxler, pianist.

Today's Music: The tune for our recessional hymn, "Rejoice the Lord is King," appeared in Aaron Williams, *The New Universal Psalmist*, 1770, where it was a paraphrase of Psalm 148. In nineteenth-century British hymnals it was used with "Ye Holy angels bright," and in our hymnals during the nineteenth century it became identified with Wesley's hymn. (Carlton Young)



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Have you signed up for our upcoming Great Day of Service? On Saturday, March 4, from 9 AM - Noon we will be serving at the Village at Glenciff on the campus of Glenciff United Methodist Church, located at 2901 Glenciff Rd, Nashville, TN 37211. We will have several projects ranging from a potato drop, outdoor work, cleaning, organizing, and bag packing for UMCOR and our hungry neighbors. Additionally, Habitat for Humanity needs people to help out at their Restore that day (more details will be sent to that volunteer crew once sign-ups have ended). Find out more or RSVP at [westendumc.org/gdos](http://westendumc.org/gdos).

### LENTEN NOON CONCERTS CONTINUE MARCH 2

Our series of Lenten noon concerts continues Thursday, March 2 with West End UMC's organist, Andrew Risinger. This program will include music of Vierne, Howells, Bach, Langlais, and Messiaen. Each half-hour concert will begin promptly at noon, and admission to all concerts is free. Following the concert, lunch is available at 12:30 p.m. in McWhirter Hall for \$12. Lunch requires reservations. Register online at [westendumc.org/lentenconcerts](http://westendumc.org/lentenconcerts) or call the church at 615.321.8500 by noon on Wednesday, one day prior to each concert.

### BIBLE THRU THE YEAR LARGE GROUP GATHERING AND POTLUCK

Our first large gathering will be on this evening, February 26, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. This first gathering will be a good, old-fashioned potluck dinner, with the church providing the meat and drinks. We will gather at 5 p.m. to eat, and the program will begin at 5:30 p.m. Part of our time together will be spent in conversation around our tables, so be sure and bring your thoughts and questions with you. Childcare will be available. Please email Maggie at [mjarrell@westendumc.org](mailto:mjarrell@westendumc.org) with names and ages of your children to reserve.

### WE ARE HIRING!

West End UMC has several open positions we are looking to fill! We are hoping to hire an administrative assistant, preschool teachers and childcare workers. To find out more or apply for one of these positions, please visit [westendumc.org/jobs](http://westendumc.org/jobs).

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

The West End Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2023 - 2024 academic year. To find out more about criteria and download applications, visit [westendumc.org/scholarships](http://westendumc.org/scholarships).

### DO YOU RECEIVE OUR FRIDAY EMAIL?

One of the ways to find out what's going on in our church is to sign up for our Friday eNews at [westendumc.org/enews](http://westendumc.org/enews).

### WAYS TO GIVE

- Give online at [westendumc.org/give](http://westendumc.org/give). Here you can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift.
- Text To Give. Text "Give" to 615-697-4010, and the prompts will help you set up from there. Once registered, you can use this option easily going forward.

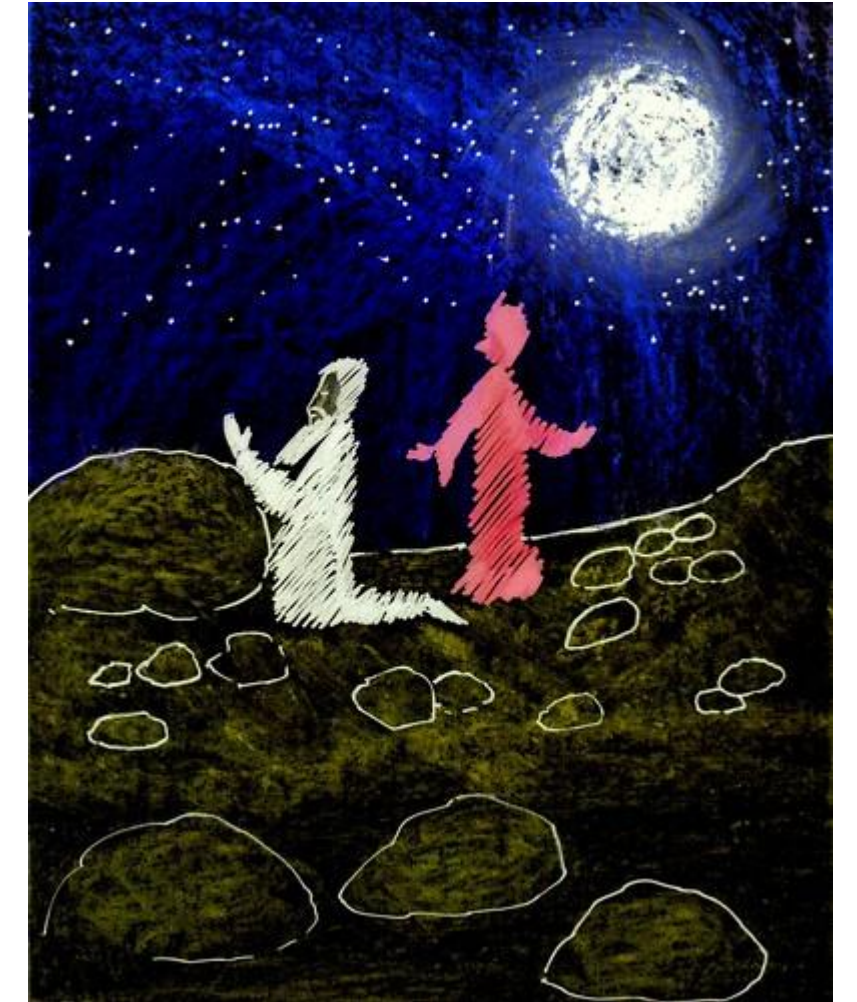


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Use this QR code and your phone's camera to access today's worship information online.

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