



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 14, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

GATHERING

Voluntary: Amazing Grace arr. George Shearing

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: Gather Us In..... Marty Haugen, arr. Risinger

† Processional Hymn No. 139: Praise to the Lord, the AlmightyLobe Den Herren

† Call to Worship Will McLeane
Liturgist: God of limitless love,
People: we have come to know and believe the love you have for us.
Liturgist: We gather to be reminded of our belonging found within your story of grace.
People: Let us worship with gladness!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession **(in unison)**
God of mercy,
we recognize that we have failed to be the church at times.
Forgive us for the ways we have forgotten to live according to the example of Christ.
Lead us to live lives that are fully focused on love and forgiveness.
Grant us the wisdom to live into our baptismal vows.
May our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness be used for your glory.
O God of mercy,
lead us on our journey.

† 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.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination..... Andrew Stirling
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 Gospel..... Mark 1:4-11

Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Sermon: Invited into Beloved CommunityCarol Cavin-Dillon

Reaffirmation of Baptism
You are invited to proceed to one of the three stations and remember your baptism. You may kneel in prayer at the rail and stay as long as you wish.

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymn during the renewal of baptismal vows: No. 252.

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.**

Offertory: Down to the River to Pray arr. Greg Walter
As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way
and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.
Oh sisters, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
...Oh, brothers, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
...Oh fathers, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
...Oh mothers, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
...Oh sinners, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.

† 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

† Recessional Hymn No. 396: O Jesus, I Have PromisedAngel's Story

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Awake, O Sleeper (v. 5) Amazing Grace
**For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.**

Voluntary: Praise to the Lord, the AlmightyMax Reger

*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.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Thomas A. Turner, Jr., Frances Jackson Turner, Thomas A. Turner, III
and Andrew S. Turner by their family.*

Today's liturgy was written by Pastoral Fellow Molly Borneman.

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir
Patricia Cullum, soprano (*Gather Us In*)
Emma Jackson and Christy Hathcock, sopranos (*Down to the River to Pray*)
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist
Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Today's Music

The tune for "When Jesus Came to Jordan," is attributed to William Walker and from *Southern Harmony*, 1835. The original text for the tune was, "I am a great complainer, that bears the name of Christ," which is how the tune received the name, "Complainer." The tune entered Methodist hymnals in 1966.

Bulletin Cover Art

"Baptism of Christ by John," a 2005 painting by David Zalenka. Zalenka is multi-talented and in 1993 created a company, Interactive Earth, under which he has developed interactive media including web sites, educational curriculum, graphic design, and fine art specifically "to reflect the great creativity evident in both human endeavor and the natural world." He is a certified teacher in Washington State.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14

8:45 a Children's Church
 8:45 a Worship Service
 9:45 a Sunday School
 11:00 a Children's Church
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 1:00 p Hand Bell Rehearsal
 5:00 p Youth Small Groups

Scales Chapel
 Sanctuary

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 Sanctuary
 410
 Youth Center

Monday, January 15

Church Closed

Tuesday, January 16

7:30 a Morning Bible Study
 1:30 p Creative Hands
 5:30 p Preschool Staff Meeting
 6:30 p Young Adult Small Group

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Wednesday, January 17

5:30 p Room in the Inn
 6:00 p Boys Basketball Practice
 6:15 p Children's Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Lower Level
 Gym
 4th Floor
 Music Suite

Thursday, January 18

7:00 p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Music Suite

Saturday, January 20

8:00 a Youth Basketball League

Gym

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 Mercy and Justice Ministries
Rev. Shannon Baxter
 Pastor of Congregational Connection
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

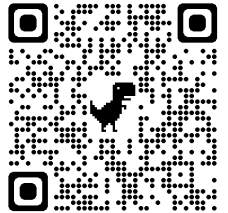
Lazaro Kapella..... Church Financial Officer
Jim Raver..... Property Operations Manager
Corye Nelson Preschool Executive Director
Christina Shoptaw Preschool Operations Manager
Cheryl Reeves Preschool Curriculum Coordinator
Karina Gurgendize Childcare Coordinator
Cindy Siemer..... Senior Administrative 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
Open..... 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 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

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Gina Dixon; Adrienne Ames; Barbara Love; those affected by the recent tornadoes; peace in Palestine/Israel and Ukraine; Jennifer Fox; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them

Sympathies to Jennifer Fox, Lucy Fox, and family as they mourn the loss of Jennifer's father, William Fox, on January 4.

Sympathies to the family of Sandra, Kara Earthman Tucker, and Will Earthman as they mourn the death of Bill Earthman on Sunday, January 7th. Services will be Friday, January 19th at 1 p.m. at West End UMC.

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 January 15-21 will be Rev. Shannon Baxter. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

LAST DAY TO VOTE FOR OUR NEW ARTWORK COMMISSION

In August, our Art Inclusion Task Force released a Request for Qualifications for Nashville-based artists whose work offers diverse perspectives and understandings of God and the people of God both historically and today. From those submissions, three artists were selected to create proposals for a new work of art to be commissioned for the church. Those proposals are now being presented to the congregation for the purpose of selecting the final artwork to be commissioned.

Please review each artist's submission thoughtfully and then vote according to your preferences by January 14, 2024. The highest-scoring proposal will be selected for funding. Visit westendumc.org/voteforart to see the artwork, learn more about each artist and vote.

MLK DAY CELEBRATION ♦ MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Join others from West End as we participate in MLK Day events and claim the belovedness of God for all people. Meet in front of Jefferson Street Baptist Church on Monday, January 15 at 9 a.m. The Convocation will be at 10 a.m. at TSU.

CHAT AND CHEW RESUMES JANUARY 21

Beginning January 21, all undergrad and graduate students are invited to join us for free lunch after the 11 a.m. service. Meet Pastor Aimee in the back of the church after the service, and we will head out to eat together.

SMALL GROUPS INTEREST SESSION ♦ JANUARY 21

January is a time for all of us to recommit to the spiritual journey and to growing in our faith. Now is a great time to consider joining a small group, if you're not already connected. There will be an interest session on Sunday, January 21, at 10:00 a.m. in McWhirter Hall for all who want to learn more. Email Rev. Will McLeane for more information at wmcleane@westendumc.org.

LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY GATHERING ♦ JANUARY 21

There will be a gathering for those in our LGBTQIA+ Community to discuss spiritual life needs that might be unique to this community. Clergy and lay leadership invite any interested to come share in fellowship and conversation, hopes and dreams for our shared life at West End UMC. We will meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 21 at Fletcher Foster's home (133 Jocelyn Hills Dr, Nashville). If you have any questions, please email Rodney at rodneypickett615@gmail.com.

ORGAN CONCERT FEATURING AMANDA MOLE ♦ JANUARY 28

Join us on Sunday, January 28 at 4:30 p.m. for a special organ concert featuring Amanda Mole. This concert is being made possible by a generous donation in memory of Carol Crowell. Mole is an international award-winning organist, and it will be a delight to hear her play.

JOIN OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP CLASS ♦ FEBRUARY 4

Save the date for our next one-day Membership Class on February 4. For more information, contact Shannon Baxter at sbaxter@westendumc.org.

HOMELESSNESS DAY ON THE HILL ♦ FEBRUARY 20

From Open Table Nashville - we hope to use this event to continue to educate and build relationships with our elected officials to ensure that the interconnected issues of housing, homelessness, and tenant issues are on the forefront of our legislators' minds! Sign up will be coming soon.

REGIONAL MISSION TRIP ♦ REGISTER NOW ♦ APRIL 13-20

We are going to the UMCOR Sager Brown depot in Baldwin, Louisiana April 13-20! We'd love for you to come with us as we serve the community and bring down our 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 the good work of UMCOR. We will have a free day to explore New Orleans as well. Register here at westendumc.org/sagerbrown.

WORSHIP SURVEY: CHRISTMAS AND SUMMER

It is a healthy practice from time to time to evaluate our patterns and traditions to see if they are serving our congregation and our community as fruitfully as possible. At the beginning of this new year, we've created a brief survey to gauge our congregation's needs on Christmas Eve and Summer Worship times. Please take a few minutes to let us know your thoughts. You can find the survey at westendumc.org/survey.

DONATIONS FOR VILLAGE AT GLENCLIFF

Our partners at the Village at Glencliff have some new/gently used items they need donated: plastic totes w/ lids, plastic storage 3 drawers, 3 ring binders, gently used shower chairs, new bath towels/hand towels/wash cloths and kitchen towels. If you have any of these, please drop them by the Village at Glencliff (2901 Glencliff Rd Nashville, TN, 37211) between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Text Dana Rothstein at 931.624.4151 first to make sure someone is on-site. Due to the size of the donations and the overlapping nature of some donations for RITI, we cannot take these at the church to give to them.

ACCESSIBILITY IN WORSHIP

♦ **Service Dogs** - On Sundays, we may have congregants with service or guide dogs in worship with us. Please warmly welcome them both but refrain from petting the dog because it is a distraction to the animal while its working.

♦ **Braille Bulletins** - Also, we are now able to offer braille bulletins for those who may need it to fully participate in our worship service. Please email Pastor Stacey at sharwelldye@westendumc.org so we can make those arrangements and have it available for you.

♦ **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.

♦ **Assistive Listening Devices** - There are assisted listening devices available for anyone who may need them. They can be found in the Narthex or in Reed Hall.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE ♦ MARCH 2

We are back in action for our 2024 Great Day of Service on March 2nd at The Village at Glencliff. We'll have opportunities for service that range from sitting down to working outside to cleaning and organizing. Sign up coming soon.

TRAUMA INFORMED DE-ESCALATION ♦ MARCH 5

Presented by Open Table Nashville - Tuesday, March 5th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. This training will better equip you to understand what is happening before and during escalations, to be prepared with intervention strategies, and to feel more equipped to step in and assist. Not only is this training interactive, but it is also steeped in evidence-based practices like Trauma-Informed Care and operates in an anti-oppression framework.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR BLOOD DRIVE ♦ MARCH 14

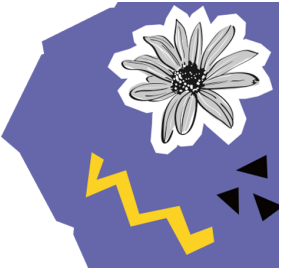
On Thursday, March 14, West End will be hosting a Blood Drive in partnership with the American Red Cross. Visit westendumc.org/blooddrive for more information.

JUSTICE DAY ON THE HILL ♦ MARCH 20

Join Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty for a day of talking with legislators about the death penalty and issues that overlap with the death penalty. Sign up will be coming soon.



You're (STILL) Invited



One of the phrases we often hear from Jesus in the Gospels is his invitation to “follow me.” Each one of us is called to follow Jesus and to live out his love in the world. During the season after Epiphany, we will consider what it means to be “called” as baptized Christians with unique spiritual gifts. During this season we will reaffirm our baptismal vows, hear the stories of the call of the first disciples, explore our spiritual gifts, and recommit ourselves to following Jesus in our everyday lives. Whether you have been a follower of Jesus for fifty years or fifty days, you are (still) invited to hear the call and respond with joy!

January 21 ♦ Call of Philip and Nathanael ♦ John 1:43-5
“Bring a Friend to Church” Sunday
Invite a friend to “come and see” what West End UMC is all about!

January 28 ♦ A Call To Healing ♦ Mark 1:21-28

February 4 ♦ Call To Prayer ♦ Mark 1:29-39

February 7 ♦ First Wednesday Supper
Your Gifts

February 11 ♦ Transfiguration ♦ Mark 9:2-9



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