



# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 28, 2024 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Offertory on the chant “Te Johannes” ..... Paul Benoit

Welcome..... Will McLeane

*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: Where Charity and Love Prevail..... Dundee

† Processional Hymn No. 152: I Sing the Almighty Power of God..... Forest Green

† Call to Worship ..... Aimee Baxter

*Liturgist: The time has come! The kingdom of God is near!*

**People: We come to follow you!**

*Liturgist: O God, today may we heed those words and offer ourselves to you.*

**People: Soften our hearts to the work your Spirit does within us.**

*Liturgist: As we worship, may we be empowered to live and speak your words,*

**All: “Come and follow!”**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Creator God,**

**you have designed us and this world to be beacons of the love you shine on us daily. With an eye toward revealing a never-ending grace, you have made all things.**

**Yet, we forget who we are and focus on our wants before the needs of those with whom you have surrounded us.**

**Forgive us when we forget to be way-finders of your grace for others.**

**Change our hearts today through the power of your Holy Spirit so that our lives will be conduits of your grace; a grace that calls us to come and follow.**

† 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: We Are Called ..... David Haas

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

*Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!*

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more! (*Refrain*)

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination .....Brant Phillips

**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 1:21-28

Response to the Lesson

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: Of the Father’s Love Begotten..... Plainchant, arr. Erickson  
(text can be found in the hymnal, No. 184)

Children’s Moment

Sermon: You’re Invited into Healing Liberation ..... Will McLeane

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883 .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

**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

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: The Secret of Christ .....Richard Shepherd

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak.  
I will lead the blind in a way they know not,  
in paths that they have not known I will guide them.  
I will turn their darkness into light,  
and I will not forsake them.  
And he showed me a pure river of the water of life,  
clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God;  
and on either side of the river was there a tree of life,  
and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations.  
Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer  
with minds awake and thankful hearts,  
that we may share the secret of Christ  
with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage,  
following in the steps of Jesus,  
our Master and our Friend. Amen.

(Based on *Isaiah 42:14-16; Revelation 22:1-3 and Colossians 4:2-4*)

† 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

Commissioning of 2024 Leaders.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Recessional Hymn No. 593: Here I Am, Lord..... Here I Am, Lord

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Alleluia .....Jacques Berthier

Voluntary: Festal Prelude .....Alec Rowley

*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 today to the glory of God and in honor of A.B. and Mary Ann Campbell, parents of Susan Harrell, in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary, by Susan, Trey, Mary Frances, and Maggie Harrell.*

*Walker Harris Dale, son of Aaron and Caroline Dale, was presented for baptism today at the 8:45 am.*

*Today's liturgy was written by Reverend Shannon Baxter.*

### Music Participants

The Chancel Choir  
Youth Vocal Ensemble  
Matthew Phelps: Director / Organist

Chapel Choir  
Emma Jackson, Leader  
Ben Troxler, Pianist

### Today's Music

Isaac Watts wrote "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" in eight four-line stanzas for his *Divine Songs Attempted in Easy Language, for the Use of Children*, published in 1715. It was the second song in the collection, under the title "Praise for Creation and Providence." In his preface, Watts wrote, "the Children of high and low degree, of the Church of England, or Dissenters, baptized in infancy, or not, may all join together in these Songs. And as I have endeavored to sink the language to the level of a Child's understanding, and yet to keep it (if possible) above contempt: so I have designed to profit all (if possible) and offend none."

### Bulletin Cover Art

"Christ Healing the Possessed in the Synagogue," a worn fresco by an unknown artist in the Lambach Abbey in Austria, dated about 1080.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 28

8:45 a  
8:45 a  
9:45 a  
11:00 a  
11:00 a  
1:00 p  
4:30 p  
5:00 p  
5:00 p

Children's Church  
Worship Service  
Sunday School  
Children's Church  
Worship Service  
Hand Bells Rehearsal  
Amanda Mole Organ Recital  
Confirmation Class  
Youth Small Groups

Scales Chapel  
Sanctuary  
  
Scales Chapel  
Sanctuary  
410  
Sanctuary  
406  
Youth Center

### Monday, January 29

10:00 a  
6:00 p

Sunny Day Club  
Girls Basketball Practice

McWhirter Hall  
Gym

### Tuesday, January 30

7:30 a  
6:30 p

Morning Bible Study  
Young Adult Small Group

310  
317

### Wednesday, January 29

5:30 p  
6:00 p  
6:15 p  
7:30 p

Room in the Inn  
Boys Basketball Practice  
Children's Choir Rehearsal  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Lower Level  
Gym  
4th Floor  
Music Suite

### Thursday, February 1

7:00 p

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Music Suite

### Saturday, February 3

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

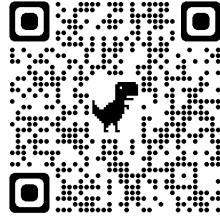
Lazaro Kapella ..... Church Financial Officer  
Jim Raver ..... Property Operations Manager  
Corye Nelson ..... Preschool Executive Director  
Christina Shoptaw ..... Preschool Operations Manager  
Cheryl Reeves ..... Preschool Curriculum Coordinator  
Karina Gurgendize ..... Childcare Coordinator  
Cindy Siemer ..... Senior Administrative Assistant  
Julie Catterton ..... Assistant to Senior Pastor  
Andrew Callis ..... Administrative Assistant  
Tosha Jackson ..... Receptionist  
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Chase Bendin ..... 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](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

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Family and friends of Dominic DePalma; Barbara Love; Jewel McGhee-Rader; Gina Dixon; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; those affected by the recent tornadoes; peace in Palestine/Israel and Ukraine.

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 29-February 4 will be Rev. Carol Cavin-Dillon. To submit a prayer request, visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](https://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).

## CHAT AND CHEW RESUMES TODAY

Beginning January 28, 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.

## PREPARING FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024

In May of this year, the United Methodist Church will gather for the first General Conference since 2019. In order to educate ourselves and help us prepare for the future, we invite you to join us on Sunday, February 4, at 4:00 p.m. in the 4th Story Theater. Rev. Mark Holland, who represents Mainstream UMC, will host a panel discussion with pastors Carol Cavin-Dillon, Brandon Baxter, and Stephen Handy. Mainstream UMC is an advocacy group working for greater unity within the UMC. They advocate for the regionalization of the UMC and for the removal of harmful language in the Book of Discipline that restricts the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons in the life of the church. Come and learn more about what's happening in our denomination and how we as a congregation can get involved.

## 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-Bayer. 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](mailto:sbaxter@westendumc.org). To register, go to <https://www.westendumc.org/events/one-day-membership-class>.

## ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER ♦ FEBRUARY 13

Join us on Shrove Tuesday, February 13 at 5 p.m. for this beloved West End tradition of pancakes, sausage, and loads of fun for all ages followed by our annual Jazz Mass! There will be no charge for the meal again this year, but we will be taking donations for West End's Sunny Day Club. Please reserve your spot by February 9 so that we can prepare accordingly. There will be a table with Mardi Gras themed crafts for children. Visit [westendumc.org/pancakes](https://westendumc.org/pancakes) to make your reservation. We hope to see you there!

## SHROVE TUESDAY JAZZ MASS ♦ FEBRUARY 13

Enjoy a unique worship opportunity complete with beads, masks, and other Mardi Gras trimmings. Make plans to attend a Mardi Gras-style Jazz Mass on Shrove Tuesday, February 13 in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. This festive celebration of Holy Communion is framed in a jazz setting, with a jazz band, a Mardi Gras-style processional, hymns, soloists from the recording industry, and vocal interpretations of the traditional texts. Join us in this final celebration for Christians before the Lenten season begins the next day. Childcare will be available for children under age 2 for this worship service. This service will also be Livestreamed.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 ♦ 12 NOON AND 6:15 P.M.

The Jazz Mass on Shrove Tuesday only has meaning within the context of the services that take place the following day, Ash Wednesday. The contrast between the celebration and excess of Tuesday gives way to the solemnity and restraint of Ash Wednesday. It is in the radically different character of the two days that we discover the meaning of each. If you attend the Jazz Mass, seriously consider attending one of the Ash Wednesday services as well. If you are a regular attender at an Ash Wednesday service, seriously consider participating in the Jazz Mass in preparation to experience the importance of the imposition of ashes that follows the next day.

## 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 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 the good work of UMCOR. We will have a free day to explore New Orleans as well. Register here at [westendumc.org/sagerbrown](http://westendumc.org/sagerbrown).

## ADVOCACY, MERCY AND JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

♦ **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 rights are on the forefront of our legislators' minds! Sign up will be coming soon.

♦ **UNITED METHODIST DAY ON THE HILL ♦ FEBRUARY 27** - There will be United Methodist Day on the Hill to focus on gun safety legislation with training in the morning and, then, advocacy with elected officials in the afternoon. This will be done in conjunction with many of the other groups working on this issue - Mom's Demand Action, etc. Be on the lookout for more information on this event.

♦ **GREAT DAY OF SERVICE ♦ MARCH 2** - We are back in action for our 2024 Great Day of Service on March 2 at The Village at Glencliff. We'll have opportunities for service that will range from sitting down to working outside to cleaning and organizing.

♦ **TRAUMA INFORMED DE-ESCALATION ♦ MARCH 5** - Presented by Open Table Nashville - Tuesday, March 5 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](http://westendumc.org/blooddrive) to sign up!

♦ **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.

♦ **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

receive these at the church to give to them.

## ARTIST CHOSEN FOR COMMISSIONED ARTWORK

Thank you so much for your interest and participation in our Art Commission. The votes were very close, but Tin Nguyen received the most votes and will receive the commission. Tin will now begin the work on this piece, and we hope to have it in place no later than the end of March.

## 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.

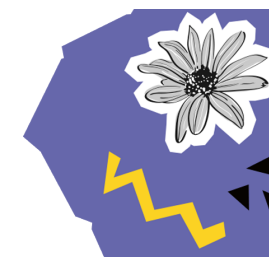
♦ **Braille Bulletins** - Also, we are now able to offer braille bulletins for those who may need it to fully participate in our worship service. Please email Pastor Stacey at [sharwelldye@westendumc.org](mailto:sharwelldye@westendumc.org) so we can make those arrangements and have it available for you.

♦ **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.



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!

**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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