





# WESTERND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP February 18, 2024 at Eight Forty-Five First Sunday of Lent

#### GATHERING

Voluntary: W I V	ith Joy and GladnessDouglas Wagner Vill Dwell in the House of the LordDonald Allured		
WelcomeCarol 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: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty DaysRichard Redhead			
† Processional Hymn No. 64: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God AlmightyNicaea			
<ul> <li><sup>†</sup> Call to Worship</li></ul>			

<sup>†</sup> Call to Confession

<sup>†</sup> Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of Abundance,

you gift us with immeasurably more than we could ever ask or imagine. And, yet we want more.

Forgive us for the ways we have pursued profit over your presence, the accumulation of more at the expense of our neighbor's flourishing. By the power of the Holy Spirit, turn over the money tables in our hearts that we might live justly and walk humbly as we follow in the steps of Jesus.

- <sup>†</sup> Silent Confession
- <sup>†</sup> Words of Assurance
  - Liturgist: Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be weighed down by the sins and worries of this life, but watch and pray for the grace of God who will save you in your time of trial."

<sup>†</sup> Passing the I Liturgist:				
People:	And also with you.			
† Gloria Patri.	······································			
	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 the 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 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

#### <sup>†</sup> Commendation and Welcome

- Liturgist: Members of the household of God, I commend Ruby Iris 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, Ruby Iris, 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.

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 ......Brant Phillips Awakening God, stir our imagination by the power of your Holy Spirit that in receiving your Word we might walk humbly toward the new world of mercy and justice you are creating in our midst. A Lesson from the Gospel......Mark 11:15-19 Response to the Lesson Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God. **People:** Thanks be to God. Children's Moment

Sermon: How the Tables Have Turned ......Carol Cavin-Dillon

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: O For a Closer Walk..... Charles Villiers Stanford O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb. (William Cowper)
- Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### SENDING FORTH

<sup>†</sup> Recessional Hymn: How Shall I Come Before the Lord ......O Waly Waly



<sup>+</sup> Benediction

 <sup>+</sup> Benediction Response: What Does the Lord Require, v. 1 ......Sharpthorne What does the Lord require but praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute did you bring? Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

Voluntary: Prelude from Trois Pièces ......Gabriel Pierné

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

<sup>†</sup> The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.

#### **ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE**

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Adrian Downing and in honor of Peggy Drumright Downing by their family.

Ruby Iris Page, daughter of Daniel Page and Hannah Fletcher-Page, is presented for baptism today.

We will welcome new member, Vicki Brier, into our church family at the 11 o'clock service.

Today's liturgy was written by Rev. Will McLeane.

#### **Music Participants**

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

> Joy Ringers Matthew Phelps: Director

> > Emma Jackson, flute

#### **Today's Music**

In 325 AD, Church leaders convened in the town of Nicaea in Bithynia to formulate a consensus of belief and practice amongst Christians. What resulted was the Nicene Creed, a document passed on through the ages as one of the pillars of church doctrine. The primary function of this creed was to establish a firm belief in the Trinity, countering the heresy of Arius, who believed that Jesus was not fully divine. It was this creed that inspired Reginald Heber to write this great hymn of praise, "Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty" to the Triune God, with the intent that the hymn be sung before or after the creed was recited in a service, and on Trinity Sunday – eight weeks after Easter. The tune, composed by John B. Dykes for Heber's text, is also titled NICAEA in recognition of Heber's text. The words evoke a sense of awe at the majesty of God, and call on all of creation – humans, saints and angels, and all living things – to praise the Godhead three-in-one. *How Shall I Come Before the Lord*. Words by Dean McIntyre. Copyright 2005, *The General Board of Discipleship*. Reprinted with Permission, Onelicense.net 718007.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 18		
8:45 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
8:45 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 a	Sunday School	
11:00 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
11:00 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:00 p	OEF Nerf Game	Gym
5:00 p	Youth Small Groups	Youth Center
6:00 p	Harrell Lenten Small Group	306
Monday, February 19		
10:00 a	Sunny Day Club	McWhirter Hall
5:30 p	Trustees	306
5:30 p	Upper Room Small Group	310
Tuesday, February 20		
7:30 a	Morning Bible Study	310
1:30 p	Creative Hands	305
5:30 p	Ministry Table	310
6:30 p	Young Adult Small Group	317
Wednesday, February	/ <b>21</b>	1
5:30 p	Room in the Inn	Lower Level
6:00 p	Small Group Interest Session	McWhirter Hall
6:15 p	Children's Choir Rehearsal	4th Floor
7:30 p	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
Thursday, February 2		<b>a</b> .
12:00 p	Lenten Concert Series	Sanctuary
12:45 p	Lenten Concert Luncheon	McWhirter Hall
5:30 p	Hospitality Team Meeting	306
7:00 p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

#### **WEST END STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon				
Rev. Shannon Baxter				
Rev. Aimee Baxter Pastor of Young Adults				
Nolly BornemanPastoral Fellow				
Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn Congregational Care Intern				
Matthew PhelpsMinister of Music				
Andrew RisingerAssociate Minister of Music				
Nico ZavalaMusic Intern				
mily C. Robbins Minister of Youth				
Melanie PaulsonDirector, HR & Operations				
ihelley KuhlmeyerCommunications 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 Gurgenidze	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

• Sympathies to Stan Burcham and family as they mourn the death of Stan's mother, Peggy Vanderford or Mississippi.

• **Prayer Requests:** Leon Rader; Mark Owen; Gina Dixon; Ruth L. Cate, 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 Feb. 18-25 will be Rev. Shannon Baxter. To submit a prayer request, visit *westendumc.org/prayerrequest*.

# **SMALL GROUPS INTEREST SESSION :: FEBRUARY 21**

The Lenten Season 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 Wednesday, February 21, at 6 pm in McWhirter Hall for all who want to learn more. Email Rev. Will McLeane for more information at *wmcleane@westendumc.org*.

## **LENTEN NOON CONCERT :: FEBRUARY 22**

Our Thursday Lenten Noon Concert series continues with organist, Abraham Wallace, Organ Scholar at St. George's Episcopal Church of Nashville. Abraham's program will include music of Mendelssohn, Bach, and Holst. Each half-hour concert will begin promptly at noon. Lunch is available in McWhirter Hall at 12:30 p.m. for \$12. *Lunch requires reservations.* Register online at *westendumc.org/lentenconcerts*.

## WEST END FAMILY MEET UP :: FEBRUARY 25

Bring the family and join us at the inaugural, bi-monthly meet up for current and visiting West End families for food, games and fellowship!

Meet us at 11:30 a.m. at Wedge Pizza & Pub (2026 Lindell Ave, Nashville, TN 37203)

#### LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY GATHERING

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 anyone 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, March 3 at Fletcher Foster's home (133 Jocelyn Hills Dr, Nashville). If you have any questions, please email Rodney at *rodneypickett615@gmail.com*.

#### **30 HOUR FAMINE 2024: TRANSFORMATION AWAITS**

Be a part of global change by supporting our youth group and their 30 Hour Famine Experience, March 1-2, 2024.

• What: For 30 hours, we'll fast to raise funds that will help feed and care for hungry children around the world.

• Why: Every 15 seconds, a child under 5 dies—and nearly half of those deaths are from hunger-related causes. That's why we're taking action now!

• How you can help: Give. Every \$40 we raise helps feed and care for a child for one month. You can give by check to West End and put Youth 30 Hour Famine in the memo or give online at *westendumc.org/give*.

Pray. Ask for God's grace over our youth while they experience hunger and serve locally - while helping change the lives of kids who are hungry.

**YOUTH:** Come join us for a transformational weekend. We will play, learn, drink juice, pray, create and also serve at Glencliff Tiny Homes together with our church while not eating for 30 hours. Register now at *westendumc.org/30hr*.

#### **FEBRUARY'S COMMUNION OFFERING - 30 HR FAMINE**

For the month of February, our communion offering will benefit the 30-Hour Famine. Our youth will go without food for 30 hours on March 1st and 2nd to experience hunger. They are doing this to raise money and awareness for two different ministries this year. The local ministry is Villages at Glencliff to continue their ongoing work of housing persons who need medical respite. The second ministry is World Vision to help bring food and clean water to starving children around the world!

# CHAT AND CHEW LUNCH FOR COLLEGE AND GRAD STUDENTS

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.

# MERCY AND JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

Over the 40 days of Lent, there are numerous ways you can live into our calling to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God, and we have found several opportunities we can engage in as a community of faith. Check out the different ways to be involved and register to participate at the Lenten Mercy and Justice Hub on our website. Visit *westendumc.org/mercyandjusticeopportunities* to find out more.

• Homelessness Day on the Hill • February 20 - Led by Open Table Nashville, this event will focus on continuing 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!

• United Methodist Day on the Hill • February 27 - Join other United Methodists on the hill to focus on gun safety legislation with training in the morning and then advocacy with elected officials in the afternoon. We will be joining Moms Demand Action and other gun safety groups in this effort.

# **REGIONAL MISSION TRIP TO SAGER BROWN :: 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*.

# **REALM INFORMATION Q&A SESSION**

Join us on Sunday, February 25 at 10 a.m. in McWhirter Hall for a Realm Information Session. Realm is our church membership database, and each person can have their own profile that will allow you the ability to update your information, communicate with your small groups and more. If you do not have a Realm profile yet, visit *westendumc.org/realm* to request an email invitation today.



Our Great Day of Service is Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 9 a.m. - Noon on the campus of Glencliff United Methodist Church located at 2901 Glencliff Rd, Nashville, TN 37211.

We have opportunities for service that range from sitting down to working outside to cleaning and organizing. Check out these options:

Set Up Crew	Shed Assembly	<b>Painting Tiny Homes</b>
Gardening	Organizing	<b>Building furniture</b>
Cleaning	Kit packing	Trash Pick Up
Driving	Sweet potato drop	Clean up crew

Sign up now at *westendumc.org/gdos* so we can be sure we have volunteers to cover all of our needs.

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