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LENT 2024

WEST END
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 25, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHERING

Voluntary: Adagio from *Symphony No. 3*..... Louis Vierne

Welcome.....Stacey Harwell-Dye
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: Make Me a Clean Heart G. Thalben-Ball

† Processional Hymn No. 73: O Worship the King Lyons

† Call to WorshipEmily Robbins

Liturgist: God, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend, we give thanks for who you are!
People: Our hearts are warmed by your presence!
Liturgist: Holy Spirit, refine us in your fire so we may be forged in Christ’s image.
People: May our voices unite in praise as we seek to become mirrors of your love and grace.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession **(in unison)**
God of solidarity,
thank you for being a God who enters the suffering of the world.
Forgive us for the times we shy away from the blood and tears we encounter.
Release us from the empty cravings for unity that come at no cost to the oppressor.
Lead us toward spaces of costly advocacy.
Guide us into a solidarity that demands something of us.
Let us learn to risk ourselves on behalf of the vulnerable.
Help us as we contend daily with the curse that still dwells in the hidden parts of us, that we would be people of constant searching, self-honesty, confession, and forgiveness.

† 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: Jesus Loves Me William B. Bradbury
(Text found in United Methodist Hymnal, No. 191)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children’s Moment with Rejoice School of Ballet

Prayer for IlluminationRobb Bigelow

**Awakening God, stir our imagination by the power of your Holy Spirit
that, in receiving your Word, we might humbly walk toward the new
world of mercy and justice you are creating in our midst.**

A Lesson from the Old Testament..... Isaiah 10:1-4

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon.....Stacey Harwell-Dye

What Is and What Can Be: Aligning our Hearts and Heads with God’s

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883 Will McLeane

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: Let Us Love in Deed and TruthLarry King

If anyone has the world’s goods, and sees his neighbor in need,
yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?

Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth: we have confidence
before our God, and we receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe
in his Son, Jesus Christ and love one another.

(Based on I John 3:17-23)

† 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, Cate, Emily, Jess, and Lori 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 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: O Savior, Let Me Walk with Thee..... Maryton

- 1 O Savior, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them the homeward way.**
- 3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.**
- 4 In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Savior, let me live.**

† Benediction

† Benediction Response, No. 441: What Does the Lord Require, v. 2Sharpthorne



Voluntary: If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee, BWV 642..... J. S. Bach

*The postlude 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 and in memory of Joseph Jordan Cherry by Vonde, Jordan and Jimmy Caden.

Today's liturgy was adapted from Cole Arthur Riley's "Black Liturgies" by Rev. Shannon Baxter.

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Chapel Choir

Emma Jackson: Director
Ben Troxler: Accompanist

Today's Music

Maryton, the hymn tune for today's recessional hymn, was written by H. Percy Smith for the text "Sun of My Soul," and was published in *Church Hymns with Tunes*, 1874. The tune entered Methodist Hymnals in 1905 where it was used for four different hymns. The name *Maryton* likely referred to the name of a farm or manor. (Carlton Young)

WEST END STAFF

To reach a member of the staff by email, use their first initial with their last name @westendumc.org.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 25

8:45 a Children's Church
8:45 a Worship Service
9:45 a Sunday School
11:00 a Children's Church
11:00 a Worship Service
5:00 p Confirmation Class
5:00 p Youth Small Groups

Scales Chapel
Sanctuary

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Sanctuary
406
Youth Center

Monday, February 26

10:00 a Sunny Day Club

McWhirter Hall

Tuesday, February 27

7:30 a Morning Bible Study
6:30 p Young Adult Small Group

310
317

Wednesday, February 28

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

Lower Level
4th Floor
Music Suite

Thursday, February 29

12:00 p Lenten Concert Series
12:30 p Lenten Concert Series Luncheon
7:00 p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary
McWhirter Hall
Music Suite

Friday, March 1

5:30 p 30-Hour Famine

Youth Center

Saturday, March 2

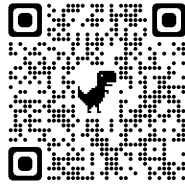
9:00 a Chancel Choir Concert Rehearsal
9:00 a Great Day of Service

4th Story Theater
Glencliff UMC

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 about ways to give at West End.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ Sympathies to Anita Schmid and family as they mourn the death of Anita's husband, and our church member, Ty Finch. A service will be held on Saturday, March 2 with visitation directly preceding it. Times for both are being determined.

♦ Sympathies to Andie Smith and family as they mourn the death of Andie's brother, Michael Bruce Smith of Washington, D.C. Services were held on February 22nd.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Ann Webber; Ruth L. Cate; Leon Rader; Mark Owen; 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 Feb. 26 - March 3 will be Rev. Will McLeane. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

WEST END FAMILY MEET UP :: TODAY

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)

LENTEN NOON CONCERT :: FEBRUARY 29

Our Thursday Lenten Noon Concert series continues with organist, Dale Nickell, Organist at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Nashville. Dale's program will include music from Bach, Howells, and Duruflé. 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.

30 HOUR FAMINE 2024 :: MARCH 1-2

Be a part of global change by supporting our youth group and their 30 Hour Famine Experience, March 1-2. For 30 hours, our youth will fast to raise funds that will help feed and care for hungry children around the world. Every \$40 raised helps feed and care for a child for one month. Our Communion Offering for February supports the 30HR Famine. You can give by check to West End and put Youth 30 Hour Famine in the memo or give online at westendumc.org/give.

LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY GATHERING :: MARCH 3

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 Pickett at rodneypickett615@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S FAITH MILESTONE EVENT :: MARCH 3

Each year, we celebrate Faith Milestones with our children at West End. Our Faith Milestone program is designed to partner with families to find ways for children and families to grow in faith at church and at home. We are excited to bring three of our Milestones together to make one big celebration! We will be learning about Worship, Baptism, and Holy Communion with our Kindergartners, 1st Graders, and 2nd Graders on Sunday March 3. Visit westendumc.org/milestoneevent to find out more and register by March 1. For more information, please contact Maggie Jarrell, Pastor to Children and Families, at mjarrell@westendumc.org.

LENTEN CHORAL CONCERT :: MARCH 3

Join us on Sunday, March 3 at 4:40 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our Lenten Choral Concert featuring our Chancel Choir and Orchestra. Selections include Haydn Mass in G major and Bach Cantata no. 78, *Jesus, You are My Soul*.

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 that have 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.

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 where we can engage 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.

♦ **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.

♦ **Conservation Day On The Hill ♦ February 28** Join us as we meet with legislators in the Tennessee General Assembly about protecting clean water and rivers! Conservation Day on the Hill is jointly led by *Sierra Club*, *TN Environmental Council*, *Harpeth Conservancy*, and *TN Conservation Voters*.

TRAUMA INFORMED DE-ESCALATION TRAINING :: MARCH 5

Open Table Nashville will host a Trauma Informed De-Escalation Training at West End 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. Register at westendumc.org/training.

FIRST WEDNESDAY :: CONVERSATION WITH LINDSEY KRINKS

Join us in McWhirter Hall on Wednesday, March 6 at 6 p.m. for a conversation led by Lindsey Krinks about how we might faithfully engage in our learnings from our Lenten reading, her book entitled *Praying with Our Feet: Pursuing Justice and Healing on the Streets*. We are expectant that our time together will lead to tangible ways we can embody God's mercy and justice for our neighbors in Nashville. At 5:15 p.m., we will share a meal together. Please register at westendumc.org/firstwednesday by Tuesday at noon.

GIVE LIFE :: GIVE BLOOD ♦ BLOOD DRIVE ♦ MARCH 14

On Thursday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West End will be hosting a Blood Drive in partnership with the American Red Cross. Appointments are available, but walk-ins are welcome, too. Visit westendumc.org/blooddrive to make your appointment and find out more information.

♦ **Can't give but still want to help?** We need home made treats to give to our donors. You can bring by baked cookies, brownies, granola bars, biscotti, cakes, etc that day or the day before. Please let Stacey (sharwelldye@westendumc.org) know if you plan to bring so we can anticipate the need to purchase any snacks to put out. Thanks!



**Our Great Day of Service is Saturday
March 2, 2024, 9 a.m. - Noon
Glencliff United Methodist Church
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
Gardening
Cleaning
Driving**

**Shed Assembly
Organizing
Kit packing
Sweet potato drop**

**Painting Tiny Homes
Building furniture
Trash Pick Up
Clean up crew**

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

TALES OF MOTHER GOOSE

Featuring Live Music!

March 1 - March 2 ♦ 4th Story Theater

Don't miss when Mother Goose opens her book of tales, bringing to life everyone's favorite childhood characters! Miss Muffet, the spider, Humpty Dumpty, and all the king's men take the stage in this original children's ballet featuring a special arrangement of Maurice Ravel's score performed live. With movement games during intermission and a one-hour run time, this family-friendly performance danced by Rejoice School of Ballet students is ideal for children of all ages. Tickets are available at rejoiceballet.com



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Cate
MCLEANE



Jess and Emily
MERRICK



Lori
THRONE



Caleb and Aria
MCDANIEL



Josh
HORN



Evon
LEE



Vicki
BRIER

**NOT PICTURED:
JASON HILL
DAWSON DAVIDSON
ED AND JAN ROUTON**



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