



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
JANUARY 7, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

GATHERING

Voluntary: How Brightly Shines the Morning Star, BWV 739 J. S. Bach
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star.....Josef Doppelbauer

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: What Star Is This Michael Praetorius

† Processional Hymn No. 245: The First Noel.....The First Noel

† Call to Worship Stacey Harwell-Dye
Liturgist: Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation.

People: Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the fears that stalk our souls.

Liturgist: Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.

People: Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

† 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.

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Irwin Fisher

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.....Matthew 2:1-12

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: Invited to Another RoadCarol Cavin-Dillon

† 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

Offertory: Out of the Orient Crystal Skies..... Alan Spedding

Out of the orient crystal skies a blazing star did shine,
showing the place where poorly lies a blessed babe divine.
Born of a maid of royal blood who Mary hight by name,
a sacred rose which once did bud by grace of heav'nly flame.

This shining star three kings did guide e'en from the furthest east,
to Bethlehem where it betide this blessed babe did rest,
laid in a silly manger poor, betwixt an ox and ass,
whom these three kings did all adore as God's high pleasure was.

And for the joy of his great birth a thousand angels sing:
'Glory and peace unto the earth where born is this new King!'
(c. 1610)

† 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!**

† Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are

ful__ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes __ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance

People:

Christ has died, Christ is __ ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

People:

Through your Son, Je - sus __ Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly

Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 219, 224, 236.

Epiphany Blessing Will McLeane

Leader: Our help is the name of the Lord:

People: the maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

People: from this time forth for evermore.

Leader: Let us pray.

Loving God,

**bless this chalk which you have created,
that it may be helpful to your people;
and grant that, through the invocation of your most Holy Name,
all who use it in faith to write upon the doors of their homes
the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar,
may receive wholeness of mind, body, and spirit
for all who dwell in or visit their home;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 254: We Three Kings Kings of Orient

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Angels We Have Heard On High..... Angels Carol
Gloria in Excelsis Deo! Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

Voluntary: Fanfare and ProcessionKeith Chapman

*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 today are provided in loving memory of Lt. Col. (Ret.) Oscar Norland and Ingvor Pettersson Tibbetts from their loving daughter, LuAnn Tibbetts.

Today’s liturgy was adapted from the UMC Discipleship Resources.

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Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir

Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Today’s Music

We Three Kings was written by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in 1857. It was written for a Christmas Pageant held at General Theological Seminary in New York City where Hopkins served as the music teacher after his Diaconate graduation in 1850. The hymn was first published in 1862 and has subsequently been published by most major Christian denominations, making it one of the most widely known carols in the world.

Bulletin Cover Art

“Journey of the Magi,” by the French artist James Jacques Joseph Tissot (1836-1902). Tissot’s works include a wide variety of commissioned paintings of French aristocrats, but he also became intensely interested in Biblical subjects and produced many paintings of Old and New Testament characters and stories.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 7

8:00 a Art Inclusion Task Force
 8:45 a Children's Church
 8:45 a Worship Service
 8:45 a Youth Parents Meeting
 9:45 a Sunday School
 11:00 a Children's Church
 11:00 a Worship Service
 1:15 p Hand Bells Rehearsal
 5:00 p Confirmation Kickoff
 5:00 p Taizé
 5:00 p Youth Small Groups

Reed Hall
 Scales Chapel
 Sanctuary
 McWhirter Hall

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 Sanctuary
 410
 McWhirter Hall
 4th Story Theater
 Youth Center

Monday, January 8

10:00 a Sunny Day Club
 5:00 p Building and Grounds Meeting
 6:00 p Girls Basketball Practice

McWhirter Hall
 306
 Gymnasium

Tuesday, January 9

7:30 a Morning Bible Study

310

Wednesday, January 10

5:30 p First Wednesday Supper
 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

McWhirter Hall
 Lower Level
 Gymnasium
 4th Floor
 Music Suite

Thursday, January 11

7:00 p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Music Suite

Saturday, January 13

8:00 a Youth Basketball League

Gymnasium

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, individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them

Sympathies to Rebecca Burcham and family as they mourn the death of Rebecca's mother on December 31st. Sympathies to Dr. Carl Awh and family as they mourn the death of Carl's father.

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 8-14 will be Rev. Maggie Jarrell. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

TAIZÉ LABYRINTH SERVICE

Experience the beauty and peace of Taizé worship around the labyrinth in the 4th Story Theater. Our labyrinth service that usually happens on New Year's Eve will happen on Sunday, January 7 at 5 p.m. Opportunity is offered for individual prayers and anointing for healing. The Taizé team will welcome you with beautiful music and warm smiles. Let go of the burdens of 2023 and enter 2024 with renewed hope and peace.

NEW YOUNG ADULT STUDY BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

The Young Adult group will begin studying *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 317. The study will meet every Tuesday evening through February 6, and will culminate with attending an event with the author here in Nashville on February 10. Books are available at all major retailers. For more information, contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS IN FEBRUARY

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

ORGAN CONCERT FEATURING AMANDA MOLE

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 honor of Carol Crowell. Mole is an international award-winning organist and will be a delight to hear her play.

OFFERING DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES ON GOD & FAITH IN ART

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.

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.

FIRST WEDNESDAY: DINNER AND STUDY

YOU'RE STILL INVITED: TO LISTEN FOR GOD'S CALL

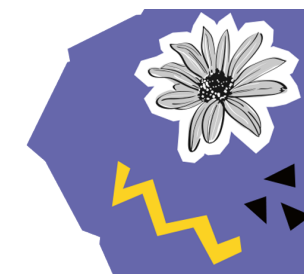
Throughout January, we are grounding our worship life in call stories from Jesus' life and ministry. Join us on Wednesday, January 10 for First Wednesday dinner and study. At 5:15 p.m., we will share a meal together. Please register at westendumc.org/firstwednesday for dinner by Tuesday at noon. Then at 6 pm, we will explore what a "calling" sounds like and how we can become a people with ears to hear God's fresh voice. Our time together that evening will set the stage for a follow-up discussion focused on living into our gifts on Wednesday, February 7. It is our prayer that by attending these two gatherings, you will find your unique way of serving with Jesus in our church, our neighborhoods, and our beautiful world.

MLK DAY CELEBRATION

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.



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 7 ♦ Call of The Magi ♦ Matthew 2:1-12 "Chalking In The Year"

Receive bags of chalk in worship to mark your home and post a blessing over your home or doorway for the new year.

♦ Taizé Labyrinth/Prayer Path at 5 p.m. ♦

January 10 ♦ First Wednesday ♦ Your Calling

Join us for our First Wednesday together as we talk about how to discern our calling given to us by God over our lifetimes.

January 14 ♦ Baptism of the Lord

Join us in worship as we remember our baptism and claim our worth in God

January 15 ♦ MLK Day Celebration

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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 ♦ Your Gifts

February 11 ♦ Transfiguration ♦ Mark 9:2-9



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