



# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 4, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

# GATHERING

Voluntary: *Slow Air* in E Minor ..... Herbert Howells

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: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face ..... Plainchant

† Processional Hymn No. 158: Come, Christians, Join to Sing..... Spanish Hymn

† Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 147) ..... Will McLeane  
*Liturgist: Praise the Lord! Because it is good to sing praise to our God!*  
**People: Because it is a pleasure to make beautiful praise!**  
*Liturgist: The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, gathering up Israel's exiles.*  
**People: God heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.**  
*Liturgist: God counts the stars by number, giving each one a name.*  
**People: The Lord helps the poor and gives food to all animals in need.**  
**All: Sing to the Lord with thanks; sing praises to our God with one voice!**

† 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 ..... Mary Mitchell  
**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 1:29-39

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 Come Away and Pray.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883 ..... Aimee Baxter

**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: How Lovely Are the Messengers from *St. Paul* ..... Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel  
of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their  
words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

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.

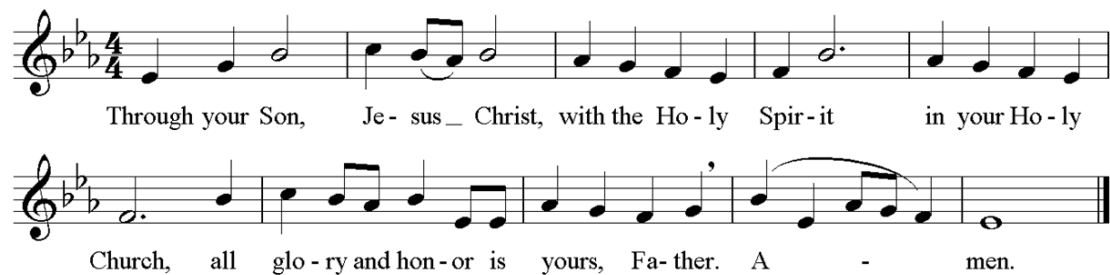
Prayer of Remembrance

**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: 620, 629, 635.*

† Prayer after Receiving

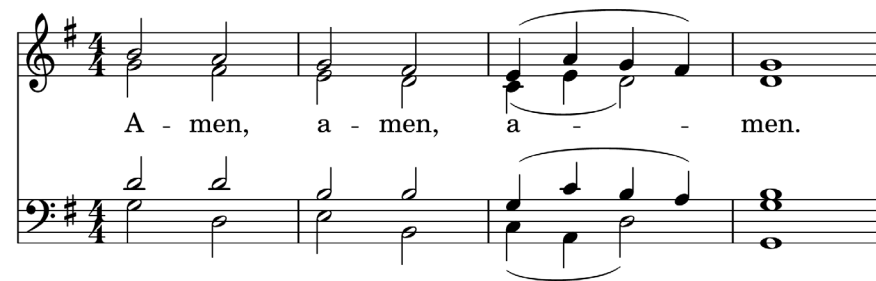
*Celebrant: You have given yourself to us, Lord.*  
**People: Now we give ourselves for others**  
*Celebrant: Your love has made us a new people;*  
**People: as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**  
*Celebrant: Your glory has filled our hearts;*  
**People: help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

† Recessional Hymn No. 369: Blessed Assurance ..... Assurance

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Danish Amen .....Danish



A - men, a - men, a - - men.

Voluntary: Toccata on *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*.....Matthew Phelps

*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

### Altar Flowers

Today's flowers were purchased with donations made to the Flower Fund. Members and friends of the Church make donations to the Flower Fund to provide for the altar flowers on Sundays when there is not a specific donor. If you would like to donate to this fund, please leave a check in one of the collection boxes and mark the envelope "Flower Fund". Donations may also be made online or by mailing in a check with "Flower Fund" noted.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Matthew Lee Barnes on January 8th to Elizabeth Rust Barnes and Jamie Barnes in Grantsville, Utah. He is welcomed also by his big brothers, Thomas and Grady Barnes, grandmother, Jocelyn Rust, and uncle, Ethan Rust.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Constance Grace Deidiker on January 25th to Connie and Nick Deidiker.

Today's Call to Worship was adapted from Psalm 147 by Reverend Will McLeane.

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### Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir  
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist  
Matthew Phelps: assisting at the organ

### Today's Music

The tune for, "Come Christians, Join to Sing," was originally a parlor song that was arranged for piano by Benjamin Carr. In 1826, Carr's arrangement was published with the title, Spanish hymn arranged, and composed for Concerts of the Musical Fund Society of Philadelphia. It was republished as a hymn in 1827, implying that it was relatively well known at the time. (Carlton Young)

### Bulletin Cover Art

"Jesus Praying in the Garden" by lyrical impressionist painter, Kip Decker, who grew up and went to college in California, has lived in a number of states, and now lives in South Carolina. He says he has been painting "for approximately 50 years." He has been featured in Best of America Water Media Artists and Best of America Acrylic Artists. He says he knows he has finished a painting "when it puts a smile on my face due to content and execution." Most of his work is of landscapes and seascapes, making this one of Jesus praying an exceptional treasure.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 4

9:45 a  
12:00 p  
12:00 p  
4:00 p  
4:00 p  
5:00p  
5:00 p

One Day Membership Class  
Discipleship Ministries Team Meeting  
Youth Council Luncheon  
Mainstream UMC Event  
Vocal Arts Nashville Recital  
Confirmation Class  
Youth Small Groups

McWhirter Hall  
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Youth Center  
4th Story Theater  
Sanctuary  
406  
Youth Center

### Monday, February 5

10:00 a  
5:30 p  
6:00 p

Sunny Day Club  
Upper Room small group  
Girls Basketball Practice

McWhirter Hall  
310  
Gym

### Tuesday, February 6

7:30 a  
6:30 p

Morning Bible Study  
Young Adult Small Group

310  
317

### Wednesday, February 7

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

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

McWhirter Hall  
Lower Level  
Gym  
4th Floor  
Music Suite

### Thursday, February 8

7:00 p

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Music Suite

### Saturday, February 10

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  
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Shelley Kuhlmeier..... Communications Director

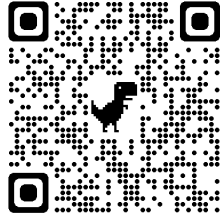
Lazaro Kapella ..... Church Financial Officer  
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Christina Shoptaw .....Preschool Operations Manager  
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Cin Tuang.....Media Assistant  
Open.....Building Engineer  
Richard Thomas .....Custodian

## 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

♦ **Sympathies:** We lift up sympathies to Leon Rader and family as they mourn the passing of Leon's wife, and our church member, Jewel McGhee-Rader. Arrangements for a Memorial Service for her are still being determined and will be forthcoming.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Leon Rader; Stacie Denton; Family and friends of Dominic DePalma; 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 February 5-11 will be Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye. To submit a prayer request, visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](https://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).

## 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 Glenclyff 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! Thank you all so much for your generosity!

## 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](https://westendumc.org/sagerbrown).

## PANEL DISCUSSION ON GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024 - TODAY

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 this afternoon at 4 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.

## FIRST WEDNESDAY: DINNER AND STUDY

**You're Still Invited: Discovering Our Gifts** - God has trusted and empowered us with gifts far beyond our imagination. Join us for dinner and conversation in McWhirter Hall on Wednesday, February 7th as we discover the unique gifts we each have, the collective gifts our congregation can offer the city, and the surprising gifts our neighbors can share with us in our pursuit of the community's flourishing.

At 5:15 p.m., we will share a meal together. Please register below for dinner by Tuesday at noon. The menu includes sausage and zucchini lasagna, mushroom with spinach lasagna. Mac & Cheese for the kids and chocolate and chocolate chip cookies. Register now at [westendumc.org/firstwednesday](https://westendumc.org/firstwednesday).

## UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS

♦ **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. Reserve your spot by February 9 so that we can prepare accordingly. Visit [westendumc.org/pancakes](https://westendumc.org/pancakes) to make your reservation.

♦ **Shrove Tuesday Jazz Mass ♦ February 13** - 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 procession, hymns, soloists from the recording industry, and vocal interpretations of the traditional texts.

♦ **Ash Wednesday Services ♦ February 14 ♦ 12 Noon and 6:15 p.m.** - Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The form and content of these services focus on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ through the imposition of ashes.

♦ **Lenten Noon Concert ♦ February 15** - We begin our Thursday Lenten Noon Concert series with Keith Nichols and Matthew Phelps. 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](https://westendumc.org/lentenconcerts).



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