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LENT 2024

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 18, 2024 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHERING

Voluntary: Jesus, I Will Ponder Flor Peeters
Christ the Life of All the Living
With Joy and Gladness..... Douglas Wagner

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: Make Me a Clean Heart G. Thalben-Ball

† Processional Hymn No. 64: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty Nicaea

† Call to Worship Tammy Lewis Wilborn
Liturgist: Like a beloved friend who brings us into our truest selves, from near and far you call us home to you.
People: O Lord, we return to you with joyful hearts!
Liturgist: Like a mother hen folding us into her flock, you gather us in grace.
People: O Lord, we return to you with joyful hearts!
All: Let us worship our God with thanksgiving and praise!

† Call to Confession

† 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.**

† Silent Confession

† 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."

† 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.**

Voluntary: I Will Dwell in the House of the Lord David Allured

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination LaDonna Weber
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.

† Hymn No. 269: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty DaysLand of Rest

Children's Moment

Sermon: How the Tables Have TurnedCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883 Stacey Harwell-Dye
**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: My Shepherd Will Supply My NeedVirgil Thompson

My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is his name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways, and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home. (paraphrase by Isaac Watts)

† 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

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 Vicki Brier 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 Vicki 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

† Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: Members of the household of God, I commend Vicki Brier 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, Vicki, 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: How Shall I Come Before the Lord O Waly Waly

Musical score for the hymn 'How Shall I Come Before the Lord'. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'How shall I come be - fore the Lord and bow my - Will fin - est gifts bring God's de - light? Will wealth bring Let jus - tice shine in all your ways. Let lov - ing self with heart out - poured? And shall I come with of - fer - fa - vor in God's sight? What must we be? What must we kind - ness rule our days, that, as this earth - ly path you ing? What shall I give? What shall I bring? do? What does the Lord re - quire of you? trod, you shall walk hum - bly with your God.'

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: What Does the Lord Require, v. 1Sharpthorne

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.*

† 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, was presented for baptism today at 8:45.

Today, we baptize and welcome new member, Vicki Brier, into our church family.

Today's liturgy was written by Rev. Will McLeane. Portions of today's Pastoral Prayer were taken from "We Cry Justice: Reading the Bible with the Poor People's Campaign" edited by Liz Theoharis and written by Janelle Bruce.

Music Participants

The Chancel Choir
Joy Ringers
Matthew Phelps: Director / Assisting at Organ
Andrew Risinger: Organist, Accompanist

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
8:45 a Worship Service
9:45 a Sunday School
11:00 a Children's Church
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2:00 p OEF Nerf Game
5:00 p Youth Small Groups
6:00 p Harrell Lenten Small Group

Scales Chapel
Sanctuary

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Sanctuary
Gym
Youth Center
306

Monday, February 19

10:00 a Sunny Day Club
5:30 p Trustees
5:30 p Upper Room Small Group

McWhirter Hall
306
310

Tuesday, February 20

7:30 a Morning Bible Study
1:30 p Creative Hands
5:30 p Ministry Table
6:30 p Young Adult Small Group

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Wednesday, February 21

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

Lower Level
McWhirter Hall
4th Floor
Music Suite

Thursday, February 22

12:00 p Lenten Concert Series
12:45 p Lenten Concert Luncheon
5:30 p Hospitality Team Meeting
7:00 p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary
McWhirter Hall
306
Music Suite

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

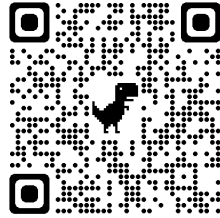
Lazaro Kapella Church Financial Officer
Jim Raver Property Operations Manager
Corye Nelson Preschool Executive Director
Christina Shoptaw Preschool Operations Manager
Cheryl Reeves Preschool Curriculum Coordinator
Karina Gurgenzidze Childcare Coordinator
Cindy Siemer..... Senior Administrative Assistant
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.

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!

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 Glenclyff Tiny Homes together with our church while not eating for 30 hours. Register now at westendumc.org/30hr.

WEST END PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Our Preschool has immediate openings in the PreK Classroom (DOB September 2018-August 2019). If you are interested in a tour or to learn more, contact Christina Shoptaw at cshoptaw@westendumc.org.

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.

♦ **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** - On Tuesday, 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. 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.

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
Glenclyff United Methodist Church
located at 2901 Glenclyff 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.**



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