

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
MARCH 24, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
PALM SUNDAY

GATHERING

Voluntary: March on a Theme of Handel.....Alexandre Guilmant

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: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Ellacombe

† Processional Hymn No. 280: All Glory, Laud, and Honor St. Theodulph

† Call to Worship Emily Robbins

Liturgist: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Liturgist: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Liturgist: Give thanks to God who visits and saves all Creation.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God,

your meekness exposes our prideful conceit and our fear of embracing the lowly way of love.

Forgive us for the ways our passionate praises become determined denials when your Son, Jesus Christ, calls us to follow him to the cross.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, liberate us from a fickle love of you and of our neighbors so that we might discover the greatness of true humility and the joy of solidarity with the suffering as together we walk with Christ in the way that leads to eternal life.

† 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: Hosanna! Hosanna!..... Pooler/Kemp

Refrain: Hosanna! Hosanna! The little children sing.

Hosanna! Hosanna! For Christ our Lord is King.

“Prepare the way,” the children sing.

“Hosanna to our Lord and King.” (Refrain)

With palm branches we shout and sing,

“Hosanna to our Lord and King.” (Refrain)

We line the streets so we may sing,

“Hosanna to our Lord and King.” (Refrain)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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. Amen.

A Lesson from the Gospel.....Mark 11:1-11

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Children's church is located in Scales Chapel, which is down the hall from the sanctuary. If it's your first time, a grown-up should please follow us after the children's moment to drop off. Pick up will at the same location immediately following the service.

Sermon: A Humble Walk.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

SENDING FORTH

† 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: Surely, He Hath Borne Our Grievs Karl Graun

Surely, he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

(Isaiah 53:4)

† 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.

Welcoming of New Members

Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: Family of God, Mary and Rachel 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 No. 285: To Mock Your Reign..... Kingsfold

† Benediction

† Choral Benediction: Jesus So LowlyHarold W. Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth; christen me wholly, bring me new birth.

Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad.

Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token love will not fail.

Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

† A Lesson from the GospelJohn 13:21-30

***You are encouraged to leave in silence,
meditating on the story of Holy Week and the passion of our Lord.***

† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The palms this Palm Sunday are provided by the Flower Fund. Many thanks to those who have contributed to this fund which is used when there are no individual donors. If you would like to contribute, please designate the Flower Fund on your gift.

A rose is on the table celebrates the birth of Patrick Nathaniel Griffin on March 1, 2024 to parents Chris and Natalie Griffin.

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

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir

Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

The Genesis Choir

Pam Rice, Susy Gillette, Lochlan Cook: Leaders

Bulletin Cover

“Palm Sunday” is a painting by contemporary artist, Laura James. She lives in the Bronx and not only paints but is very active in the arts community. She is on a number of boards and is the originator and executive director of an online database for over 200 artists in the Bronx. Ms. James creates religious art, but she also creates scenes of everyday life, what she calls, “art for the people.”

WEST END STAFF

Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
Rev. Will McLeanePastor of Spiritual Formation
Rev. Maggie Jarrell.....Pastor of Children and Families
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye.....Pastor of Mercy and Justice
Rev. Shannon Baxter..Pastor of Congregational Connection
Rev. Aimee Baxter.....Pastor of Young Adults
Emily C. Robbins.....Minister of Youth
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
Melanie Paulson.....Director, HR & Operations
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Lazaro Kapella.....Church Financial Officer

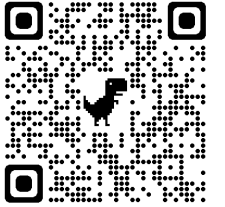
Jim Raver.....Property Operations Manager
Corye Nelson.....Preschool Executive Director
Christina Shoptaw.....Preschool Operations Manager
Cheryl Reeves.....Preschool Curriculum Coordinator
Karina Gurgendze.....Childcare Coordinator
Cindy Siemer.....Senior Administrative Assistant
Julie Catterton.....Assistant to Senior Pastor
Andrew Callis.....Administrative Assistant
Tosha Jackson.....Receptionist
Devon Bardo.....Receptionist
Chase Bencin.....Media Coordinator
Cin Tuang.....Media Assistant
Open.....Building Engineer
Sam Bady.....Safety and Security Coordinator
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 Andrew Callis and family as they mourn the death of his grandfather, Harold Mann, Jr. on March 18th; and, to Rachel Jones in the death of her grandmother, Margaret Ann Jones, on March 20th; and, to Kevin Walko with the passing of his brother, Gregory Walko, on March 21st.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Alicia Haines; Ruth L. Cate; Mark Owen; Gina Dixon; Tennessee State Legislature Session; 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 March 25-31 will be Rev. Shannon Baxter. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

LENTEN SPECIAL OFFERING ♦ OPEN TABLE NASHVILLE

Our Lenten special offering will go to the work of Open Table Nashville. This organization exemplifies the emphasis on both mercy and justice by providing tangible goods that help keep people alive while experiencing homelessness, as well as walking with them to housing. They provide excellent training and advocate alongside those without homes in the halls of the legislature against laws that criminalize homelessness. West End has a special relationship through our sponsorship of one of their street outreach workers. The Lenten special offering goes towards our goal of \$10,000 to support the salary of one of these workers. Give at westendumc.org/give.

MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING ♦ REJOICE SCHOOL OF BALLET

Motivated by Christ's love, Rejoice School of Ballet empowers youth to realize their potential by training, nurturing and celebrating dancers from diverse racial, socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. Our relationship with Rejoice Ballet also involves hosting them for shows in our 4th Story Theater. You can give online at westendumc.org/give.

STILL TIME TO GIVE TO RIP MEDICAL DEBT

We crushed our original goal of raising \$10,000 to eliminate \$1,000,000 of medical debt and have surpassed the second goal of \$25,000 with over \$33K raised so far in March. We encourage you to give generously at westendumc.org/rip.

RIP Medical Debt is a nonprofit organization that buys medical debt and then simply forgives it, reminding us of the instructions we are given in Deuteronomy 15: 1-2, 7-8, 11 to establish a year for canceling the debts of the most vulnerable. Giving is open throughout the month.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The West End Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2024 - 2025 academic year. Deadline for receipt of all application materials is Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 5 p.m. Visit westendumc.org/scholarships to find out more.

CHAT AND CHEW LUNCH FOR COLLEGE AND GRAD STUDENTS

All undergrad and graduate students are invited to join us for free lunch today 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.

There will be no Chat and Chew on Easter Sunday, but we will attend the Easter Brunch together in McWhirter Hall from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

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.

NEW SMALL GROUPS FORMING

Over the course of the next month, we are inviting you to consider joining new small groups as they form and are announced through our various church communications. This week, we invite you to consider joining a "Shared Journey" group that will meet twice a month (2nd and 4th Sundays) in the Green Hills area from 4-6pm. The group's first meeting will be March 24th. "Shared Journey" groups will follow the worship, preaching, and discipleship seasons of WEUMC (Ex. Lent: Mercy and Justice) as they center their shared life together in God's transforming grace. If you have interest or questions about any group, contact Rev. Will McLeane at wmcleane@westendumc.org.

FIRST WEDS WITH DR. JEN QUIGLEY: EXPLORING 1 JOHN

Join us for our last "First Wednesday" of the Spring on April 3 at 6 p.m as we welcome Professor Jen Quigley as a guide to faithfully reading the Johannine Epistles. During Easter, 1 John will orient us in our seasonal focus: "Love is the Way." Professor Quigley was a regular teacher throughout our journey of "Reading the Bible Through the Year," and we are grateful to share in her wisdom again before she takes a role with the New Testament faculty at Candler School of Theology this Summer. Dinner and the event will both take place in McWhirter Hall with dinner beginning at 5:15 p.m. RSVP at westendumc.org/firstwednesday.

ACCESS YOUR REALM ACCOUNT

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.

"LINKING ARMS FOR CHANGE" HUMAN CHAIN :: MARCH 27

Voices for a Safer Tennessee, a nonpartisan coalition dedicated to creating healthier, safer communities by reducing preventable firearm tragedies, will hold the second "Linking Arms for Change" human chain event at 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 27, marking the one-year anniversary of The Covenant School shooting in Nashville. Our goal is to form a chain of 13,000 people from Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt through Centennial Park and up Charlotte Avenue to our state capitol. The chain will pass in front of West End UMC and we will want to participate as a church in this event. Register at this link, <https://safertn.org/events/linkingarms2024/>.

Voices for a Safer Tennessee asks the community to wear red and link arms to honor the memory of the Covenant victims and the hundreds of Tennessee lives lost to preventable firearm tragedies over the last year.

HOLY WEEK PODCASTS

During this Holy Week, our pastors and ministers have recorded a guided reading from the Book of Common Prayer for each day. Watch for them on social media and on your favorite podcast listening platform. They can also be found on our website at westendumc.org/lent.

HOLY WEEK AT WEST END UMC

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, March 24
8:45 and 11 a.m. ♦ Sanctuary

COVENANT SCHOOL SERVICE OF LAMENT AND HOPE

Wednesday, March 27
6:30 p.m. ♦ Calvary UMC

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, March 28
7 p.m. ♦ Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, March 29
12 p.m. ♦ Sanctuary

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, March 29
6 p.m. ♦ Gordan Memorial UMC

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



**MARY
DAVIS**



**NATALIE & CHRIS
GRIFFIN**



**RACHEL
MARLOWE**

**NOT PICTURED:
CHRIS BEMBYNISTA, JASON HILL
COLBEY AND AND SIBYL REAGAN**

JOIN US FOR EASTER BRUNCH

Join us for Easter Brunch in the McWhirter Hall during the Sunday School hour. Don't miss this a well-loved West End tradition.

There will be no Sunday School or Children's Church on Easter Sunday. Childcare will be available for birth thru age 2.

MAKING ROOM FOR MORE ON EASTER MORNING AT WEST END

On Easter Sunday, we experience our largest attendance of the year. To prepare for the increase, here are a few things you need to know.

♦ **Alternate Parking** - Please help make room for our guests! West End attenders are invited to park at the Caterpillar garage and walk over to worship. The garage can be accessed off Louise Avenue on Hayes Street. Use the intercom to tell the guard that you are with West End UMC. Following worship, you will re-enter the garage via the pedestrian door on Hayes Street using the intercom.

♦ **Make Room In The Pews** - We are expecting a large number of worshipers on Easter Sunday and want to have a seat for everyone. Please use the coat racks in the breezeway and Reed Hall or put your jackets behind you. Purses and backpacks should go in your lap or underneath your seat.



March 31, 2024

EASTER

at West End United Methodist Church

6:30 AM ♦ Sunrise in the Cloister Garden
8:45 & 11 AM ♦ Sanctuary and Livestream