



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 9, 2025 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

GATHERING

Voluntary: Meditation on *I Am Thine, O Lord*arr. Sandra Eithun
Be Thou My Visionarr. Cathy Moglebust
Joy Ringers

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: Come, Ye That Love the Lord arr. Alice Parker

† Processional Hymn No. 85: We Believe in One True God.....Ratisbon

† Call to WorshipHampton Randall
Liturgist: We come today with open minds and open hearts.
People: We rejoice in the love of God that holds us together!
Liturgist: We take comfort in the presence of our Creator.
People: May our words and actions echo those of Jesus as we enter this time of worship!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession
**God of Tranquility,
amidst the chaos of our world, we have not leaned into your calming presence, putting our focus on other things rather than setting our sights on you.
In times when anxiety and worry crash over us like waves on a shore, remind us to rely on your steadfast, never-ending love for comfort.
Gather us in, gracious God, and help us take time to center ourselves in your grace.**

† 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.**

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 this child 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 this child with a community of love and forgiveness that he may grow in service with others. We will pray for him 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 Henry Knight to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Henry Knight, 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.

† Musical Response No. 611, St. 1

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationEllie McCord
**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.....Luke 5:1-11

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: From Failure to Fisher of MenCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith 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 live with respect in Creation,
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

**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: Trust in the Lord..... Daniel Gawthrop

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not unto your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he shall direct your path.
For in him are all the blessings of heaven,
and from his mouth cometh wisdom.
Seek him, and he shall grant you
the sweetest desires of your heart.
Lift your voice to his glory;
lift your hands to his work. Trust in him.
(Adapted from Proverbs 3:5-6)

† 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!**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 111: How Can We Name a Love Terra Beata

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go With Us Lord.....Tallis Canon

**Go with us Lord and guide our way
through this and every coming day,
that in your spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.**

Voluntary: Postlude in C.....Henry Smart

*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 today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Adrian Downing and in honor of Peggy Drumright Downing by their family.

*Henry Knight Bradford, son of Emma and Payton Bradford,
is presented for baptism today.*

Today's liturgy was written by Rea Green, Pastoral Intern for Mercy and Justice.

Music Participants

Sanctuary Choir

Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Joy Ringers

Andie Smith: Director

Bulletin Cover Art

“A Great Multitude of Fishes” was painted by the Scottish artist, William Brassey Hole (1846-1917). In the background of this painting, there are the buildings depicting the village on the right with farmland and hills rolling into the distance on the left. In the foreground, we find two boats in the lake with fishermen; the nearest of which shows them hauling in their nets full of fish. It appears laborious as it requires four men to bring in the large number of fish that were caught.

CHAT & CHEW LUNCH // TODAY

All local Nashville undergrad and grad students are invited to attend lunch at a local restaurant (West End's treat!) each Sunday after the 11 am service throughout the semester. Contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org to find out more.

COFFEE WITH A PASTOR

If you are new to West End UMC and would like to find out more about the church, you are invited to join us on the third Sunday of each month in the Bishop's Parlor (across from Scales Chapel). Coffee and snacks will be served. A Pastor or Program Staff person will be present, so feel free to come with your questions about upcoming events or how to get involved in church activities. Our next gathering will be Sunday, February 16 at 10 am.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ Sympathies to Chuck and Carole Burgess and their family who are mourning the death of Chuck's brother, Tom Burgess, who passed away January 31st here in Nashville. Services were held February 6th.

♦ Christy Hathcock and her family who are mourning the death of her father, James “Rusty” Hathcock, who passed away February 1st in Bartlett, TN. Services were held there on Thursday, February 6th.

♦ West End Preschool Staff members, Karina Gurgenidze and Ryah Al-Humrani and their family who are mourning the death of Karina's sister and Ryah's aunt, Inga Saroyan, who passed away overseas on February 1st in the country of Georgia.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Nancy Jones; Kathy Osten; Bobby Williams; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; the US government and the peaceful change of leadership; peace in Palestine/Israel, Haiti, Sudan, Syria, 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 10-16 will be Rev. Maggie Jarrell. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

2025 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

We are so fortunate at West End to have many generous donors who provide flowers each Sunday to enhance our worship space. The 2025 schedule is being developed and there are still some available dates if you are looking for a special way to mark an important occasion. We would love to hear from you! Contact Allison Wills Brooks at eatbetterbebetter@gmail.com, Jennifer Hoffman at jenniferhoffman@outlook.com, and Amy Lynch at lynchamy@comcast.net to find out more.

ACCESSIBILITY IN WORSHIP

♦ **Service Dogs** - On Sundays, we may have congregants or staff with service or guide dogs in worship with us. Please warmly welcome them both but refrain from petting the dog because it is a distraction to the animal while it is working.

♦ **Braille Bulletins** - Also, we are now able to offer braille bulletins for those who may need it to fully participate in our worship service. Please email Andrew Callis at acallis@westendumc.org so we can make arrangements to have it available for you.

♦ **Adult and Youth Sensory Bags** - We have sensory bags at each sanctuary entrance for adults and youth. If this is a need of yours, feel free to grab a bag and return it to the cart at the end of the service. We hope to make our service welcoming for all individuals with the hope that you feel best equipped for a fulfilling worship experience.

♦ **Assistive Listening Devices** - There are assisted listening devices available for anyone who may need them. They can be found in the Narthex or in Reed Hall.

FEBRUARY COMMUNION OFFERING

Youth W.E. SERVE Weekend is coming! Our Youth will be fasting for one meal over February 28-March 1! For the month of February our communion offering will benefit the Youth W.E. SERVE Weekend (formerly 30 Hour Famine). Our youth will go without food for one meal for 9 hours on Saturday, March 1, to experience hunger. They are doing this to raise money and awareness for two different ministries this year. Our local ministry is Trinity Community Commons, a ministry where our youth already share a monthly meal with our neighbors who live on the street. The second ministry is Raise the Roof Academy which helps bring new \$85 sleeping kits and \$50 food boxes to as many children living in Uganda as possible. Place your donation in the offering plate or give online at westendumc.org/give.

ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITY: KEEP SUMMER EBT IN 2025 & BEYOND

Tennessee is at risk of losing Summer EBT for families in 2025. Governor Bill Lee and DHS do not plan to opt into Summer EBT for families next summer. In 2024, Summer EBT served over 650,000 children in Tennessee and brought nearly \$79 million into the state economy. Tennessee children aren't going anywhere. They will continue to need food during the summer months in 2025 and beyond. Please send a letter to the Governor and TDHS Commissioner Clarence Carter asking them to adopt this much-needed program for 2025 and beyond! You can find a form letter online at westendumc.org/ebtletter.

MEET OUR NEW SPOTLIGHT ORGANIZATION

From 2025-2027, we will be focusing money, time, and talent with Nashville Launch Pad. We will celebrate the start of our new partnership with our Great Day of Service at their location on March 1. Want to volunteer directly with them before then? Visit nashvillelaunchpad.com/volunteer. We will be sharing more ways to collaborate in the days to come but for now we celebrate this amazing organization dreaming and making possible a world of street-free sleep for young adults aged 18-26 in Nashville.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS AND MUSIC CAMP 2025

While making your Summer 2025 plans, be sure to save the dates for our 2025 VBS and Music Camp! VBS will be June 23-26 in the evenings for ages 3 thru rising grade 5.

After a hiatus, Music Camp will make its debut again this summer. Camp happens during the week of July 21-25 with Sunday, July 27 for our Musical Presentation. Music Camp is for kids entering grades 1-7 in Fall 2025. Visit westendumc.org/musiccamp to be put on a contact list for when Music Camp registration opens.

FAITHFUL GIVING 2025

Have you made your giving estimate for 2025 yet?

As of January 15, we have received 328 Estimates of Giving for 2025 for a total of \$2,096,930.

Help our church thrive and grow in 2025.

Our church depends on the financial support of its members to carry out the ministries and programs that allow West End United Methodist Church to be the loving light of Christ, connecting, transforming. By turning in your 2025 Estimate of Giving, you help our church staff and leaders budget for the coming year.



It's not too late to make your 2025 Estimate of Giving!

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED FOR GUATEMALA MISSION TEAMS

While we are hoping everyone at West End will pray for our team as we travel on West End's behalf, we also love to recruit individual prayer partners. Are you someone who lives a life of prayer and would like to pray specifically for one of our Guatemala team members? We need prayer partners for each of our participants on our Guatemalan trip. These prayer partners pray for the team member before and during our trip, writing 3 cards of encouragement that will be given to the participants at the beginning, middle and end of our trip. Our trip is the second full week of March and cards will be due to the church on March 5. You can bring the cards on a Sunday or mail them to the church attn: Stacey. Get in touch with Stacey to commit to this at sharwelldye@westendumc.org.



**Interested in
Joining West End?**

One-Day Membership Class
Sunday, February 9 • 9:45 a.m. • 4th Story Theater
westendumc.org/membership



A new way to talk about

God Faith Spirituality

DON'T MISS TheoEd NASHVILLE // FEBRUARY 23

West End UMC is joining Emory's Candler School of Theology to host TheoEd Nashville on February 23 at 4:30 pm at the Woolworth Theater!

TheoEd is a faith-based speaker series that brings together leading thinkers in the church and the academy to give the talk of their lives in 20 minutes or less. Its speakers deliver neither sermons nor traditional lectures. Rather, they offer highly polished, no-notes, TED-style talks that seek to spark conversations about God, religion, and the power of faith to change lives and communities. The speakers for TheoEd Nashville are Julian Davis Reed, Lanecia Rouse, Josh Scott, and Suzanne Stabile.

Learn more about TheoEd and get tickets to this event at theoed.com.

Do you need a ride to TheoEd? We are going to take a shuttle back and forth from the West End UMC parking lot. Sign up here at westendumc.org/ride.

DON'T MISS SPECIAL GUESTS ON FEBRUARY 23

We at West End are taking advantage of having these speakers in town. Earlier that morning we will have the incredible opportunity to hear Julian Davis Reed in worship. He will be preaching/singing/playing piano for us during the time of proclamation. And then in between worship services, we are blessed to be able to hear from artist Lanecia Rouse in the 4th Story Theater for a combined Sunday school class.

GET TO KNOW THE THEOED SPEAKERS

We are excited about the speaker lineup for TheoEd on Sunday, February 23. We hope that they will share insights that will help shape and deepen your faith, raising it up like a diamond to see the many different facets and ways the light will reflect.



Lanecia Rouse

Lanecia Rouse is the Artist-in-Residence partner at the Holy Family HTX Episcopal Church in Houston and also serves on the board of Image Gallery, a quarterly art journal. As part of its mission, Image Gallery states "The mystery at the heart of the Christian faith is that the invisible is made visible, the Word becomes flesh. This is the mystery echoed in our artistic endeavors: painters plunge their imagination into the invisible and bring up something we've never seen before, writers conjure characters that put souls on the page for us to see and contemplate ourselves." Nashvillians may know Lanecia from her time at Belmont UMC and exhibits at the Frist and the Zeitgeist Gallery.

Josh Scott

Josh Scott is the Lead Pastor at GracePointe Church in Nashville. He has written three books, the most recent being *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups*. He notes that "The times they are a'changing. And for many of us, our faith has and continues to change along with it."



Julian Davis Reid

Julian Davis Reid is a Candler graduate who uses words and music to invite us into the restful lives we were created to live. He is the founder of Notes of Rest, which invites the weary into the rest of God practiced in the Bible and Black music. He has collaborated and/or shared the stage with Chance the Rapper, Jennifer Hudson, Peter CottonTale, and the Clark Atlanta University Philharmonic Society. Check out Walk Cycle by JuJu Exchange at thejujuexchange.com/music to walk with wonder, confidence, and joy.

Suzanne Stabile

An internationally recognized Enneagram Master, Suzanne has conducted over 500 Enneagram workshops over the past 30 years. She is the co-author of *The Road Back to You*, author of *The Path Between Us* and *The Journey Toward Wholeness* and host of the Enneagram Journey podcast.



Each speaker will speak for 20 minutes. We will have an intermission, then there will be time for question and answer from the audience, followed by a chance to visit with others, eat some delicious charcuterie, meet the speakers, buy books, and get your own books signed.

A Warm Welcome

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.

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.



We believe that God loves everyone unconditionally!

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