



# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
MARCH 2, 2025 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE  
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

## GATHERING

Voluntary: If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee, BWV 647..... J. S. Bach

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](http://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, and Let Us Sweetly Join ..... Orlando Gibbons

† Hymn No. 157: Jesus Shall Reign..... Duke Street

† Call to Worship ..... Hampton Randall

Liturgist: We come together today in awe and wonder to worship.

**People: We also come burdened with the worries of the world and the struggles of our individual lives.**

Liturgist: Amid the worries and the struggles is God, our radiant source of love and hope.

**People: May we bind together in awe and wonder as we worship the God who transforms our lives.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

**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**



## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination ..... David Beers

**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 9:28-36

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.*

Communion Meditation: The One Who Was, Is, and Is to Come ..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith ..... Shannon 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

Offertory: Eternal Light, Shine into Our Hearts .....Malcolm Archer

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts, Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil, eternal Power, be our support, Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy on us, that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek thy face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.  
*(Alcuin of York, 735-804)*

† 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

Prayer of Remembrance

Prayer of Consecration

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.**

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

*The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns:  
630, 636, and 138.*

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

† Hymn No. 188: Christ Is the World’s Light..... Christe Sanctorum  
*During the final verse, we invite those who will travel to Guatemala next week to join us at the front so that we may bless your service to God’s beloved community.*

† Benediction and Blessing of the Guatemala Teams

† Benediction Response: Draw the Circle Wide .....Mark Miller  
**Draw the circle, draw the circle wide,  
draw the circle, draw the circle wide,  
no one stands alone, we’ll stand side by side,  
draw the circle, draw the circle wide.**

Voluntary: Prelude in B Major .....Marcel Dupré  
*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 to the glory of God by generous donors to the Flower Fund.*

*Today’s liturgy was written by Hampton Randall, Youth Ministry Intern.*

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### Music Participants

*Sanctuary Choir*

Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

## Bulletin Cover Art

“Transfiguration of Jesus,” a painting in 2004 by Armando Alemdar-Ara, who lives in Great Britain and is a co-founder of Neomodernism, a movement in art that blends 15th century art with 20th century. He creates works in large measure reflecting the spirituality of his Sufi background as this transfiguration piece demonstrates. This painting gives the impression of colors dancing as warm colors of deep reds and oranges move upward like flames, transitioning to yellows before becoming three white points of light that seem transfixed on each other. By contrast, the rich, cool colors of the bottom and sides of the painting ground the movement of the warmer tones.

## 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](mailto: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.

## PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Nancy Jones; Kathy Osten; 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 March 3-9 will be Rev. Shannon Baxter. To submit a prayer request, visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](http://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).

## MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING BENEFITS REJOICE 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. Rejoice utilizes our fourth story theater for their performances. Give online at [westendumc.org/give](http://westendumc.org/give).

## 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](mailto:abaxter@westendumc.org) to find out more.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The West End Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2025 - 2026 academic year. Deadline for receipt of all application materials is Monday, March 31, at 5 pm. Find out more at [westendumc.org/scholarships](http://westendumc.org/scholarships).

## HELP US BUILD TEN STOVES IN GUATEMALA EACH STOVE IS \$470 TO BUILD



We have two teams heading to Guatemala on Saturday to serve with ODIM and Transitions. While in Antigua, our teams working with ODIM will be helping to build 10 stoves in the surrounding community. Each stove costs \$470, and we are raising funds in order to build a total of 10. Please help us reach our goal of \$4700: text STOVE to 833.270.7424 or give online at [westendumc.org/stove](http://westendumc.org/stove).

## COFFEE with a Pastor

March 16 ♦ 10 a.m. ♦ Bishops Parlor



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, March 16 at 10 am.

## JOIN OUR PICKLEBALL CLUB

If you have ever wanted to try Pickleball or are looking for a fun group to play with regularly, join the Pickleball Club in the West End UMC Gym on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm! All skill levels are welcome! There is no charge to play, but all participants sign a liability release waiver before playing. If you would like to be added to the weekly email reminder list, visit [westendumc.org/pickleball](http://westendumc.org/pickleball) to sign up.

## TUESDAY NIGHT YOGA

Join us on Tuesday nights from 6 - 7 pm in Room 324 for Yoga led by Kindall Dietman. This will be a gentle class accessible to all skill levels. Bring a mat if you have one, but there will be a few extra mats available. Suggested price is \$10-\$15; however, cost should not be a barrier. Pay as you are able. Register at [westendumc.org/yoga](http://westendumc.org/yoga).

## WHAT'S NEXT CLASS

If you have been attending West End UMC for a short time or for a number of months and would like to explore getting more involved with the community, consider coming to our What's Next Class. The class will meet for two weeks on Sundays, March 2 and 9, during the Sunday School hour from 9:45 - 10:45 am. The group will gather in the 4th Story Theater and will offer an opportunity to meet others in the church and to learn about the ministries of the church. Visit [westendumc.org/whatsnext](http://westendumc.org/whatsnext) to register.





# PANCAKE SUPPER

MARCH 4 ♦ 5 P.M. ♦ MCWHIRTER HALL

Join us for this beloved West End tradition of pancakes, sausage, and loads of fun for all ages followed by our annual Jazz Mass! There will be no charge for the meal again this year, but we will be taking donations for the Vanderbilt Wesley Foundation.

Please reserve your spot by March 3 so we can prepare accordingly. There will be a table with Mardi Gras themed crafts for children. Come celebrate with your church family!

**RSVP NOW AT [WESTENDUMC.ORG/PANCAKES](http://WESTENDUMC.ORG/PANCAKES)**

## Shrove Tuesday JAZZ MASS

March 4 ♦ 6:30 p.m. ♦ Sanctuary



Enjoy a unique worship opportunity complete with beads, masks and other Mardi Gras trimmings. Make plans to attend a Mardi Gras style Jazz Mass on Shrove Tuesday, March 4 in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm. This festive celebration of Holy Communion is framed in a jazz setting with a jazz band, a Mardi Gras style processional, hymns, soloists from the recording industry, and vocal interpretations of the traditional text. Join us in this final celebration for Christians before the Lenten season begins the next day. Childcare is available for children under age 2 for this worship service. This service will also be Livestreamed.

## Ash Wednesday Services and First Wednesday Dinner

The Jazz Mass on Shrove Tuesday only has meaning within the context of the services that take place on the following day, Ash Wednesday. The contrast between the celebration and excess of Tuesday gives way to the solemnity and restraint of Ash Wednesday. It is in the radically different character of the two days that we discover the meaning of each. If you attend the Jazz Mass, seriously consider attending one of the Ash Wednesday services as well. If you are a regular attender at an Ash Wednesday service, seriously consider participating in the Jazz Mass in preparation to experience the importance of the imposition of ashes that follows the next day. Ash Wednesday services will be on March 5 at 12 and 6:15 pm.

**First Wednesday Dinner** - As we prepare to reflect on the table as the central theme this Lent, we invite you to share a meal before the Ash Wednesday service. We will hold our First Wednesday Supper in McWhirter Hall at 5:15 pm. Please register in advance [westendumc.org/firstwednesday](http://westendumc.org/firstwednesday).

## TABLE TRANSFORMATIONS

Throughout the season of Lent, we invite you to experience the power of sharing a meal. West End members are hosting tables throughout the season of Lent for groups of 10-12 people to break bread, share stories, and abide in God's delight. If you would like to learn more about finding your seat at the table, visit [westendumc.org/table](http://westendumc.org/table) to learn more and register.



### LENTEN NOON CONCERT // MARCH 6

We begin our Thursday Lenten Noon Concert series with West End's Organist, Andrew Risinger. The program will include music of Mendelssohn, Bach, DeGrigny, and Gigout. Each half-hour concert will begin promptly at noon. Lunch is available in McWhirter Hall at 12:30 pm for \$12. Lunch requires reservations. Register online at [westendumc.org/lentenconcerts](http://westendumc.org/lentenconcerts).

## WEEKLY COMMUNION ON WEDNESDAYS

We experience the grace of God in its abundance at the table of Jesus. Beginning on March 12 at 8 am, we will celebrate Holy Communion on the remaining Wednesdays of Lent in Scales Chapel.



### LGBTQ + LENT BOOK STUDY // MARCH 12

Come experience the Lenten and Easter journey together through community and shared reflection on a brand new book: *God Didn't Make Us to Hate US: 40 Devotions to Liberate Your Faith From Fear and Reconnect with Joy*. The group will be led by WEUMC member Khetta Cox, and will meet on March 12th and 26th and April 9th and 23rd at 6 pm in Room 317 (Mosaic). Please rsvp at [westendumc.org/lentbookstudy](http://westendumc.org/lentbookstudy) to express your interest in joining this group throughout Lent!

### TAIZE SERVICE // MARCH 16

Join us for a contemplative service rooted in the music of the Taizé community of France. Our worship service will include a space for healing prayer. Experience with contemplative worship or the music of Taizé is not required to engage in our liturgy fully. Join us at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

# 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](http://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!

## West End Staff

### Members of West End UMC ..... Ministers

**Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon**.....*Senior Pastor*  
**Rev. Will McLeane** .....*Spiritual Formation*  
**Rev. Maggie Jarrell**..... *Children and Families*  
**Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye**..... *Mercy and Justice*  
**Rev. Shannon Baxter** .....*Congregational Connection*  
**Rev. Aimee Baxter**.....*Young Adults*  
**Emily C. Robbins**.....*Minister of Youth*  
**Dr. Matthew Phelps**.....*Minister of Music*  
**Andrew Risinger** .....*Associate Minister of Music*  
**Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn**..... *Congregational Care Intern*  
**Rea Green**..... *Pastoral Intern*  
**Hampton Randall**..... *Youth Ministry Intern*  
**Nico Zavala**.....*Music Intern*  
**Shelley Kuhlmeier**.....*Communications Director*  
**Lazaro Kapella**.....*Church Financial Officer*

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**Shannon Meffert** .....*HR Generalist*  
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**Tosha Jackson** .....*Receptionist*  
**Kathryn Ware** .....*Receptionist*  
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**Ronnie Franklin**..... *Building Superintendent*  
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