

TABLE



TRANSFORMATIONS

LENT 2025

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP
MARCH 23, 2025 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHERING

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on *Our Father in Heaven*Georg Böhm

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. 160: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Marion

† Call to WorshipShannon Baxter

Liturgist: Hear this: “The next time you put on a dinner, don’t just invite your friends, and family, and rich neighbors...”

People: Instead, we will open our doors to anyone in need and celebrate life with those who rarely get invited to our tables.

Liturgist: Then the unity of God’s love, which goes far beyond our self-centered ways of loving, will bless you and those who gather with you.

People: As we join each other in worship today, may we hear and know this truth and lean into this most Christian way of life.

† Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

**God of the uninvited,
we know you have already made a place for us at your heavenly table,
whether we sit at the head or not.**

**Forgive us for losing our connection to your way as we calculate who
should or shouldn’t have a seat with us.**

**We admit that our sense of self-importance can keep us from realizing
who is truly important in your kin-dom.**

**Open our spirits so that we can live out your loving generosity with those
who rarely get invited to the party.**

**Help us open the doors of our hearts so that we may allow the lonely and
forgotten to have a place here.**

† 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 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 Greer Elisabeth 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, Greer Elisabeth, 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 Illumination Ed Zinkiewicz
Transforming God, teach us the power of community that you create at your table so that, in receiving your Word today, we will open our hearts and invite all to have a seat at our tables.

A Lesson from the Gospel.....Luke 14:1, 7-14

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: Table MannersCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of FaithShannon 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.....Rea Green

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: Jesu, Lover of My Soul..... Philip Stopford

Jesu, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,

while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;

hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life be past;

safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;

leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.

All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;

cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.

Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness.

False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace on thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.

Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.

Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity. Amen.

(Charles Wesley)

† 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

Welcoming of New Members
Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: Family of God, Wes, Ashley, Jenny, Kurt, Huntley and Wilson, and Jordan and Glory are now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hopes, 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. 339: Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast Hursley

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Tallis' Canon

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights,
we turn and walk the inward way,
where meeting Christ our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.**

Voluntary: Fughetta de Concert Alexandre Guilmant

*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 memory of
Travis and Elsie Dubree by their daughter, Marilyn Dubree.*

*Greer Elisabeth Dabbs, daughter of Emma Sholl and Spence Dabbs,
is presented for baptism today.*

*Edward Deane Eisemann, son of Ben and Carolyn Eisemann,
will be presented for baptism at the late service today.*

*William Alexander Richardson and Melody Heart Suite will be baptized
at the late service today, as well.*

Today's liturgy was written by Andrew Callis.

Music Participants

Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Today's Music

Edward H. Plumptre is the author of "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart." It was written as a processional for the 1865 Peterborough Choir Festival at the Peterborough Cathedral in England. Plumptre published it in his *Lazarus and Other Poems* in 1865 or 1868. Its first inclusion in a hymnal was in the *Appendix to Hymns Ancient and Modern* in 1868.

The anthem *Jesu, Lover of My Soul* is given by Lee Warren to the glory of God and in memory of Jodie Gambill.

Today's Table Transformation

The table in the center of the chancel has been transformed into one where there are open seats and places set for anyone to join. The place settings are used for Room in the Inn each Wednesday evening, a time and place when our unhoused neighbors are treated with the generosity and hospitality Jesus calls us to provide in today's scripture.

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 24-30 will be Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye. To submit a prayer request, visit 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.

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.

WEST END FAMILY MEET UP // TODAY AT TAILGATE BREWERY

Join us for the next West End Family Meet Up at Tailgate Brewery on Sunday, March 23 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. We'd love to see current and visiting families for fun, food, games, and fellowship! 7300 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, TN 37209

TRIVIA NIGHT TO SUPPORT VANDY WESLEY // MARCH 28

Come play Trivia in the 4th Story Theater at 6pm on March 28th to support students of Vandy Wesley! Register your team or ask to join one at vandywesley.org/trivia-night. Funds raised will support their campus outreach efforts at Vanderbilt University.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 31

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.

BREWED THEOLOGY // APRIL 1

Young Adult Gathering 1st Tuesday of the Month - Brewed Theology will meet Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 pm at Martin's on Elliston. All young adults are invited to join us for a laid-back conversation around a particular theological topic each month. For more information, contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org.

WEST END IS HIRING

West End UMC is seeking an experienced Facilities Manager. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our staff full-time, please check out the job posting at westendumc.org/jobs.

ATTENTION COLLEGE SPRING GRADUATES

If you are graduating from one of our local colleges/universities this Spring and want to be recognized at our Senior Sunday on April 27 at the 11:00 service, please let Pastor Aimee know via email (abaxter@westendumc.org) by April 15.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Julie Ackley



Kurt Tarter



Huntley and Wilson
Robinson



Melody Suite



Alex Richardson



Wes Clayton



Jordan and Glory
Herring

Ashley Anderson

Jenny Graf

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 to learn more and register.



2025 LENTEN OFFERING: OPEN TABLE NASHVILLE

Open Table Nashville is a non-profit, interfaith community that disrupts cycles of poverty, journeys with the marginalized and provides education about issues of homelessness. Will Compton from Open Table meets with people in our lower-level Thursdays during Quiet Place, and our offering goes to support the salaries of Will and others who meet with people where they are. You can give online at westendumc.org/give or text OPEN TABLE to 833.270.7424.



WEEKLY COMMUNION ON WEDNESDAYS

We experience the grace of God in its abundance at the table of Jesus. We will celebrate Holy Communion on the remaining Wednesdays of Lent at 8 am in Scales Chapel. All are welcome at the table.



LENTEN NOON CONCERT // MARCH 27

Our Lenten Noon Concert Series continues with harpist, Sarah K. Crocker. Dr. Crocker is based in Franklin, TN and can be found teaching, lecturing, and performing solo, chamber, and orchestral music throughout the United States and beyond. Adjunct Professor of Harp at Belmont University, Middle Tennessee State University, and Lipscomb University, she is principal harp of the Tennessee Philharmonic Orchestra and the North Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. 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.



Lenten Choral Evensong

with our Chancel Choir
Tucker Biddlecombe, conductor
Andrew Risinger, organist

Sunday, March 30 at 4 p.m. ♦ In Person and Online
Music to include Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C - C. V. Stanford
Lenten Motets - Francis Poulenc

FIRST WEDNESDAY - IMAGE OF GOD: SHARING THE TABLE WITH OUR JEWISH SIBLINGS // APRIL 2

All are invited to a dinner, night of teaching, and dialogue surrounding Jewish-Christian Relations! Thornton Muncher will be offering a primer on how The United Methodist Church engages our Jewish siblings through our Wesleyan theology, interreligious polity, and denominational practices. Additionally, he will be moderating a Zoom panel featuring a Reform Rabbi, two Rabbinical students, and the Rev. Dr. Soren Hessler. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask the panelists questions about the role of interfaith engagement in their work and should walk away with a better understanding of how we are all created in the image of God.

Dinner will be served at 5:15 pm with the program starting at 6 pm and you can rsvp online at westendumc.org/firstwednesday.

FAITH MILESTONE EVENT

with our Children's Ministry

Worship ♦ Baptism ♦ Communion

Sunday, April 6 ♦ 1:30-3 p.m.
Grades K-2 ♦ westendumc.org/milestone

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!

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*
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Dr. Matthew Phelps.....*Minister of Music*
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