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TRANSFORMATIONS

LENT 2025

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
APRIL 6, 2025 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## GATHERING

Voluntary: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross..... Randall Buckley Farley  
Jesus, Still Lead On.....Paul Manz

Welcome.....Emily Robbins  
*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: Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart ..... Atkinson  
arr. Barry and Van Valey

† Processional Hymn No. 400: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.....Nettleton

† Call to Worship .....Maggie Harrell

Liturgist: God calls us into presence.

**People: We come today with full schedules and tired minds.**

Liturgist: Help us to be willing to work on our faith.

**People: Slow us down, God.**

Liturgist: Let us focus solely on God, practicing our connection

**People: so that we can be present with God during the week when life gets full.**

Liturgist: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

† Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession.....Elijah Bakker

**Gracious, inviting God,**

**we confess to you today that we often find ourselves feeling spiteful, distraught, and ashamed.**

**We far too often fail to take accountability for our sins and wrongdoings. In an effort to feel better about ourselves, we schedule our lives down to the very second, hoping to offset our misdeeds.**

**We have difficulty honoring the stranger as a sacred guest. We confess that we have practiced deceit, fearful of being exposed. We choose busyness over the gift of your loving presence.**

**We lay down our mistakes before you, O God. We mourn the harm we have caused knowingly and unknowingly, individually and collectively.**

**We ask your forgiveness within us, inspiring us to make amends with ourselves and others. We ask that you make us aware of the lessons you teach us. We ask you to give us balance to know when to work and when to be still.**

† 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 .....Savannah Bakker

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**



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

Voluntary: Jesus Calls Us .....Jude, arr. Barry and Van Valey

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination .....Harper Barnes

**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. Amen.**

A Lesson from the Gospel..... Luke 10:38-42

Response to the Lesson

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment ..... Peter Bigelow, Robert Harrell, Sam Wilson

*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: Choosing the Better Part ..... Connor Harris  
Margo Jenkins

† Affirmation of Faith ..... 2025 Graduating Seniors

**We believe God creates everything,  
and God made us in God’s image.  
We believe Jesus taught us about God’s never-ending love,  
and he died on the cross because he loves us unconditionally.  
We believe the Holy Spirit helps and guides us to fulfill the will of God.  
We believe discipleship is trusting and following Jesus.  
We believe serving others helps us connect with the church and the  
community, and it is a way to give back.  
We believe that sin is going against God’s will, and although we do sin,  
through grace, God will forgive us and help us forgive ourselves and  
others.  
We believe God’s grace reaches out to us and invites us to show gratitude  
in response.  
We believe the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are  
important because they demonstrate God working in our lives.  
We believe that we come together as the body of Christ to worship  
and praise God for all of the good God has done for us.  
We believe that in reading Scripture we connect with God, Jesus, and the  
Holy Spirit.  
We believe the church is a loving place of worship where you can respect  
and worship God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, ourselves, and others.  
We believe love connects us to God because God is love,  
and we are called to love and care for others in God’s name.**

Joys and Concerns of the Church .....Emerson Baxter

Salutation

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Liturgist: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering .....Clayton Jenkins

Offertory: What Wondrous Love Is This.....Folk Hymn, arr. Weaver

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that cause the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the them, I will sing.

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;  
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,  
and through eternity I’ll sing on.

† 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.**

† The Great Thanksgiving.....Ella Peacock

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

*Introduction optional*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

Through your Son, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly  
 Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

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

† Prayer after Receiving.....Ella Peacock  
 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**

† Recessional \*TFWS Hymn No. 2130: The Summons.....Kelvingrove  
 † Thank You .....Hampton Randall  
 † Benediction .....Anna Lane McMillan  
 Voluntary: Have Mercy on Me, O God .....Heinrich Bach

*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.*  
 \* *TFWS - The Faith We Sing, pew edition.*

**ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE**

*The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
 Barbara and Bob Bundy by Bill and Kim Bundy.*

*Today's liturgy was written by our youth.*

The service music printed in the order of worship is by Sally Ahner ©1983.  
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### Music Participants

*Youth Vocal Ensemble*  
Bethany DiSantis: Director

*Youth Handbell Choir*  
Andie Smith: Director

Matthew Phelps: Organist

### Today's Music

“Will you come and follow me” (called *The Summons* in The Faith We Sing) is perhaps the most famous of John Bell's hymns. The hymn appeared initially in the first collection of music produced by the Wild Goose Worship Group, *Heaven Shall Not Wait: Songs of Creation, the Incarnation, and the Life of Jesus* (1987). The song asks a series of 13 questions, perhaps a record in the annals of hymnody (Michael Hawn, from *History of Hymns*, UMC Discipleship Ministries).

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## 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 April 6 - 13 will be Rev. Carol Cavin-Dillon. To submit a prayer request, visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](http://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://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 o'clock service, please let Pastor Aimee know via email ([abaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:abaxter@westendumc.org)) by April 15.

## ONE SERVICE ON MAY 4 AT 10 AM

On Sunday, May 4, we will celebrate Confirmation for our 2026 class of seven sixth graders. That morning, we will combine for one service at 10 am to support our newest confirmands as they officially join our church.

## WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE PSALMS AND SONGS

During the months of June and July, we will be centering our worship around the Book of Psalms. We will be singing our faith together all summer long, and we would love your input deciding which psalms to preach and which hymns to sing. Let us know what hymns make your heart sing at [westendumc.org/psalmssurvey](http://westendumc.org/psalmssurvey).

## EASTER EGG STUFFING

Stop by Reed Hall today and help us stuff eggs for our hunt happening this Saturday!

## NAMIWALKS WEST END TEAM

Please join Greater Nashville's largest walk for mental health awareness, NAMIWalks Middle Tennessee, on May 17 at First Horizon Park. Your support benefits the free mental health support, education, advocacy, and awareness services of NAMI Davidson County.

To register for the West End UMC team, go to [namiwalks.org/team/westendumc](http://namiwalks.org/team/westendumc) and click on “Join Our Team.” Please contact Daniel Cantrell at [daniel.cantrell@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.cantrell@gmail.com) for registration information or questions.

## RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

If you have a heart for individuals who are experiencing memory loss and dementia, then the Sunny Day Club is the perfect place for you to volunteer! To learn more, please contact Sue Salato at [salatojm@comcast.net](mailto:salatojm@comcast.net) for information.



## 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 on 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](http://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 • APRIL 10



Our Lenten Noon Concerts conclude with internationally renowned jazz pianist, Phil DeGreg. A native of Cincinnati, he has taught at the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music, is the leader of the Phil DeGreg trio, and was the house pianist for the famous Blue Wisp Jazz Club. He will be playing selections from his recording—*Hymnprovisations*. This 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/lenenconcerts](http://westendumc.org/lenenconcerts).

**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](http://westendumc.org/milestone)

## It's an **Easter Eggstravaganza** Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 12 ♦ 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. ♦ McWhirter Hall

Parents and children will gather in McWhirter Hall. We'll have crafts and snacks to start, followed by a short story time, followed by the Egg Hunt! Kids will be divided by age into three groups to hunt on different sections of the playground. All ages of children are welcome to participate. Children 3 years old and under need to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Following the egg hunt, families will return to McWhirter Hall for more snacks and prizes. Egg Hunt begins promptly at 10 am. In case of rain, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held indoors.

## HOLY WEEK

### PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13 ♦ 8:45 and 11 a.m. ♦ Sanctuary

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17 ♦ 7 p.m. ♦ Sanctuary

A service of Holy Communion as we remember the Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples in The Upper Room.

### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18 ♦ 12 p.m. ♦ Sanctuary

A service of readings and reflection.

April 20, 2025

# EASTER

at West End United Methodist Church

6:30 a.m. ♦ Sunrise in the Cloister Garden  
8:45 & 11 a.m. ♦ Sanctuary and Livestream  
Easter Brunch ♦ 9:45-10:45 a.m. ♦ McWhirter Hall

# 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*

**Jim Raver**.....*Property Operations Manager*  
**Shannon Meffert** ..... *HR Generalist*  
**Corye Nelson** .....*Preschool Executive Director*  
**Christina Shoptaw** .....*Preschool Operations Manager*  
**Cheryl Reeves** .....*Preschool Curriculum Coordinator*  
**Karina Gurgenzidze** .....*Childcare Coordinator*  
**Cindy Siemer**..... *Senior Administrative Assistant*  
**Andrew Callis**..... *Administrative Assistant*  
**Whitney Jones**..... *Administrative Assistant*  
**Tosha Jackson** .....*Receptionist*  
**Kathryn Ware** .....*Receptionist*  
**Chase Bencin**.....*Media Coordinator*  
**Ronnie Franklin**..... *Building Superintendent*  
**Andy Ulm**.....*Safety and Security Coordinator*  
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