



# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FEBRUARY 8, 2026 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

# GATHERING

Voluntary: Lord Jesus Christ, Now Turn to Us, BWV 709 ..... J. S. Bach

Welcome..... Will McLeane  
*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 ..... Alice Parker

† Processional Hymn No. 57: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing .....Azmon  
*verses 1-5 and 7*

† Call to Worship .....Myriam Cortes  
Liturgist: When we call on the name of Jesus,  
**People: we are heard and invited to draw close.**  
Liturgist: When we petition for help,  
**People: we are offered compassion and mercy.**  
Liturgist: When we praise the name of the Lord,  
**People: we are worshipping God in spirit and in truth.**

† Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession  
**God of mercy,**  
**you are always seeking us and inviting us to draw close to you.**  
**You listen to our cries, and you respond with love and care.**  
**When we ignore the voices of the marginalized,**  
**you call us to pay attention.**  
**Too often we stifle ourselves and others by pretending we have no needs**  
**and that others' needs are not worthy of notice.**  
**Forgive us the harm we have done in word, in action,**  
**and in what we have left undone.**  
**May we turn to you every day, and may our lives demonstrate**  
**your mercy, love, and justice.**

† 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.**

Bell Voluntary: Prayer for Healing .....Karen Buckwalter

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination ..... Gerardo Amaya, Jr.  
**Compassionate God, may our reading of the good news of Jesus**  
**challenge and encourage us so that we might, through your Holy Spirit,**  
**receive and share the healing and wholeness Jesus brings to all. Amen.**

A Lesson from the Gospel.....Mark 10:46-52

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.*

† Hymn No. 378: Amazing Grace..... Amazing Grace

Sermon: Seeing as Healing..... Rea Green

† Affirmation of Faith ..... 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 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: Surely the Lord Is in This Place.....Norman Coke-Jephcott

Surely the Lord is in this place:

this is none other but the house of God,  
and this is the gate of heaven.

And this stone shall be God’s house.

Behold now, praise the Lord,  
all ye servants of the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary  
and praise the Lord.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting  
and world without end; and let all the people say, Amen.

Alleluia. Amen.

† 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 \*TFWS No. 2130: The Summons .....Kelvingrove

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go with Us Lord .....Tallis’ Cannon

**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 D ..... Bernard Tours

*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 today are provided by the Flower Fund. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the fund. Donations designated for this fund are used on Sundays when there are no individual donors.*

*Alice Wynn Von Lunen, daughter of Carolyn and Matt Von Lunen, was presented for baptism today at the early service.*

*Today's liturgy was written by Rev. Maggie Jarrell.*

### Music Participants

*Chancel Choir*

*Joy Ringers*

Matthew Phelps: Director / Assisting at Organ

Andrew Risinger: Organist

### Today's Music

John Bell, composer of "The Summons," was born in the Scottish town of Kilmarnock in Ayrshire and had intended to be a music teacher when he felt the call to the ministry. But, frustrated with his classes, he instead did volunteer work in a deprived neighborhood in London for a time and also served for two years as an associate pastor at the English Reformed Church in Amsterdam. After graduating, he worked for 5 years as a youth pastor for the Church of Scotland, serving a large region encompassing about 500 churches. He then took a similar position with the Iona Community and, with his colleague Graham Maule, began to broaden the youth ministry to focus on the renewal of the church's worship.

### Bulletin Cover Art

Jorge Cocco Santángelo, an Uruguayan artist now living in Argentina, painted "I Was Blind But Now I See" in 2020 in what is known as the "sacro-cubism" style. In this depiction of Jesus' healing of Bartemaeus, we find Bartemaeus kneeling before Jesus who has his hand outstretched, touching Bartemaeus' forehead. Behind Bartemaeus are two witnesses, along with another witness standing behind Jesus.



## COMMUNION OFFERING

Our February Communion Offering will benefit ODIM. ODIM provides competent, compassionate, and comprehensive medical care and education in two of the poorest places on earth on beautiful Lake Atitlan Guatemala. We are raising money to build stoves and keep the clinic open for the days our team will be there in March. Our goal is \$4,700 to build 10 stoves.

## FAITHFUL GIVING 2026

Our church depends on the financial support of its members to carry out the ministries and programs that allow West End UMC to be the loving light of Christ, connecting, transforming. By turning in your 2026 Estimate of Giving, you help our church staff and leaders plan and budget for the coming year. You can find a pledge card in the pew rack or visit [westendumc.org/estimatesnow](http://westendumc.org/estimatesnow).

***As of February 4, we have received  
312 Estimates of Giving for 2026 for a total of \$2,210,180.20  
towards our budget of \$3,047,000.***

## LAST CALL FOR WESLEYAN PILGRIMAGE TRIP // JULY 6-16

If you have ever wanted to explore the roots of Methodism in the places that John and Charles Wesley lived and ministered, a group from West End is traveling to England this July 6-16. We will visit places like London, Epworth, Bristol, Salisbury, and Oxford. Approximate cost will be \$2700, not including airfare. Spots are filling fast! If you would like to register your interest in this experience, visit [westendumc.org/pilgrimage](http://westendumc.org/pilgrimage). For more information, please contact Rev. Shannon Baxter at [sbaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:sbaxter@westendumc.org).



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The West End Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2026 - 2027 academic year. Deadline for receipt of all application materials is Friday, March 20, at 5 p.m. Find out more at [westendumc.org/scholarships](http://westendumc.org/scholarships).



### CHAT & CHEW LUNCH // TODAY

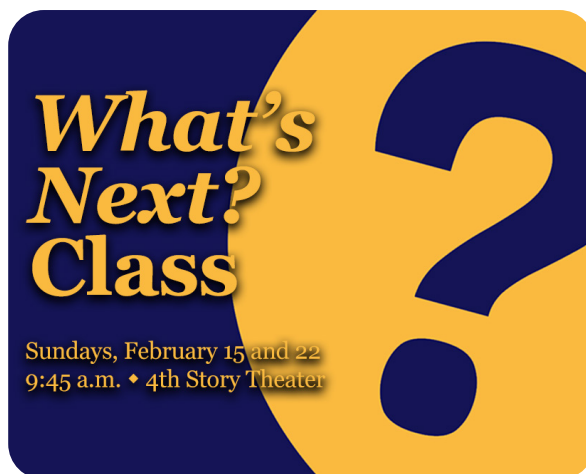
All local Nashville undergrad and grad students are invited to attend lunch at a local restaurant each Sunday after the 11 a.m. service throughout the semester (with student ID). Contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at [abaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:abaxter@westendumc.org) to find out more.

### PANCAKES AND PLAYTIME // FEBRUARY 15

Families are invited to Pancakes and Playtime on Sunday, February 15 in the Gym from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### WHAT'S NEXT CLASS // FEBRUARY 15 AND 22

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, February 15 and 22, during the Sunday School hour from 9:45 - 10:45 am. The group will meet 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. Register at [westendumc.org/whatsnext](http://westendumc.org/whatsnext).



### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT // FEBRUARY 20

We're hosting a Parents' Night Out on Friday, February 20 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. This event is open to children ages 12 and under, including infants. We will be having snacks, pizza dinner, games, crafts, and a movie for the kids while parents can have an evening out! Cost is \$10 per child. Registration is required by February 18 at [westendumc.org/pno](http://westendumc.org/pno).

### BE RETREAT // FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1 // GRADES 3-5

Join us February 28 - March 1 for the BE Retreat at Cedar Crest Camp and Retreat Center! The BE Retreat is a spiritual formation retreat for 3rd-5th graders; it's a weekend of learning, worshipping, playing, and connection! Our theme this year is "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" The cost is \$75 per person. Scholarships are available. Register online [westendumc.org/beretreat](http://westendumc.org/beretreat).



Join us for a beloved West End tradition of pancakes and loads of fun for all ages followed by our annual Jazz Mass! Along with the food will be decorations and Mardi Gras-themed activities for children and the young at heart! We are receiving donations for the Vanderbilt Wesley Foundation, our United

Methodist college campus ministry at Vanderbilt University. You can pay any amount for your meal with a suggested donation of \$10. Payments can be made at the door or in advance at [vandywesley.org/give](http://vandywesley.org/give). Those active in the ministry will be preparing the meal alongside volunteers from the Sunny Day Club. Come celebrate with your church family at West End UMC!

### Shrove Tuesday JAZZ MASS February 17 ♦ 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, February 17 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 February 18 // 12 and 6:15 p.m.

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 February 18 at 12 and 6:15 pm.

## JOIN THE MULTI-MEDIA TEAM

Our Multi-Media Team has a new leader, Stephen Lackey, and we are looking for a few new faces to join our crew! Whether you are an experienced sound technician or a novice button pusher, we have a space for you! Training is provided. Email Stephen at [slackey@westendumc.org](mailto:slackey@westendumc.org) to find out how you can get involved!

## 2025 TAX GIVING STATEMENT

Your 2025 Giving Statements are available online through your One Church profile. Statements are not available via the app; you must be logged into your profile through a web browser. To find out how to access your giving statement, visit [westendumc.org/givingstatement](http://westendumc.org/givingstatement) for instructions!

## RECURRING GIFTS FOR 2026

Did you know that you can set up a recurring gift using your bank account or credit/debit card? Visit [westendumc.org/give](http://westendumc.org/give) to create a new donation and choose “recurring” when it asks “How Often.” From there, you will be able to determine the frequency of your gift. You can manage your recurring gifts through your One Church profile by clicking on the Giving tab and then on Schedules.

## WEST END LUNCH FORUM AT SWETTS

A time when any of our church members can meet with our Senior Pastor for food, fellowship, and conversation, the West End Lunch Forum meets the first Tuesday of each month at Swett’s Cafeteria on 28th Avenue. To receive reminders prior to each lunch date, RSVP online at [westendumc.org/swettslunchforum](http://westendumc.org/swettslunchforum).

## YOUNG ADULT BASKETBALL // MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

All young adults are invited to join the Young Adult Basketball Group every Monday and/or Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in the gym. Just show up to participate! If you have any questions, contact Aimee Baxter at [abaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:abaxter@westendumc.org).

## PERIOD SUPPLY DISPENSERS

In an effort to support the needs of the congregation, we have installed period supply dispensers in all the women’s bathrooms around the church. The supplies are free and available to anyone. We also have supply bins in the men’s restrooms to ensure products are available to anyone with a need. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Shannon Baxter or Ministry Intern Rea Green.

## ROOM IN THE INN HOSTS STILL NEEDED FOR MARCH 11

Our 2025-2026 Room in the Inn season is going strong, but we have one date left that needs a small group/family/Sunday School class to claim. If you or your small group/Sunday School class is available March 11th to provide dinner, breakfast, and lunch, we can likely provide drivers and overnight hosts. Let us know if you’re interested by emailing [sharwellldye@westendumc.org](mailto:sharwellldye@westendumc.org). Please help us house 13 guests that night.

## 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 services. 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 services 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.

♦ **Sensory Prayer Chapel** - We have a Sensory Prayer Chapel for anyone who may need a quiet place away on a Sunday morning. It’s located on the 2nd Floor across from Scales Chapel.

♦ **Baby Care Room** - You can find a Baby Care Room in Bishop’s Parlor across from Scales Chapel.

♦ **Large-Print Bulletin** - Are you in need of a large-print bulletin? If so, please complete a request form using the QR code and we will begin printing one for you. The large-print bulletins will be available for you in Reed Hall each Sunday. You’ll find them on the table next to the listening devices.



# 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. Aimee Baxter**.....*Young Adults*  
**Rev. Shannon Baxter**.....*Hospitality and Operations*  
**Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye**.....*Mercy and Justice*  
**Rev. Maggie Jarrell**.....*Children and Families*  
**Emily C. Robbins**.....*Minister of Youth*  
**Dr. Matthew Phelps**.....*Minister of Music*  
**Andrew Risinger**.....*Associate Minister of Music*  
**Katelyn Glass**.....*Music Ministry Intern*  
**Rea Green**.....*Pastoral Intern*  
**Rev. Seulbin Lee**.....*Pastoral Intern*  
**Melody Suite**.....*Youth Ministry Intern*  
**Cindy Siemer**.....*Senior Administrative Assistant*  
**Andrew Callis**.....*Administrative Assistant*  
**Whitney Jones**.....*Administrative Assistant*

**Shannon Meffert** .....*Human Resources Director*  
**Lazaro Kapella** .....*Church Financial Officer*  
**Shelley Kuhlmeier**.....*Communications Director*  
**Stephen Lackey** .....*Multimedia Coordinator*  
**James English** .....*Building and Property Manager*  
**Ronnie Franklin**.....*Building Superintendent*  
**Andy Ulm**.....*Safety and Security Coordinator*  
**Richard Thomas** .....*Custodian*  
**Tosha Jackson** .....*Receptionist*  
**Kathryn Ware** .....*Receptionist*

### West End Preschool

**Corye Nelson** .....*Executive Director*  
**Christina Shoptaw** .....*Operations Manager*  
**Karina Gurgenzidze** .....*Childcare Coordinator*



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*If you need to contact our security coordinator, Andy Ulm, to report any activity, please use the following phone number: 615-617-9010.*