



PASSION

THE LOVE AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING

LENT 2026

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
MARCH 1, 2026 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
YOUTH SUNDAY

GATHERING

Voluntary: ChoralJoseph Jongen
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian arr. Frances Callahan

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: Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley..... arr. Sondra Tucker

† Processional Hymn No. 384: Love Divine, All Love's Excelling..... Beecher

† Call to WorshipEllie McCord
Liturgist: We come today hoping to encounter Christ.
People: We come with burdens and questions.
Liturgist: We look for help.
People: Where will it come from?
Liturgist: Our help will come from the Lord who created the heavens and the earth.
People: Let our hearts rejoice in God's kindness and love.
All: Let us worship God together!

† Call to Confession Henry Howerton

† 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 AssuranceEva Grace Woodall
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 PeaceEli Bonner
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.

Anthem: Hear My WordsStephen Paulus
Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be;
hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.
With the morning light O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise;
and expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.
Thou art holy, O my God, Thou delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with Thee, nor the proud thy favor win.
(Adapted from Psalm 5)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationElla Gambill
Merciful God, may the stories of your great faithfulness turn our hearts to you, filling us with surprising joy that we might follow Jesus Christ and join him in sharing the love that is the heart of everything.

A Lesson from Paul's Epistle to the Romans Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Children's MomentEmerson Baxter, Maggie Harrell, and Ella Peacock
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 Sam Wilson, Robert Harrell, Peter Bigelow

† Affirmation of Faith, Confirmation Class of 2020 Robert Harrell

We believe God is love and God will guide you during times of joy and times of sadness.
We believe in Jesus, the Son of God, and we will follow him to the ends of the Earth.
We believe the Holy Spirit is within us in life, in death, and life beyond death.
We believe worship is coming together as one to celebrate God's presence.
We believe that when you are baptized you are marked as a child of God and show your loyalty to God.
We believe Holy Communion makes Jesus part of you because when you drink the wine, it is the blood of Christ and when you eat the bread, it is the body of Christ.
We believe we are called to treat all equally with love and kindness.
We believe we love and serve our neighbors because it is the right thing to do, and we do this by offering free food, shelter, clothes, and a helping hand.
We believe that being a part of the church means being loyal to our faith and supporting others in their journeys of faith.

Joys and Concerns of the Church Harrison Wilson

Salutation

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

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering Emma Smith

Offertory: Only Love Can Do That Mark Miller
Darkness shall drive out darkness,
hatred shall not drive out hate,
only love can do that.
(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

† 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.**

† 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

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

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 Hymn No. 140: Great Is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

† Thank YouMelody Suite

† Benediction Mary Cil Harrell

Liturgist: We came to worship
People: We go now to serve.
Liturgist: We have been given the light.
People: We go now to let it shine.
Liturgist: We have been blessed by God's kindness and love.
People: We go now to share it.
Liturgist: We are Christ's disciples.
People: We go now to witness to all. Amen.

Voluntary: All Fell in Adam's Fall, BWV 705..... J. S. 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.*

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Today's flowers were purchased with donations made to the Flower Fund. Members and friends of the Church make donations to the Flower Fund to provide for the altar flowers on Sundays when there is not a specific donor. If you would like to donate to this fund, please leave a check in one of the collection boxes and mark the envelope "Flower Fund." Donations may also be made online or by mailing in a check with "Flower Fund" noted.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Thomas Keith Gambill III who was born on February 25th to Keith and Natalie Gambill. He is welcomed by grandparents Mary and Tom Gambill and his uncle, Phelps Gambill.

Today's liturgy was written by the West End UMC youth. Youth Leaders who helped our Youth prepare include Youth Minister Emily Robbins, Youth Ministry Intern Melody Suite, Jenn Fox, Ian Quillen, and Sarah Kennedy.

Youth Participants

Early Service

Coen Winston, Ellie McCord, Henry Howerton, Eva Grace Woodall
Eli Bonner, Ella Gambill, Emerson Baxter, Maggie Harrell, Peter Bigelow
Robert Harrell, Lucy Garrison, Sam Wilson, Harrison Wilson, Emma Smith
Mary Cil Harrell, Savannah Bakker

Late Service

Lily Rau, Clark Voss, Emery Eppler, Harlan Jenkins, Alex Stirling
Miles Racine, Jaycie Krueck, Anna Lane McMillan, Clayton Jenkins
Peter Bigelow, Robert Harrell, Sam Wilson, Noah Phelps, Tiner Goldsby
Savannah Bakker, Maggie Harrell, Ella Peacock, Henry Sheaffer

Music Participants

Youth Vocal Ensemble

Matthew Phelps: Director and Organist

Youth Bell Choir

Andie Smith: Director

Today's Music

Join the Chancel Choir and Orchestra today for a Lenten Concert at 4 pm featuring Charles Gounod's *Mass in Honor of St. Cecilia*. Don't miss this beautiful music, and bring a friend. The service music printed in the order of worship is by Sally Ahner ©1983. Used with permission.

Bulletin Cover Art

Today's bulletin cover art is a representation of Christ's Passion story which we will be exploring in worship throughout the Lenten season. Believing that this story expresses the "love at the heart of everything," we have the simple image of a bright red heart with a cross in its center.

Prayer Requests

All those suffering from storm damage; the sick, the unhoused, the lonely; those affected by flooding and natural disasters; those who choose hate over love; Barbara Cragg; Nancy Jones; immigrants and refugees, and those whose family members have been detained by immigration officials; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; peace in Venezuela, Palestine/Israel, Iran, Haiti, Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine.



FEBRUARY 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.

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 to find out more.

BREWED THEOLOGY // TUESDAY, MARCH 3

All young adults are invited to join us for trivia at Neighbors Germantown (313 Jefferson Street) on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org.

LENTEN NOON CONCERT // MARCH 5

Our series of Lenten Noon Concerts continues on Thursday, March 5 with Tibby Christenberry, flute and Andrew Risinger, piano. The program will feature music of the Soviet and Azerbaijani composer Fikret Amirov as well as Phillipe Gaubert. Each half-hour concert will begin at noon, and admission to all concerts is free. Following the concert, lunch is available at 12:30 p.m. in McWhirter Hall for \$12. Lunch requires reservations. Register online at westendumc.org/lentenconcerts or call the church at 615.321.8500 by noon on Wednesday, one day prior to each concert.

SEASONED SENIORS // MARCH 5

The March meeting of Seasoned Seniors (March 5) will be for re-organizing and planning. A specific idea was suggested that is exciting but requires input. So, please join us at 12:50 p.m. in the Youth Lounge with your own sack lunch and be ready to share your ideas as we re-organize. There will be cones in the Senior parking spots to allow us to park more closely. If you would like to join us on Zoom, please contact Kay Gray by text or email at kgray510@gmail.com.

TAIZÉ SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING // MARCH 15 AT 5 P.M.

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. All are welcome!

GOD'S SECRETS: AN IMMERSIVE ART EXPERIENCE

God's Secrets is an immersive art experience that invites people to encounter the stories of Christian freedom fighters that have often been overlooked.

Designed by acclaimed multi-disciplinary artist Shabazz Larkin and narrated by renowned historian Dr. Jemar Tisby, this traveling chair invites visitors to sit, be still, and hear untold gospel hope stories — featuring lesser-known Black Christian leaders whose faith fueled movements for justice. Three audio stories describe the contributions of Anna Murray Douglass, Prathia Hall, and The Savannah Colloquy. Each of the three audio stories is about eight minutes in length.

The entire experience is 25 minutes in length and can be found in Reed Hall.

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED FOR GUATEMALA TRIP

We covet your prayers for our upcoming trip to work alongside God and the people of San Juan and San Pablo La Laguna, Guatemala. We need three more folks to pray specifically for three people. Prayer partners provide three notes of encouragements/prayers to be given to the team member at the beginning, middle, and end of the trip. Cards will be due to Pastor Stacey's mailbox on Wednesday, March 3rd. Let Pastor Stacey know if you are willing to be a prayer partner (sharwellldye@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.

NEW WEEKDAY SIGN IN PROCESS

Beginning March 2, there will be a new sign in procedure for all members and guests who visit the church during the week for appointments, classes, groups and other business. This new process will allow us to welcome everyone into our building while providing a safer and more secure environment. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this new process.

FAITH MILESTONE EVENT // MARCH 22

Each year we celebrate Faith Milestones with our children at West End. Our Faith Milestone program is designed to partner with families to find ways for children and families to grow in faith at church and at home. We are excited to bring three of our Milestones together to make one big celebration! We will be learning about Worship, Baptism and Holy Communion with our Kindergarteners, 1st Graders, and 2nd Graders on Sunday, March 22 from 1:30-3 p.m.

Register by March 16 at westendumc.org/milestone. For more information, contact Maggie Jarrell, Pastor to Children and Families at mjarrell@westendumc.org.

GOD'S Expanding Table

On Sunday afternoons during Lent, we will gather together at God's Expanding Table for programming followed by a community supper and fellowship. Then our Confirmands and Youth will close the night with their Sunday night programming. Come for one or come for all!

SUNDAYS - 2/22, 3/1, 3/15, 3/22

- ◆ **Lenten Programming** ◆ 4-4:45 p.m. // ◆ **Lenten Community Suppers** ◆ 4:45-6 p.m.
- ◆ **Confirmation // Youth Small Groups** ◆ 5-7 p.m.

Programming Opportunities

◆ **Draw Close - Children // Youth // Adults** - Experience Scripture, God, and your faith in a new way this Lenten season! The Rev. Stephanie Dunn will lead an interactive 4-week workshop inviting people of all faith levels and artistic skills into creative practices that will deepen your faith and help you engage scripture in imaginative new ways. This event is open to children in first grade and up, youth, and all adults. Registration is encouraged.

◆ **An Unlikely Lent** - The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus are central to the Easter story. But these events did not happen in isolation; they unfolded before a crowd. What might the stories of those women and men teach us today? How will they help us step into the Easter story? Grounded in the book *An Unlikely Lent* by Rev. Rachel Billups, this four-week reading group led by Rev. Will McLeane will explore the often-overlooked characters of Holy Week as models for our faithful witness today. Registration is encouraged.

◆ **Music and Movement // Kindergarten thru Grade 4** - Children in grades K-4 are invited to experience music and movement using orf instruments. Registration is required.

◆ **Childcare for Pre-K and Under** - Childcare will be available during the Lenten Programming for Ages Pre-K and under by reservation.

Lenten Community Suppers // Everyone Invited

Throughout the Lenten season, we will share a common table between children, youth, and adults on February 22, March 1, March 15, and March 22. Our Supper will be held between our Sunday evening programs in the hope that new relationships across the church community will be formed and deepened. Registration is required for dinner. Dinner starts at 4:45 p.m. and closes at 6 p.m.

Register NOW for Lenten Programming, Supper and Childcare at westendumc.org/godstable.

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

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Rev. Shannon Baxter.....*Hospitality and Operations*
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye.....*Mercy and Justice*
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