



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
APRIL 12, 2026 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

GATHERING

Voluntary: MeditationGabriel Dupont

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: He Is Arisen..... Hans Leo Hassler

† Processional Hymn No. 318: Christ Is AliveTruro

† Call to WorshipMaggie Jarrell

Liturgist: In the beginning, God was there.

People: Everything came into being through the Word of God.

Liturgist: When Jesus took on human flesh, he made his home among us.

People: Jesus made God known to us in new ways.

Liturgist: Let us worship the One who is ever present, ever revealing self to us.

People: Let us worship God, who is full of grace and truth!

† 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



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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationElla Gambill

Living God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that we may experience your transforming love through the scriptures and know abundant life in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.

A Lesson from the Gospel.....John 1:1-18

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: Grace upon Grace.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† 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

Offertory: Light Looked Down Eleanor Daley

Light looked down and beheld darkness, "Thither will I go," said Light.

Peace looked down and beheld war, "Thither will I go," said Peace.

Love looked down and beheld hatred, "Thither will I go," said Love.

So came Light and shone; so came Peace and gave rest;

So came Love and brought Life.

And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us - lux aeterna (light eternal).

(Laurence Housman)

† 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

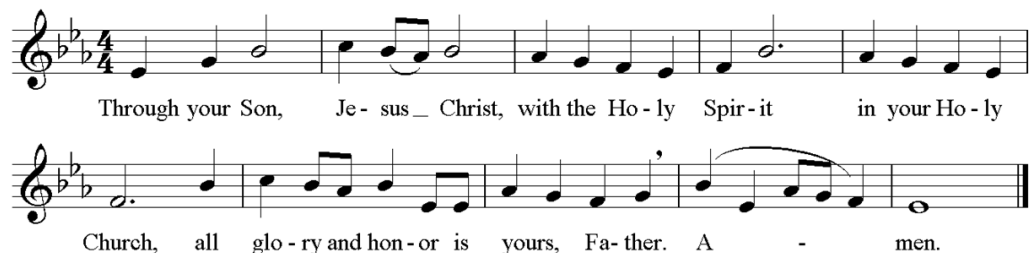
† Sanctus and Benedictus

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

*The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns:
 630, 636, and 182 (v.1-2, 4)*

† 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. 246: Joy to the World Antioch

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Alleluia, Alleluia..... Alleluia No. 1
**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
 Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name.**

Voluntary: Fugue in G, BWV 541 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

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God with thanks
 to all those who have contributed to the Flower Fund.*

Today’s liturgy was written by Rev. Maggie Jarrell.

Music Participants

Sanctuary Choir
 Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist
 Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Today’s Music

It might feel a little weird to sing “Joy to the World” in the middle of April; however, this hymn is more versatile than it may seem. Along with being relevant given our scripture reading today, it also fits the Easter message of Christ conquering sin and reigning in righteousness. Written by Watts in 1719, it is a paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9. The American composer Lowell Mason adapted the tune in 1848 from Handel’s *Messiah* (the chorus “Lift Up Your Heads”). The service music printed in the order of worship is by Sally Ahner ©1983. Used with permission.

Bulletin Cover Art

Today’s cover art is a photograph taken from last week’s Artemis II mission around the Moon. As our scripture lesson reads from John 1:4-5, “What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” In this photograph, we see Earth from the viewpoint of the Moon looking upon Australia, the Pacific Ocean, and the swirling clouds that cover both.

Prayer Requests

Our Muslim friends and neighbors; 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.



APRIL'S COMMUNION OFFERING BENEFITS HABITAT

Habitat for Humanity builds and sells homes to hardworking people in our communities. Our fundraising and volunteer efforts dramatically reduces the costs of these homes for the homeowners.

CONTINUED HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF NEEDED

While the cameras and funding have moved to other disasters, our neighbors in Western North Carolina still need assistance. We have partners in our conference who are willing to lead teams or to take folks on a "Come and See" trip to the Asheville area to see what work needs to be done and how we might be able to facilitate the work. For more details or to sign up to go, please contact Gerald Kirksey at gkirksey@kirkcron.com or 615.330.4801. Dates were in the works at the time of this announcement. Gerald has a fine presentation to Sunday School classes and would be delighted to present to your class as well if you'd like to hear more as a group.

ATTENTION COLLEGE SPRING GRADUATES

If you are graduating from one of our local colleges/universities this Spring (or graduated in December) and want to be recognized at our Graduate Sunday on April 19 at the 11 o'clock service, let Rev. Baxter know at abaxter@westendumc.org by April 12.



CHAT & CHEW LUNCH // TODAY

Each Sunday during the school year, all local Nashville undergrad and grad students are invited to attend lunch at a local restaurant each Sunday after the 11 o'clock service (with student ID). Contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org to find out more.

BREWED THEOLOGY // APRIL 7

All young adults are invited to join us for food and community on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Tailgate Brewery (7300 Charlotte Pike). For more info, contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org.

HIKE4HEALTHCARE BENEFITING ODIM // APRIL 18

We at West End LOVE the work of ODIM, having been to beautiful Guatemala many times to see the work that they are doing in the San Juan and San Pablo La Laguna communities. Those of us who've been in the past are hosting a fundraiser at West End for their Diabetes program called "Let's Walk Together" and in the spirit of walking, will be doing an urban hike fundraiser on Saturday, April 18 at 9 a.m., starting from West End UMC's McWhirter Hall. Register, donate and find out more at westendumc.org/odimhike. See you there!



TRIVIA NIGHT // APRIL 24

It is time for Trivia Night! Gather your friends, family, small group, or Sunday School class! Enjoy a night of fun on April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the 4th Story Theater to help Vandy Wesley college students raise funds for campus outreach efforts. Your support assists us in building a faith community at Vanderbilt University that is focused on inclusion, service, and belonging. Go to vandywesley.org/trivia to sign up! Contact Molly at molly@vandywesley.com if you have any questions.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP CLASS // APRIL 26

Our next New Members Class will be Sunday, April 26 from 9:45 - 11:30 a.m. Anyone who would like to know more about being a member of West End is encouraged to attend. Register now at westendumc.org/newmember.

CHURCH WIDE BASEBALL GAME

// JUNE 18

We are headed to First Horizon Park to watch Banana Ball played by the Party Animals and Texas Tailgaters, and you are invited! The date is Thursday, June 18. Gates open at 5 p.m., the first pitch is at 6:05 p.m. We will be hosted at the Vanderbilt Health Picnic Place at First Horizon Park underneath the iconic Guitar Scoreboard, near the Band Box. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids. A picnic dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, mac and cheese, coleslaw, chips, cookies, soda, and water is included from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Visit westendum.org/bananaball today to reserve your tickets!



QUARTER II NEW TESTAMENT READING GUIDES AVAILABLE

As our church community journeys through the New Testament in worship in 2026, we invite you to read along! The Spiritual Formation Team is providing a quarterly reading guide to pace individual reading and ground communal discussion in the expectation that the Holy Spirit will transform us through reading the Scriptures together. Quarter II guides are now available in Reed Hall or on our Reading the New Testament Through the Year webpage, westendum.org/newtestament.



We're headed up the mountain for VBS this summer! Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS invites us to an exciting winter sports event full of new challenges, friends, and ways to learn that with God's

help we can do more than we ever thought possible.

Join us for a fun summer program with music, Bible stories, games, crafts, and more for children 3 years old (by start of VBS and potty trained) through completed 4th grade! VBS will be from 5-6:45 p.m. and includes dinner each night. The cost \$10 per child.

Completed 5th graders through completed seniors in high school can volunteer as youth helpers for VBS!

We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Maggie at mjarrell@westendum.org.



Children entering 1st through 7th grade Fall 2026 are invited to participate in this weeklong camp that combines singing, acting, choreography, and the retelling of the Biblical story about Jonah and the whale.

On Sunday, July 26 we will present the show to the congregation in our 4th Story Theater. West End UMC invites friends in the Nashville community to be a part of this fun learning experience. No theater experience is required. Whether your child is ready to take the stage or is feeling timidly curious, there's a place for everyone. The best part of this week will be the message that God loves us, and God calls us, AND it's best when we say, "Yes!" For more information contact Andrew Risinger at arisinger@westendum.org. Register now at westendum.org/musiccamp.

WE NEED YOUR HELP ENHANCE OUR PLAYGROUND

We are currently raising funds to repair and enhance our playground—an essential space used daily by more than 90 children in our West End UMC Preschool and Children's Ministries. This project will support our mission of developing within each child a vibrant mind, a healthy body and a caring heart while building a collaborative, supportive community.

As part of this effort, the preschool is hosting a silent auction from May 18–20 with a goal of raising \$40,000. We would be honored to include your support! We are seeking (tax-deductible) donations for items and experiences such as gift cards, event tickets, merchandise or services, memberships, and gift baskets. We will also gratefully accept monetary donations. Contact Emily Grace at weumcpreschoolevents@gmail.com by April 24 if you are able to contribute, and watch for details when the auction site is live!

Creation Care Recycle Day

Saturday, May 9
9 a.m. to Noon ♦ Rain or Shine

Document Shredding :: E-Waste :: Art Supplies :: Donations :: Medications



Find out more at westendum.org/recycle

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. Aimee Baxter.....*Young Adults*
Rev. Shannon Baxter*Hospitality and Operations*
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West End Preschool

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