



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
JANUARY 5, 2025 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

GATHERING

Voluntary: How Brightly Shines the Morning Star. BWV 739 J. S. Bach

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: O Light EverlastingJean Pasquet

† Processional Hymn No. 245: The First Noel.....The First Noel

† Call to WorshipMaggie Jarrell

Liturgist: When they saw the star, they rejoiced with great joy!

People: When they saw the child with his mother, they bowed down and worshiped him.

Liturgist: Arise, shine! For your light has come!

People: May we rejoice with great joy!

† 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 Illumination David Beers

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

A Lesson from the Gospel.....Matthew 2:1-12

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: Guided by a DreamCarol 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: What Is This Lovely Fragrance..... arr. Healey Willan

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring!

Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, hear you not heav'nly caroling?

What is this light so fair, so tender breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?

Never the morning star so radiant followed his course o'er eastern skies.

Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps seek the savior born today.

Low at his feet we lay our treasure, heart's adoration, love for aye.

(17th cent. French)

† 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

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.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

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:
219, 242, and 236*

† Epiphany Blessing

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

Blessing for Matthew PhelpsCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Recessional Hymn No. 254: We Three Kings Kings of Orient

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Angels We Have Heard On High (*refrain*) Gloria

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

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Voluntary: How Brightly Shines the Morning Star..... Johann Pachelbel

*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.*

*Today's altar flowers were given in loving memory of Lt. Col. Oscar Norland and
Ingvor Pettersson Tibbetts from their daughter, LuAnn Tibbetts.*

The flowers in Reed Hall are given in loving memory of Suzanne Lewter by her family.

*Claire Hunter Schneeweiss was born on December 30th to Olivia and Colin
Schneeweiss. She is also welcomed by big sister Virginia.*

*Charles Craig Perkins was born on December 27th to Emma Jackson and Clark
Perkins. He is also welcomed by big brother Robert.*

Today's liturgy was written by Rev. Aimee Baxter.

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Music Participants

Sanctuary Choir

Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Today's Music

We Three Kings was written by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in 1857 for a Christmas Pageant held at General Theological Seminary in New York City where Hopkins served as the music teacher after his Diaconate graduation in 1850. It was first published in 1862 and has subsequently been published by most major Christian denominations, making it one of the most widely known carols in the world.

This is Matthew Phelps's last Sunday before a winter sabbatical. He will return on March 9, before taking one more weekend off on March 23 to perform a concert for his alma mater.

Bulletin Cover Art

Today's cover art is *The Magi Journeying* by James Jacques Joseph Tissot, a French artist who painted many Biblical images, mostly in watercolor. Tissot lived from 1836-1902; he likely produced this painting sometime in the period of 1886-1894. In this image, we see a desert mountain range the color of sand and red stone from the background and reaching into the right foreground. The center of the painting illustrates a long caravan of people on camel-back as they make their way through this desert landscape. Leading this caravan are the three Magi as they travel to meet the Christ-child. The man on the left wears a yellow tunic while the two on the right wear orange tunics.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Sympathies** to the family of Joan Hancock Hamilton who passed away December 24th. Among her survivors are her daughters, Shawn Bible and Laura Hamilton, sons-in-law, Robin Bible and Donald Frank, grandchildren, Laura Kirkland Bible, Taylor and Madeleine Frank and great-grandchildren, Mitzi Louise and Bradford Hamilton Larson. Services will be held in Birmingham on January 31.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Babs White; Kathy Osten; our unhoused neighbors looking for a warm place to sleep; those who are navigating the holidays in new ways this year; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness or injury, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; peace in Palestine/Israel, Haiti, Sudan, 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 January 2-8 will be Rev. Shannon Baxter. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

JANUARY COMMUNION OFFERING

Our January Communion offering will benefit Project Transformation. Project Transformation connects the three C's - churches, children and college students – to help children improve their literacy, social-emotional, and spiritual development through participating in high-quality, out-of-school time programs led by young adults. Each summer we participate in this program through helping with a reading week, so be on the lookout for ways to serve in this ministry in the summer.

FAITHFUL GIVING 2025

Help our church thrive and grow in 2025. Our church depends on the financial support of its members to carry out the ministries and programs that allow West End United Methodist Church to be the loving light of Christ, connecting, transforming. By turning in your 2025 Estimate of Giving, you help our church staff and leaders budget for the coming year. You can find a card in the pew back, scan the QR code, or visit westendumc.org/estimatetnow to turn in your estimate.

***As of January 3rd, we have received
295 Estimates of Giving for 2025 for a total of \$2,016,890.***

NEW YEAR YOGA EVENT // THIS AFTERNOON

Start the new year with peace, purpose, and mindful movement. This 2-hour workshop is perfect for all levels—no yoga or meditation experience is needed. You'll enjoy a gentle yoga flow, a calming guided meditation, and space to reflect and set meaningful intentions for the year ahead. Register at westendumc.org/yogaevent.

TAIZÉ LABYRINTH SERVICE // THIS EVENING

Experience the beauty and peace of Taizé worship around the labyrinth in the 4th Story Theater. Our labyrinth service that is usually on New Year's Eve will take place on Sunday, January 5 at 5:30 pm. Opportunity is offered for individual prayers and anointing for healing. The Taizé team will welcome you with beautiful music and warm smiles. Let go of the burdens of 2024 and enter 2025 with renewed hope and peace.

WEST END LUNCH FORUM // JANUARY 7

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.

BREWED THEOLOGY // JANUARY 7

Brewed Theology will meet again on Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30 pm at Tailgate Brewery East (811 Gallatin Ave). 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.

FIRST WEDNESDAY WITH PASTOR CAROL // JANUARY 8

Join us on January 8 for a time of fellowship and learning around the table. The Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon will lead our programming as she shares what she learned and discovered during her recent renewal leave. Supper starts at 5:15 pm, and the event begins at 6 pm. Register for dinner and the event at westendumc.org/firstwednesday.

CLOTHING AND OTHER SUPPLIES NEEDED

Our guests have access to our clothing closet, and we can always use your gently used men's clothing, shoes, and sock donations. We always need new donations of underwear and undershirts. You can find an Amazon wishlist with our top needs on it at westendumc.org/clothingcloset.

RECYCLING AT WEST END UMC

Thank you to church members who have been recycling plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Additional thanks go to the dedicated team of volunteers who pick up the recycling. Please remember to empty bottles and cans before adding them to the recycling bins. Please rinse out anything that is sticky. Also, plastic cups or straws are not recyclable in Nashville at this time.

ACCESSIBILITY IN WORSHIP

♦ **Service Dogs** - On Sundays, we may have congregants 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 its 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 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. Our intention is to make our service welcoming for everyone 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.

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*
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