



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
JANUARY 12, 2025 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

GATHERING

Voluntary: Amazing Grace arr. George Shearing

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: Thank the Lord René Clausen

† Processional Hymn No. 139: Praise to the Lord, the AlmightyLobe Den Herren

† Call to Worship Will McLeane

Liturgist: Deep, flowing mystery of God; gentle, living grace of God, we immerse ourselves in you.

People: We descend into the waters of your embrace, baptized in your blessing.

Liturgist: With Jesus, we know your delight in us, we trust your Spirit in us, and we hear your calling.

People: May praise be on our lips today as it overflows from the abundance of your grace within our hearts.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
we give you thanks for the new life you birthed in us by water and the Holy Spirit, for the washing away of our sins, for incorporating us into the church universal, and for calling us to live in holy imitation of Christ.**

**We confess that we have not always held up our end of the covenant.
We have neglected the living water.**

We have parched ourselves, and we are dry and thirsty.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Refresh us by the power of your overflowing grace.

Renew our hearts today as we remember your love that washes over us and makes us whole.

† 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.**

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Liturgist: To say Yes to Christ, we must say No to many other powers that compete for our allegiance.

What will you say to evil and injustice in the world?

**People: I am created and claimed by the God of Love.
Evil and injustice have no claim on me.**

Liturgist: What will you say to your own sin, past and present?

**People: I am created and claimed by the God of Love.
Sin has no claim on me.**

Liturgist: What will you say to systems and structures that deny your humanity, the humanity of others, the goodness of creation, or the sovereignty of God?

**People: I am created and claimed by the God of Love.
Death and destruction have no claim on me.**

Liturgist: What do you say to God the Creator?

**People: I am created and claimed by the God of Love.
My allegiance is to God, and I trust in God's grace.**

Reaffirmation of Baptism, *cont.*

Liturgist: What do you say to Jesus Christ, the Redeemer?

**People: I am created and claimed by the God of Love.
I seek to love, trust, and follow Jesus, fully human, fully
divine, whose life, death, and resurrection are full of wisdom,
mystery, and grace.
In Christ I find hope of Life abundant and eternal, and a
glimpse of God’s dream for the world.**

Liturgist: What do you say to the Holy Spirit?

**People: I am created and claimed by the God of Love.
I seek to unite with the Spirit in the work of the church, the
prayers of the saints, and the healing of the world.
Through my life, may each person I meet come to know
they are created and claimed by God, called blessed and
beloved, and commissioned to God’s purposes, in unity with
the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*You are invited to come forward and leave your ribbon at the altar. During the
sermon this morning, we will be tying together our ribbons, a symbol of our unity
in the waters of baptism and of our connection in God’s beloved family. You are
also invited to join in singing hymn number 723 during the renewal of baptism.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationEmilia Fazio

**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 Old Testament..... Isaiah 43:1-7

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.*

Sermon: Named and ClaimedCarol Cavin-Dillon

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

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: Nunc Dimittis in C Vaughan Williams

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen
thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.

† 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 No. 396: O Jesus, I Have PromisedAngel's Story

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Awake, O Sleeper, v 5 Amazing Grace

**For us Christ lived, for us he died,
and conquered in the strife,
awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ will give you life.**

Voluntary: Processional.....William Mathias

*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 in loving memory of
Thomas A. Turner, Jr., Frances Jackson Turner, Thomas A. Turner, III,
and Andrew S. Turner by their family.*

*The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession were adapted from a prayer written
by Steve Garnaas-Holmes and other selections from "Worship Anytime or Place."*

Music Participants

Chancel Choir

Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Bulletin Cover Art

Jesus Baptism is a painting created in 2000 by artist Laura James, born in Brooklyn, NY of Antiguan heritage. A dynamic portrait, we see wonderful movement in the waters that represent the Jordan River as fish jump all around Jesus and John the Baptist. The latter stands above a haloed Jesus and wears a sand-colored tunic and white headwrap. In the background along the bank of the river, we find the Disciples on the left as they observe the baptism of their beloved teacher and two angels on the right.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Sympathies** to Betty DeBlasio and family as they mourn the death of Betty's husband, Robert who passed away on December 29.

♦ **Sympathies** to Melissa Robertson and family as they mourn the death of Melissa's grandmother and Cameron's great-grandmother, Clara Christine Bateman of Normal, Illinois.

♦ **Sympathies** to the family and friends of our beloved church member Sue Edwards, who died on Tuesday, January 7. As plans are made for her service of remembrance, we will make information available.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** The DeBlasio Family; Family of Sue Edwards; Marshall Ballard and family; Kathy Osten; our unhoused neighbors looking for a warm place to sleep; 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 January 13-19 will be Rev. Will McLeane. 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 7, we have received
318 Estimates of Giving for 2025 for a total of \$2,048,950.***



CHAT & CHEW LUNCH // TODAY

All local Nashville undergrad and grad students are invited to attend lunch at a local restaurant (West End's treat!) every Sunday after the 11 o'clock service throughout the Fall semester. Contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org to find out more.

YOUTH SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE // TODAY

All 7th-12th graders are invited to join us at Trinity Community Commons tonight Sunday, January 12 from 4:45-7 p.m. for dinner and board games! Adults, if you ever want to help us provide a meal any of our 2nd Sundays, email Emily at erobbins@westendumc.org for the list.



CONFIRMATION KICKOFF // TODAY

All 6th graders are invited to join us for Confirmation this spring as they learn about the United Methodist Church and explore their own beliefs. Confirmation begins January 12. For more information visit westendumc.org/confirmation.

WEST END FAMILY MEET UP // JANUARY 26

Families are invited to join us for pancakes and play time in the gym on Sunday, January 26 from 11 am to 1 pm.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THEOED NASHVILLE // FEBRUARY 23

February 23 at 4:30 pm at the Woolworth Theater

West End UMC is joining Emory's Candler School of Theology to host TheoEd in Nashville! TheoEd is a faith-based speaker series that brings together leading thinkers in the church and the academy to give the talk of their lives in 20 minutes or less. The speakers for TheoEd Nashville are Julian Davis Reed, Lanecia Rouse, Sam Wells, and Suzanne Stabile. Learn more about TheoEd at their website theoed.com.

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.



Interested in
Joining West End?

One-Day Membership Class
Sunday, February 9 • 9:45 a.m. • 4th Story Theater
westendumc.org/membership

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.

WEST END WALKING GROUP // MARCH 8

The West End Walking Group will begin meeting again in March. Our first hike of the year will be at Edwin Warner Park on Saturday, March 8. We will meet at the nature center at 9 a.m. Watch the bulletin to learn where the group will be hiking next or contact Andrew Breeden for questions at agarlandbreeden@gmail.com.



JOIN A SMALL GROUP

Ever since the earliest days of the people called "Methodists," small groups have been the way we practice growing in love of God and neighbor. Small groups at West End center around a particular theme, activity, or covenant commitment. If you would like to know more or are interested in joining a small group, let us know at westendumc.org/smallgroups.

WEST END LUNCH FORUM

First Tuesday of the month ♦ 11 a.m.

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/swettlunchforum.



WE HAVE OUR NEW SPOTLIGHT ORGANIZATION

For 2025-2027 we will be focusing money, time, and talent with Nashville Launch Pad. We will celebrate the start of our new partnership with our Great Day of Service at their location on March 1. Want to volunteer directly with them before then? Visit nashvillelaunchpad.com/volunteer. We will be sharing more ways to collaborate in the days to come but for now we celebrate this amazing organization dreaming and making possible a world of street-free sleep for young adults aged 18-26 in Nashville.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Are you looking for a way to dig deeper into Scripture each week? Join Pastor Carol or one of our other pastors each Tuesday in a study of our lectionary readings that we use in our worship services. On Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m., the study meets in person in Room 310 or online over Zoom. This is an excellent opportunity for those who like to get an early start to their day by focusing on God and God's word. Come in person for fellowship and donuts, our join online during your favorite breakfast at home.

Registration is not required to participate in these weekly studies. However, to receive the Zoom link, visit westendumc.org/tuesdaymorningstudy.

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 McLeaneSpiritual Formation
- Rev. Maggie Jarrell..... Children and Families
- Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye..... Mercy and Justice
- Rev. Shannon Baxter.....Congregational Connection
- Rev. Aimee Baxter.....Young Adults
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- Hampton Randall..... Youth Ministry Intern
- Nico Zavala.....Music Intern
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- Shannon Meffert..... HR Generalist
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- Andrew Callis..... Administrative Assistant
- Tosha Jackson.....Receptionist
- Kathryn Ware.....Receptionist
- Chase Bencin.....Media Coordinator
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