



# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
JANUARY 26, 2025 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

# GATHERING

Voluntary: Slow Air in E Minor ..... Herbert Howells

Welcome.....Shannon Baxter

*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](http://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: Where Charity and Love Prevail..... Dundee

† Processional Hymn No. 96: Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above ..... Amsterdam

† Call to Worship ..... Stacey Harwell-Dye

Liturgist: God of scripture, we gather this morning to worship you.

**People: We open ourselves to hear your word.**

Liturgist: God of love, we trust in your presence among us.

**People: We open ourselves to receive your spirit.**

Liturgist: God of justice, we know you call us to action.

**People: We open ourselves to do your work in the world.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,**

**we confess that too often we are like the people listening to Jesus that day in the synagogue: astounded and confused.**

**We miss the signs of your presence among us because we are too focused on our own plans and preconceived notions.**

**We ignore the call to justice for all people because we believe we know what is right and fair.**

**We pay more attention to the voices of the world than to your voice.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**May we trust in your love and grace, may we believe that you are who you say you are, and may we be inspired to move with boldness toward those on the margins as you did.**

† 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.**

Anthem: Create in Me a Clean Heart .....Ronald A. Nelson

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.  
*(Psalm 51:10-12)*

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination .....Anita Schmid

**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..... Luke 4:14-21

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn \*TFWS No. 2236: Gather Us In .....Gather Us In  
*Children may begin making their way to the front for the Children's Moment  
during the final verse of the hymn.*

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: Let Your Life Speak.....Shannon Baxter

Commissioning of Lay Leaders .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

**I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. 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 and 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: How Can I Keep from Singing.....Z. Randall Stroepe

My life goes on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real, though far-off song, that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep, from singing?  
Although the storms around me blow, I know the truth will guide me,  
Although the darkness 'round me grow, My song's the light beside me.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.  
While Love is lord of heav'n and earth. How can I keep from singing?  
*(Anna Bartlett Warner, adapted by Z.R.S)*

**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

Commendation and Welcome of New Members

Liturgist: Family of God, Ashley and Kimberly are now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

† Recessional Hymn No. 593: Here I Am, Lord..... Here I Am, Lord

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Alleluia.....Alleluia

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Voluntary: Final from *Symphony IV* ..... Charles Marie Widor  
*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 flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
Dr. Robert (Bob) Eugene Richie by his beloved family.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Lucille Niewold Brown  
to Jerrod and Ann Ralls Brown. She is welcomed also by grandparents  
Laura and Charlie Niewold and siblings Laura and Timms Brown.*

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

### **Music Participants**

*Chancel Choir*

Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

### **Bulletin Cover Art**

Today's cover art is a contemporary poster from an unknown artist depicting the Jesus reading from Isaiah in the synagogue in his own hometown, which is our scripture for today. Resembling a carved wood-block print, the background of the poster is a vibrant burnt-orange-and-yellow which allows the heavy black outline of Jesus to stand out. In this outline, Jesus holds a scroll, and surrounding him are the verses of Luke 4:14-20.

## PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Sympathies** to Laura and Fred McLaughlin on the death of Laura's father, Rev. Roy H Ryan, who died Jan 19 in Tupelo MS. There will be celebration of Life at a later date in February in Tupelo.

♦ **Sympathies** to Kyle and Rebecca Collier and their family are mourning the death of Kyle's grandmother, Gloria Collier, who passed away January 20th, in Oregon.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Nancy Jones; 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 20-26 will be Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye. To submit a prayer request, visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](http://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.



## WEST END FAMILY MEET UP // TODAY

Families are invited to join us for pancakes and play time in the gym today from 11 am to 1 pm.

## CHAT & CHEW LUNCH // TODAY

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

## BREWED THEOLOGY // FEBRUARY 4

**Young Adult Gathering 1st Tuesday of the Month** - Brewed Theology will meet Tuesday, February 4 at 6:30 pm at Hi-Fi Clyde's on Church Street for trivia night. 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](mailto:abaxter@westendumc.org).



## **FIRST WEDNESDAY: THE WESLEYAN WAY // FEBRUARY 5**

Join us on February 5 for fellowship and learning around the table. The Rev. Shannon Baxter will lead our programming on how we are called to embody the Wesleyan Way today. Pastor Shannon will share experiences and discoveries from his recent Wesley Pilgrimage. If you ever wonder what it means to be a “Methodist” today, this event is a great starting place! Supper starts at 5:15 pm, and the event begins at 6 pm. Register for dinner and the event at [westendumc.org/firstwednesday](http://westendumc.org/firstwednesday).

## **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 am. Watch the bulletin to learn where the group will be hiking next or contact Andrew Breeden for questions at [agarlandbreeden@gmail.com](mailto:agarlandbreeden@gmail.com).

## **YOUNG ADULT TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

The Tuesday Young Adult Study Group will be studying *Bible Stories for Grown Ups* by Josh Scott (a speaker at TheoEd Nashville) this semester. They meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 317. Contact Aimee Baxter for more information at [abaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:abaxter@westendumc.org).

## **MEET 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](http://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.



## **2025 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR**

We are so fortunate at West End to have many generous donors who provide flowers each Sunday to enhance our worship space. The 2025 schedule is being developed and there are still some available dates if you are looking for a special way to mark an important occasion. We would love to hear from you! Contact Allison Wills Brooks at [eatbetterbebetter@gmail.com](mailto:eatbetterbebetter@gmail.com), Jennifer Hoffman at [jenniferhoffman@outlook.com](mailto:jenniferhoffman@outlook.com), and Amy Lynch at [lynchamy@comcast.net](mailto:lynchamy@comcast.net) to find out more.





Interested in  
Joining West End?

## One-Day Membership Class

Sunday, February 9 • 9:45 a.m. • 4th Story Theater

[westendumc.org/membership](https://westendumc.org/membership)

## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS AND MUSIC CAMP 2025

While making your Summer 2025 plans, be sure to save the dates for our 2025 VBS and Music Camp! VBS will happen June in the evenings for ages 3 thru rising grade 5.

After a hiatus, Music Camp will make its debut again this summer. Camp happens during the week of July 21-25 with Sunday, July 27 for our Musical Presentation. Music Camp is for kids entering grades 1-7 in Fall 2025. Visit [westendumc.org/musiccamp](https://westendumc.org/musiccamp) to be put on a contact list for when Music Camp registration opens.

## ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITY: KEEP SUMMER EBT IN 2025 & BEYOND

Tennessee is at risk of losing Summer EBT for families in 2025. Governor Bill Lee and DHS do not plan to opt into Summer EBT for families next summer. In 2024, Summer EBT served over 650,000 children in Tennessee and brought nearly \$79 million into the state economy. Tennessee children aren't going anywhere. They will continue to need food during the summer months in 2025 and beyond. Please send a letter to the Governor and TDHS Commissioner Clarence Carter asking them to adopt this much-needed program for 2025 and beyond! You can find a form letter online at [westendumc.org/ebtletter](https://westendumc.org/ebtletter).

## WEST END IS HIRING

West End UMC is seeking an experienced Administrative Assistant to support our Spiritual Formation and Mercy and Justice ministries. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our staff full-time, please check out the job posting at [westendumc.org/adminassistant](https://westendumc.org/adminassistant).



A new way to talk about

# God Faith Spirituality

## **DON'T MISS TheoEd NASHVILLE // FEBRUARY 23**

***West End UMC is joining Emory's Candler School of Theology to host TheoEd Nashville on February 23 at 4:30 pm at the Woolworth Theater!***

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. Its speakers deliver neither sermons nor traditional lectures. Rather, they offer highly polished, no-notes, TED-style talks that seek to spark conversations about God, religion, and the power of faith to change lives and communities. The speakers for TheoEd Nashville are Julian Davis Reed, Lanecia Rouse, Josh Scott, and Suzanne Stabile.

**Learn more about TheoEd and get tickets to this event at [theoed.com](http://theoed.com).**

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## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**



**KIMBERLY BELL**



**ASHLEY ASTON**

# FAITHFUL GIVING 2025

*Have you made your giving estimate for 2025 yet?*

*As of January 15, we have received 325 Estimates of Giving for 2025 for a total of \$2,075,250.*

***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.

***It's not too late to make your 2025 Estimate of Giving!***

You can find a card in the pew back, scan the QR code below, or visit [westendumc.org/estimatetnow](http://westendumc.org/estimatetnow) to turn in your estimate.

*Our budgeted goal for Estimates of Giving for 2025 is \$2,393,662*

*We need \$318,412 in additional estimates to reach our goal.*

**We celebrate that we have 48 new Estimate of Giving for 2025 totaling \$234,920.**

**There are 54 pledging households for 2024 who have not yet made an estimate of giving to contribute financially in 2025.**

**161 households increased their estimate of giving from 2024 to 2025!**



# 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. Maggie Jarrell**..... *Children and Families*  
**Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye**..... *Mercy and Justice*  
**Rev. Shannon Baxter** .....*Congregational Connection*  
**Rev. Aimee Baxter**.....*Young Adults*  
**Emily C. Robbins**.....*Minister of Youth*  
**Dr. Matthew Phelps**.....*Minister of Music*  
**Andrew Risinger** .....*Associate Minister of Music*  
**Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn**..... *Congregational Care Intern*  
**Rea Green**..... *Pastoral Intern*  
**Hampton Randall**..... *Youth Ministry Intern*  
**Nico Zavala**.....*Music Intern*  
**Shelley Kuhlmeier**.....*Communications Director*  
**Lazaro Kapella**.....*Church Financial Officer*

**Jim Raver**.....*Property Operations Manager*  
**Shannon Meffert** .....*HR Generalist*  
**Corye Nelson** .....*Preschool Executive Director*  
**Christina Shoptaw** .....*Preschool Operations Manager*  
**Cheryl Reeves** .....*Preschool Curriculum Coordinator*  
**Karina Gurgenzidze** .....*Childcare Coordinator*  
**Cindy Siemer**..... *Senior Administrative Assistant*  
**Andrew Callis**..... *Administrative Assistant*  
**Tosha Jackson** .....*Receptionist*  
**Kathryn Ware** .....*Receptionist*  
**Chase Bencin** .....*Media Coordinator*  
**Ronnie Franklin**..... *Building Superintendent*  
**Andy Ulm**.....*Safety and Security Coordinator*  
**Richard Thomas** ..... *Custodian*



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