

# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FEBRUARY 2, 2025 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Lord Jesus Christ, Now Turn to Us, BWV 709 ..... 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: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee .....Benedictine Plainsong

† Processional Hymn No. 578: God of Love and God of Power .....Unser Herrscher

† Call to Worship .....Shannon Baxter

Liturgist: We come to worship God in the fullness of our gifts and needs,

**People: bringing with us the gifts and needs of the world.**

Liturgist: We seek to follow Jesus, the one full of grace and truth;

**People: trusting in him to direct our lives toward his mission.**

Liturgist: We open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit,

**People: knowing God will meet us exactly where we are but never leave us the same.**

† 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.

Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**All: (Antiphon)**

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

**All: (Antiphon)**

Choir: You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

**All: (Antiphon)**

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.

**All: (Antiphon)**

Choir: With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**All: (Antiphon)**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination ..... Beth Howard

**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 4:21-30

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: Getting on Board with Grace .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith .....Stacey Harwell-Dye

**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: Draw Us in The Spirit’s Tether.....Harold Friedell

Draw us in the spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in thy name,  
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia!  
Touch we now thy garment’s hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia!  
We will serve thee faithfully.

(Percy Dearmer)

† 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* **f**


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:  
 381, 620, and 635*

† Prayer after Receiving

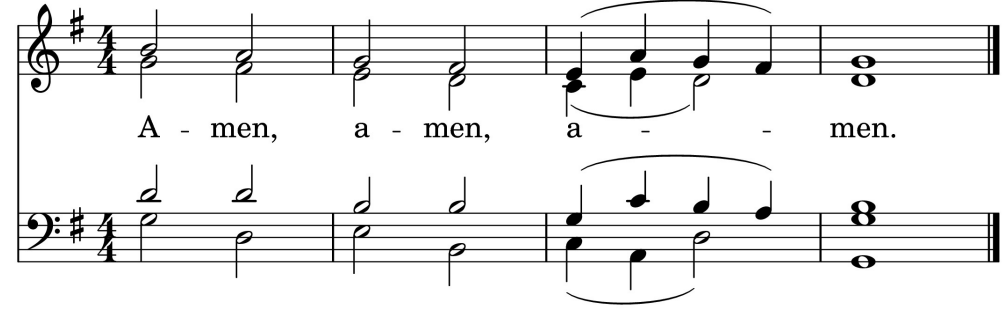
Celebrant: You have given yourself to us, Lord.  
**People: Now we give ourselves for others**  
 Celebrant: Your love has made us a new people;  
**People: as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**  
 Celebrant: Your glory has filled our hearts;  
**People: help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

† Recessional Hymn No. 436: The Voice of God Is Calling ..... Meirionydd

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Danish Amen ..... Danish Amen



A - men, a - men, a - - men.

Voluntary: Fugue from *Sonata No. 2 in C Minor* ..... Felix Mendelssohn

*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 today to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
 Louise Deery Parker Wills and Bill Rufus Wills by Allison and Phil Brooks.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Margaret "Reeves" McLeane  
 to Cate and Will McLeane on January 27th.  
 She is also welcomed by big sisters Annie and Emily.*

*Today's liturgy was written by Rev. Will McLeane.*

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**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

♦ **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 February 3-9 will be Rev. Shannon Baxter. To submit a prayer request, visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](http://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).

## FEBRUARY COMMUNION OFFERING

**Youth W.E. SERVE Weekend is coming! Your Youth will be fasting for one meal over February 28-March 1!** For the month of February our communion offering will benefit the Youth W.E. SERVE Weekend (formerly 30 Hour Famine). Our youth will go without food for one meal for 9 hours on Saturday, March 1, to experience hunger. They are doing this to raise money and awareness for two different ministries this year. Our local ministry is Trinity Community Commons, a ministry where our youth already share a monthly meal with our neighbors who live on the street.. The second ministry is Raise the Roof Academy to help bring new \$85 sleeping kits and \$50 food boxes to as many children living in Uganda as possible. Place your donation in the offering plate or give online at [westendumc.org/give](http://westendumc.org/give).

## 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.

## WEST END NEW BABIES GROUP // TODAY

Do you have a new baby? Would you like to meet other West End moms with babies? Please join us for our next meeting today, Sunday, February 2 at 3 pm in Bishops Parlor. Sarah England, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and WEUMC member, will lead and facilitate a discussion about motherhood and mental health. Please e-mail Emma Sholl at [emmawickhamsholl@gmail.com](mailto:emmawickhamsholl@gmail.com) to join the group.

## BREWED THEOLOGY // FEBRUARY 4

**Young Adult Gathering 1st Tuesday of the Month** - Brewed Theology will meet Tuesday, February 4 at 6:30 pm at M.L. Rose on 8th Avenue. 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).



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).**



Interested in  
Joining West End?

**One-Day Membership Class**  
Sunday, February 9 • 9:45 a.m. • 4th Story Theater  
[westendumc.org/membership](http://westendumc.org/membership)

## 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](http://westendumc.org/ebtletter).

## 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).

## PARENTS MORNING OUT // FEBRUARY 8

West End Kids is hosting a Parents Morning Out February 8 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. We will have play time in the gym, games, crafts, and pizza lunch for the kids, while parents can have a morning out! Kids ages 0-12 are all welcome. Cost is \$10 per child half of which will go to Open Table Nashville as part of our Lenten offering. The other half helps offset costs of food and childcare staff. Register online now at [westendumc.org/pmo](http://westendumc.org/pmo).

## 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.

## 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](http://westendumc.org/adminassistant).

# FAITHFUL GIVING 2025

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

*As of January 15, we have received 328 Estimates of Giving for 2025 for a total of \$2,096,930.*

***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/estimatesnow](http://westendumc.org/estimatesnow) to turn in your estimate.



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

*We need \$296,732 in additional estimates to reach our goal.*

## 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.

## 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 23-26 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](http://westendumc.org/musiccamp) to be put on a contact list for when Music Camp registration opens.

# 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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