



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 16, 2025 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

GATHERING

Voluntary: Folk Tune..... Percy Whitlock

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: Make Me a Clean Heart G. Thalben-Ball

† Processional Hymn No. 64: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!..... Nicaea

† Call to Worship Tammy Lewis Wilborn

Liturgist: Jesus beckons us, “Come, follow me.”

People: As a people of faith, may we receive the call of Jesus.

Liturgist: Jesus invites all of us to worship and feast at the table.

People: As a people of love, may we extend the call of Jesus.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Gracious and plentiful God,

there is room enough for all of us at your table.

Forgive us for our times of exclusion and belief that only some are worthy of your love.

Give us the grace to resist our attempts at determining who gets to come to the party.

Stir in us an imagination for a new vision of community where all are invited and received in your love.

May your mercy permeate everything we do and become.

† 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: Feed My Lambs Natalie Sleeth

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep, in my name,
lead them forth gently as a shepherd. When they wander, when they
stray, their protector be, as ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me.
Feed my lambs...Unto all who lose the way, hope and comfort be,
as ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

People: With God’s help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness that he may grow in service with others. We will pray for him to be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

† Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: Members of the household of God, I commend William Diehl to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, William Diehl, 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.

† Musical Response No. 611, St. 1

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit’s sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationLaura Creekmore

**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 5:27-32

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

† Hymn *TFWS No. 2130: The SummonsKelvingrove

*Children may begin making their way to the front for the Children's Moment
during the final verse of the previous 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: Called to a New CommunityCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of FaithTammy Lewis Wilborn

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 Rea Green

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: All Things New.....Elaine Hagenberg

Light after darkness, gain after loss,
strength after weakness, crown after cross;
sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
home after wand'ring, praise after tears.
Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new,
springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
He is making all things new.

Sight after myst'ry, sun after rain,
joy after sorrow, peace after pain,
near after distant, gleam after gloom,
love after loneliness, life after tomb.
Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new,
springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
He is making all things new.

(Frances Havergal, adapted from Revelation 21:5-6)

† 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 TFWS* Hymn No. 2221: In Unity We Lift Our Song..... Ein Feste Burg

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Voluntary: Toccata in G MajorWilliam Walond, arr.Biggs

*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 altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of William Diehl Johnson, son of Maggie and McGavock Johnson, brother of Mac and grandson of Carol and Riggs Stephenson by proud great uncles, Monty Smith and Mark O'Bryan.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Virginia Bowden Malloy to Elizabeth and Casey Malloy on February 12, 2025. She is welcomed by West End members: grandparents, Leah and Ken Malloy, aunt and uncle Kelsey and Mike Malloy, and cousins Charlotte, Clay, and Griffin Malloy.

William Diehl Johnson, son of Maggie and McGavock Johnson, is presented for baptism during this late service.

Charles Nash Hickman, son of Amy and Nash Hickman, was presented for baptism during the early service.

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

Music Participants

Chancel Choir

Tucker Biddlecombe: Guest Conductor

Asbury Choir

Nico Zavala: Director

Andrew Risinger: Organist

Bulletin Cover Art

The Calling of St. Matthew was painted by Biblical artist, James Jacques Joseph Tissot, who lived in France 1836-1902. Centered on a hooded Jesus wearing all white robes, this scene takes place in an ancient village street as Jesus raises his hand in the direction of two men sitting behind a booth window. Camels lie in the nearest foreground while the background illustrates a row of camels as the street continues through a stone archway.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ We mourn with Patrick Brakefield and family as they grieve the loss of Patrick's mother, Carolyn Ross Brakefield, on February 10.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Liz Leis; Nancy Jones; Kathy Osten; Bobby Williams; 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 17-23 will be Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

ACCESSIBILITY IN WORSHIP

♦ **Service Dogs** - On Sundays, we may have congregants or staff 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 it is 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. We hope to make our service welcoming for all individuals 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.

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 to find out more.

FEBRUARY COMMUNION OFFERING

Youth W.E. SERVE Weekend is coming! Our 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 which helps 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.

HELP US BUILD TEN STOVES IN GUATEMALA

EACH STOVE IS \$470 TO BUILD



We have two teams heading to Guatemala in March to serve with ODIM and Transitions. While in Antigua, our teams working with ODIM will be helping to build 10 stoves in the surrounding community. Each stove costs \$470, and we are raising funds in order to build a total of 10. Please help us reach our goal of \$4700: text STOVE to 833.270.7424 or give online at westendumc.org/stove.

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED FOR GUATEMALA MISSION TEAMS

Are you someone who lives a life of prayer and would like to pray specifically for one of our Guatemala team members? We need prayer partners for each of our participants on our trip. To find out more, email Stacey at sharwellldye@westendumc.org.

JOIN OUR PICKLEBALL CLUB

If you have ever wanted to try Pickleball or are looking for a fun group to play with regularly, join the Pickleball Club in the West End UMC Gym on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm! All skill levels are welcome! There is no charge to play, but all participants sign a liability release waiver before playing. If you would like to be added to the weekly email reminder list, visit westendumc.org/pickleball to sign up.

TUESDAY NIGHT YOGA

Join us on Tuesday nights from 6 - 7 pm in Room 324 for Yoga led by Kindall Dietman. This will be a gentle class, accessible to all skill levels. Bring a mat if you have one, but there will be a few extra mats available. Suggested price is \$10-\$15; however, cost should not be a barrier. Pay as you are able. Register at westendumc.org/yoga.

OE F BAKE SALE FEBRUARY 23 FOR MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION

Our Older Elementary Fellowship, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, are hosting a bake sale in Reed Hall on Sunday, February 23. Stop by the table to buy delicious baked goods and support our young people making a difference in our community!

GREAT DAY of Service

Saturday, March 1

Sign up now at westendumc.org/gdos



We are delighted to have our Great Day of Service with our new spotlight organization, Nashville Launch Pad. We will be serving at Connection UMC (2846 Lebanon Pike, Nashville, TN 37214). There are opportunities for all ages and abilities! Sign up today at westendumc.org/gdos.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The West End Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2025 - 2026 academic year. Deadline for receipt of all application materials is Monday, March 31, at 5 pm. Find out more at westendumc.org/scholarships.

COFFEE WITH A PASTOR // MARCH 16

If you are new to West End UMC and would like to find out more about the church, you are invited to join us on the third Sunday of each month in the Bishop's Parlor (across from Scales Chapel). Coffee and snacks will be served. A Pastor or Program Staff person will be present, so feel free to come with your questions about upcoming events or how to get involved in church activities. Our next gathering will be Sunday, March 16 at 10 a.m.

WHAT'S NEXT CLASS

If you have been attending West End UMC for a short time or for a number of months and would like to explore getting more involved with the community, consider coming to our What's Next Class. The class will meet for two weeks on Sundays, March 2 and 9, during the Sunday School hour from 9:45 - 10:45 am. The group will meet in the 4th Story Theater and will offer an opportunity to meet others in the church and to learn about the ministries of the church. Visit westendumc.org/whatsnext to register.





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.

DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO THEOED?

We are going to take a shuttle back and forth from the West End UMC parking lot. Sign up here at westendumc.org/ride.

DON'T MISS SPECIAL GUESTS ON FEBRUARY 23

We at West End are taking advantage of having these speakers in town. Earlier that morning we will have the incredible opportunity to hear Julian Davis Reed in worship. He will be preaching/singing/playing piano for us during the time of proclamation. And then in between worship services, we are blessed to be able to hear from artist Lanecia Rouse in the 4th Story Theater for a combined Sunday school class.

GET TO KNOW THE THEOED SPEAKERS

We are excited about the speaker lineup for TheoEd on Sunday, February 23. We hope that they will share insights that will help shape and deepen your faith, raising it up like a diamond to see the many different facets and ways the light will reflect.



Lanecia Rouse

Lanecia Rouse is the Artist-in-Residence partner at the Holy Family HTX Episcopal Church in Houston and also serves on the board of Image Gallery, a quarterly art journal. As part of its mission, Image Gallery states "The mystery at the heart of the Christian faith is that the invisible is made visible, the Word becomes flesh. This is the mystery echoed in our artistic endeavors: painters plunge their imagination into the invisible and bring up something we've never seen before, writers conjure characters that put souls on the page for us to see and contemplate ourselves." Nashvillians may know Lanecia from her time at Belmont UMC and exhibits at the Frist and the Zeitgeist Gallery.

Josh Scott

Josh Scott is the Lead Pastor at GracePointe Church in Nashville. He has written three books, the most recent being *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups*.

He notes that "The times they are a'changing. And for many of us, our faith has and continues to change along with it."



Julian Davis Reid

Julian Davis Reid is a Candler graduate who uses words and music to invite us into the restful lives we were created to live. He is the founder of Notes of Rest, which invites the weary into the rest of God practiced in the Bible and Black music. He has collaborated and/or shared the stage with Chance the Rapper, Jennifer Hudson, Peter CottonTale, and the Clark Atlanta University Philharmonic Society. Check out Walk Cycle by JuJu Exchange at thejujuexchange.com/music to walk with wonder, confidence, and joy.

Suzanne Stabile

An internationally recognized Enneagram Master, Suzanne has conducted over 500 Enneagram workshops over the past 30 years. She is the co-author of *The Road Back to You*, author of *The Path Between Us* and *The Journey Toward Wholeness* and host of the Enneagram Journey podcast.



Each speaker will speak for 20 minutes. We will have an intermission, then there will be time for question and answer from the audience, followed by a chance to visit with others, eat some delicious charcuterie, meet the speakers, buy books, and get your own books signed.

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

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