



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 23, 2025 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

GATHERING

Voluntary: Hymnus and Prayer on *Slane* Larry Visser

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

† Hymn No. 185: When Morning Gilds the Skies Laudes Domini

† Call to WorshipCarol Cavin-Dillon

Liturgist: O Lord, you draw praise from the frailest of things; so also draw praise from us.

People: Tune our hearts, our minds, our lives, to voice your melodies today!

Liturgist: Let such melodies penetrate our hearts' defenses, gently revealing old wounds unto their eventual healings, gently stirring eternal longings unto the restoration of hope.

People: Tune our hearts, our minds, our lives, to voice your melodies today!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

O God, full of grace,

we confess today our need for your mercy.

Too often we have tuned out the rhythm of your grace, forgetting to share it with others and ourselves.

Too often we have wasted our energy composing symphonies of our own selfishness.

Forgive us, we pray, and cause the melody you placed within us all to swell into a chorus of praise today and forevermore.

† 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.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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.

Notes of RestJulian Davis Reed

Tramaine Parker

Joys and Concerns of the Church Will McLeane

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: A Canticle of Praise.....Larry King

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heav'n glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt your name forever.
(Song of the Three Young Men, Daniel 3:52-56)

† 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

† Hymn *TFWS No. 2212: My Life Flows On How Can I Keep from Singing

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Bind Us Together..... Bind us Together

**Bind us together Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken,
bind us together Lord, bind us together
Lord, bind us together in love.**

Voluntary: "The People Respond - Amen!" from *Rubrics* Dan Locklair

*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 in the back of the sanctuary are in honor of
Peggy Drumright Downing's 100th birthday.*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of their families
from the wedding of Morgan McVicker and Hunter Davidson.*

*Today's Call to Worship was adapted from "Every Moment Holy, Volume I,"
Pocket Edition, and the Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Shannon Baxter.*

Music Participants

Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Bulletin Cover Art

"She Believed She Could and So She Did" is a work of art by TheoEd presenter Lenecia Rouse. In this piece, a dark-skinned girl wearing a white dress and white sneakers swings her arms and appears to be dancing on top of the world, quite literally. The earth is depicted in blue and white with the oceans a deep blue and the land masses a shade of white. The sky beyond the earth is a midnight blue with stars and galaxies depicted in shades of white, as well. This rich image is set against a grid-paper background, providing a nice contrast to the imagery.



GDOS is THIS SATURDAY! Have you signed up yet? 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 now at westendumc.org/gdos.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **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.

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.

Welcome to West End UMC

This morning we welcome two special guests.



Lanecia Rouse



Julian Davis Reed

We at West End have the unique privilege of welcoming Julian Davis Reed and Lanecia Rouse to our church today. Julian and Lanecia are both in town for TheoEd this afternoon, but will share their gifts and talents with us in worship and Sunday School this morning.

Julian Davis Reed will be preaching/singing/playing piano for us during the time of proclamation. Reid is a Candler School of Theology 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.

Lanecia Rouse will be leading a combined Sunday School Class for everyone in the 4th Story Theater. Come view her amazing artwork and hear from her about her work and process. 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.

OEF BAKE SALE // TODAY IN REED HALL

Our Older Elementary Fellowship, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, are hosting a bake sale to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Reed Hall. Stop by the table to buy delicious baked goods and support our young people making a difference in our community!

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.

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.

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 sharwelldye@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.

COFFEE WITH A PASTOR

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.

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.

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.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER AND JAZZ MASS

Join us on Tuesday, March 4 for this beloved West End tradition of pancakes, sausage, and loads of fun for all ages followed by our annual Jazz Mass!

Our annual Pancake Supper will be from 5 - 6:30 pm in McWhirter Hall. There will be no charge for the meal again this year, but we will be taking donations for the Vandy Wesley Foundation. Reserve your spot by March 3 at westendumc.org/pancakesupper.

Then enjoy a unique worship opportunity complete with beads, masks and other Mardi Gras trimmings at our Mardi Gras style Jazz Mass in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. This festive celebration of Holy Communion is framed in a jazz setting, with a jazz band, a Mardi Gras style procession, hymns, soloists from the recording industry and vocal interpretations of the traditional text. Join us in this final celebration for Christians before the Lenten season begins the next day.

FIRST WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The Jazz Mass on Shrove Tuesday only has meaning within the context of the services that take place on the following day, Ash Wednesday. The contrast between the celebration and excess of Tuesday gives way to the solemnity and restraint of Ash Wednesday. It is in the radically different character of the two days that we discover the meaning of each. If you attend the Jazz Mass, seriously consider attending one of the Ash Wednesday services as well. If you are a regular attender at an Ash Wednesday service, seriously consider participating in the Jazz Mass in preparation to experience the importance of the imposition of ashes that follows the next day. Ash Wednesday services will be on March 5 at 12 and 6:15 pm.

First Wednesday Dinner - As we prepare to reflect on the table as the central theme this Lent, we invite you to share a meal before the Ash Wednesday service. We will hold our First Wednesday Supper in McWhirter Hall at 5:15 pm. Please register in advance westendumc.org/firstwednesday.

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.



A new way to talk about

God Faith Spirituality

TheoEd NASHVILLE IS TODAY!

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to hear these amazing leaders speak right here in Nashville! You can still get tickets to join us for TheoEd at the Woolworth Theater this afternoon at 4:30 pm.

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 Reid, 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.

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!

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