

TABLE



TRANSFORMATIONS

LENT 2025

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
MARCH 9, 2025 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHERING

Voluntary: Adagio from *Organ Sonata No. 5*.....Alexandre Guilmant

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: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days.....Richard Redhead

† Hymn No. 559: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Westminster Abbey

† Call to WorshipMaggie Jarrell

Liturgist: God of Abundance, you have prepared a table for us.

People: We approach this table with the joy and love that comes from being your people!

Liturgist: As we enter this time of worship, may we hold onto the tranquility that you provide.

People: We find peace with you, gracious God, and rest in this peace as we worship.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we come to you today restless, overwhelmed, and unsure.
We have found ourselves in a wilderness of chaos, and we dwell in spaces of loneliness and anxiety.
Far too often, we let life get in the way of demonstrating your love, and we have not made a space at the table for all of your people.
Remind us to look to you for rest and to take solace in your presence and provision.
Help us to look for the light of your illuminated path as we move through our lives, responding to your ever-present call.**

† 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

Prayer for IlluminationBrant Phillips

Transforming God, teach us the power of community that you create at your table so that, in receiving your Word today, we will open our hearts and invite all to have a seat at our tables.

A Lesson from the Gospel..... Luke 4:1-13

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: A Table in the Wilderness.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith Will McLeane

**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.

SENDING FORTH

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

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: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Richard Shephard

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad:
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.
(*Horatius Bonar*)

† Doxology No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† Recessional Hymn No. 267: O Love How Deep*Deo Gracias*

† Benediction

† Benediction ResponseTallis Canon

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights,
we turn and walk the inward way,
where meeting Christ our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.**

Voluntary: Prélude from *Trois Pièces*Gabriel Pierné

*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 in memory of Annette and Rife Hughey
by Paula Hughey and Michael Smitherman and Rife Hughey, III.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Arthur James Melrose
born on February 26th to Heather and Aaron Melrose.*

Today's liturgy was written by Rea Green, Pastoral Intern for Mercy and Justice.

Music Participants

Sanctuary Choir

Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Bulletin Cover Art

Table Transformations, our theme for Lent, 2025, was designed by our Communications Director, Shelley Kuhlmeier. It will appear on our bulletin covers and other publications throughout the period of Lent.

Today's Table Transformation

To highlight today's sermon, the table in the chancel area has been set with nothing but a pile of stones atop it. This represents the stone about which the devil says to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread (Luke 4:3)." In verse 4, Jesus replies, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

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 services. 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 services 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Nancy Jones; Kathy Osten; 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 March 10-16 will be Rev. Maggie Jarrell. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING BENEFITS REJOICE BALLET

Motivated by Christ's love, Rejoice School of Ballet empowers youth to realize their potential by training, nurturing, and celebrating dancers from diverse racial, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds. Rejoice utilizes our fourth story theater for their performances. Give online at westendumc.org/give.

CHAT & CHEW LUNCH // MARCH 16

There will be no Chat & Chew today due to Spring Break, but next week, 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.



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 am.

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 Deitmen. 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.

WEST END IS HIRING

West End UMC is seeking an experienced Facilities Manager. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our staff full-time, please check out the job posting at westendumc.org/jobs.

TABLE TRANSFORMATIONS

Throughout the season of Lent, we invite you to experience the power of sharing a meal. West End members are hosting tables throughout the season of Lent for groups of 10-12 people to break bread, share stories, and abide in God's delight. If you would like to learn more about finding your seat at the table, visit westendumc.org/table to learn more and register.



2025 LENTEN OFFERING: OPEN TABLE NASHVILLE

Open Table Nashville is a non-profit, interfaith community that disrupts cycles of poverty, journeys with the marginalized and provides education about issues of homelessness. Will Compton from Open Table meets with people in our lower-level Thursdays during Quiet Place, and our offering goes to support the salaries of Will and others who meet with people where they are. You can give online at westendumc.org/give or text OPEN TABLE to 833.270.7424.



WEEKLY COMMUNION ON WEDNESDAYS

We experience the grace of God in its abundance at the table of Jesus. Beginning on March 12 at 8 am, we will celebrate Holy Communion on the remaining Wednesdays of Lent in Scales Chapel.



LENT FORMATIONAL READING

Throughout Lent, the Bowen Library Team will recommend several resources to engage with our Lenten study of Jesus' table hospitality according to the Gospel of Luke. The resources will feature an Adam Hamilton study of Luke's Gospel and other contemporary reflections on Jesus' transforming practices of grace around the table. Many small groups will read *Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study* by Cynthia Cambell. Check out a book from the Bowen Library this Lent, or visit our website to access a Lenten daily devotional!

LENTEN NOON CONCERT // MARCH 13

Our Lenten Noon Concert Series continues with organist, Kateri Andress who is currently serving as Organ Scholar at St. George's Episcopal Church in Nashville. Kateri's program of all French composers will include music of Boëly, Bonnal, and Vierne. Each half-hour concert will begin promptly at noon. Lunch is available in McWhirter Hall at 12:30 p.m. for \$12. Lunch requires reservations. Register online at westendumc.org/lentenconcerts.



LGBTQIA+ LENTEN BOOK STUDY // MARCH 12

Come experience the Lenten and Easter journey together through community and shared reflection on a brand new book - *God Didn't Make Us to Hate US: 40 Devotions to Liberate Your Faith From Fear and Reconnect with Joy*. The group will be led by WEUMC member Khetta Cox and will meet on March 12th and 26th and April 9th and 23rd at 6 pm in Room 317 (Mosaic). Please rsvp at westendumc.org/lentbookstudy to express your interest in joining this group throughout Lent!

TAIZÉ SERVICE // MARCH 16

Join us for a contemplative service rooted in the music of the Taizé community of France. Our worship service will include a space for healing prayer. Experience with contemplative worship or the music of Taizé is not required to engage in our liturgy fully. Join us at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

FIRST WEDNESDAY - IMAGE OF GOD: SHARING THE TABLE WITH OUR JEWISH SIBLINGS // APRIL 2

All are invited to a dinner, night of teaching, and dialogue surrounding Jewish-Christian Relations! Thornton Muncher will be offering a primer on how The United Methodist Church engages our Jewish siblings through our Wesleyan theology, interreligious polity, and denominational practices. Additionally, he will be moderating a Zoom panel featuring a Reform Rabbi, two Rabbinical students, and the Rev. Dr. Soren Hessler. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask the panelists questions about the role of interfaith engagement in their work and should walk away with a better understanding of how we are all created in the image of God.

Dinner will be served at 5:15 pm with the program starting at 6 pm and you can rsvp online at westendumc.org/firstwednesday.

Lenten Choral Evensong
with our Chancel Choir
Tucker Biddlecombe, conductor
Andrew Risinger, organist

Sunday, March 30 at 4 p.m. ♦ In Person and Online
Music to include Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C - C. V. Stanford
Lenten Motets - Francis Poulenc

2025 Lenten Noon Concerts

During this season of contemplation and renewal,
join us for a time of music and reflection at the middle of the day.

March 6 – Andrew Risinger, organ

March 13 – Kateri Andress, organ

March 20 – Isaac Johnson, organ

March 27 – Sarah Crocker, harp

April 3 – Elliston Trio

Erin Hall, violin • Keith Nicholas, cello • Matthew Phelps, piano

April 10 – Phil DeGreg, jazz piano

Each half-hour concert will begin promptly at noon, and admission to all concerts is free.

Following the concert, lunch is available in McWhirter Hall at 12:30 p.m. for \$12.

Lunch requires reservations. Register online at westendumc.org/lentenconcerts

or call our receptionist at 615.321.8500 by noon on Wednesday, one day prior to each concert.

April 20, 2025

EASTER

at West End United Methodist Church

6:30 a.m. ♦ Sunrise in the Cloister Garden

8:45 & 11 a.m. ♦ Sanctuary and Livestream

Easter Brunch ♦ 9:45-10:45 a.m. ♦ McWhirter Hall

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*
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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*
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