

Announcements

The Food Pantry is in need of canned beef stew, chili, and chicken and dumplings.

Concert of Lessons and Carols: Everyone is invited to attend TODAY at 3pm in the Sanctuary. Hear the story of God's saving work from creation, through the Prophets and the birth of Jesus Christ celebrated in scripture and song.

YTD Contribution Statements: As of November 30th will be available by Dec. 5. If you would like to have a copy of your statement for 2025, please email Mary Lou Cushing at marylou.cushing@stlukesumc.org or call the church office (M-TH 9am – 3pm). Thanks for your faithful giving to the ministries of St Luke's! Since the church office will be closed from Dec 24, 2025 – Jan 2, 2026, any contributions postmarked on or before Dec 31 will be posted to accounts with a Dec 31, 2025 date and will be reflected on your 2025 Year-end statement, which will be available mid- January.

Breaking Bread Together Again: Celebration of Epiphany & Service: On Sunday, January 4, celebrate Epiphany with a simple lunch & time of service to others & our church. Contact Lynne McAlexander to help at 550-3091.

Prayer Requests

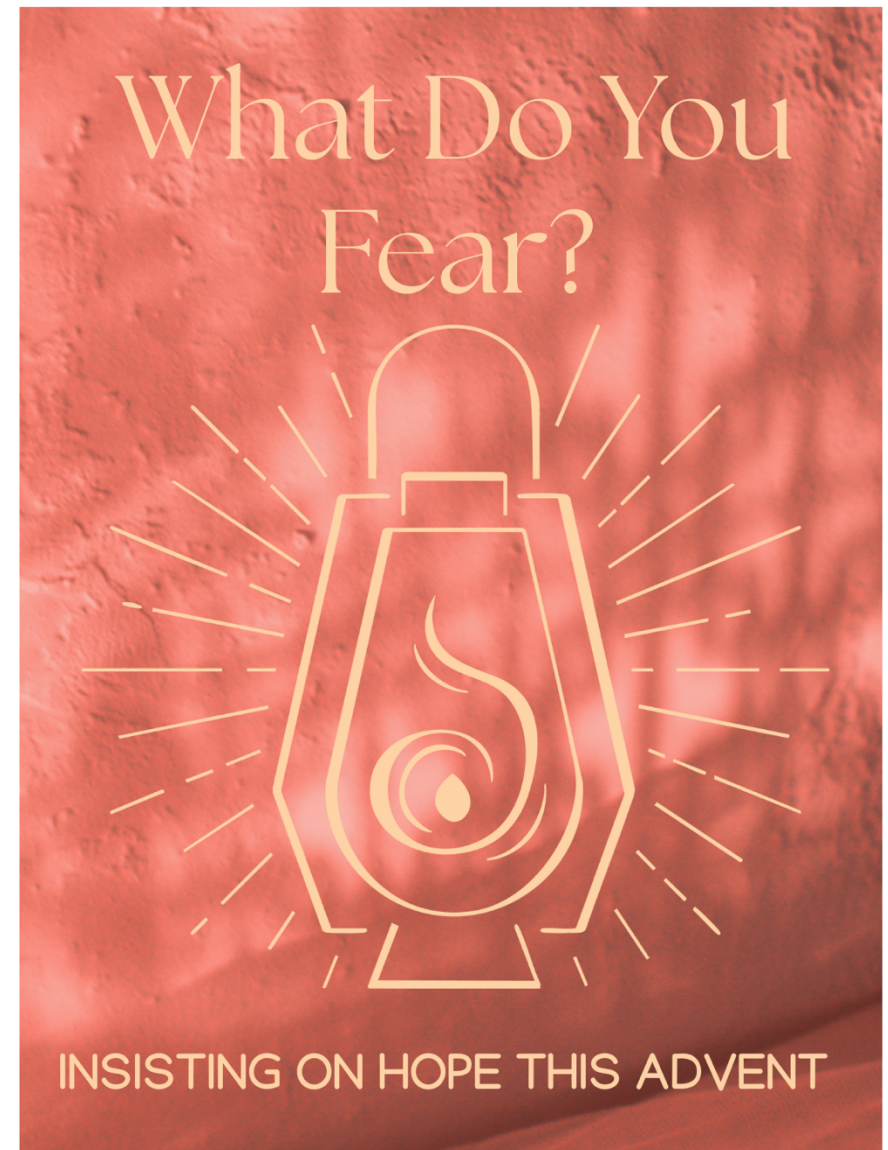
Jordan Northcross, David Hensley, Dr. Jimmy Padgett, Steve Milinkovich, Buddy Ellis (Ann Al-Chokhachi 's brother), Marty Cobb, Lewis Valdes, Coach David Day, Deborah Sanders, Kirk Smith, Bright Oware, Sarah Jane Tice, and Helen Wofford.

If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at pata9276@gmail.com or call the church office at 452-6262

Monthly Stewardship Report

Pledged and Non-Pledged Contributions

<u>November 2025</u>	<u>YTD 2025</u>
Actual Giving: \$25,009.00	Actual Giving: \$538,601.12
Budgeted: \$53,383.50	Budgeted: \$587,218.50



Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
480 S. Highland St. Memphis, TN 38111
901.452.6262 | stlukesumc.org

Order of Worship

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

To Us A Child is Given
J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah said, "I am only a boy."

Moses said, "Who am I to do this work?"

Mary said, "How can this be?"

We often say, "But God, I am afraid."

Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.

So may we trust the Inviter.

May we heed God's invitation.

May we summon our courage and sing God's praise.

Let us worship our courageous, inviting, calling God.

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 238

Angels We Have Heard on High

Children ages 4 through 3rd grade are invited to come forward during the hymn and gather near the Advent wreath. After the lighting, they will go directly to Children's Worship in the Lighthouse, room 215.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *(Response on screens)*

Sung Response:

On this day we light the candle of joy (4x)

***The hope of salvation, God's promise of gladness
fills up our lives with joy.***

On this day we light the candle of joy (2x)

On this day . . . on this day . . .

On this day we light the candle of joy.

WORD AND WONDER -A time for children

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 204

Emmanuel

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:26-39

New Testament Pew Bible Page 53

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Old Testament Pew Bible Page 656

ANTHEM

No Night There
Dan Forrest

MESSAGE

Rev. Dennis Neenan

*ADVENT AFFIRMATION

Pew Card

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of joy, receive these gifts and bless them to bring laughter where there is sorrow, music where there is silence, and courage where fear holds sway. May our giving be a song of praise to you, the source of all joy. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Arr. John Leavitt

*CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY

Pew Card

*SENDING HYMN

(On the Screens)

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

*BENEDICTION

In a fearful world, may you look for God's spirit.

May you reach for each other's hands.

May you choose courage whenever you can.

And in all things, may you remember that good news is louder than fear.

**We go in the name of the one who calls,
the one who sends, and the one who journeys with—**

Go in peace and do not be afraid.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Alleluia
J.S. Bach

Call to Worship, Advent Wreath text, Advent Affirmation, and Benediction (adapted)
by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

*Congregation stand as able.

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If you are interested in uniting in membership, please contact Pastor Jim.

Leading in Worship

Rev. Jim McKinney, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dennis Neenan, Congregational Care Pastor

Rev. Amy Martin, Minister of Music and Worship

Katie Shepherd, Liturgist

Ziggy Goodman, Advent Wreath Reader

St. Luke's Chancel Choir

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist