

Announcements

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

Breaking Bread Together Again-Celebration of Epiphany & Service: Join us TODAY in Fellowship Hall after Worship to celebrate Epiphany with a simple lunch & time of service to others & our church.

The Chosen Study Group: Beginning January 18 after Worship, join others to watch the first season of the video series "The Chosen" in the Library. Each Sunday we will watch one episode and have a discussion. Bring your own lunch. All welcome!

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, Helen Wofford, Andee Williamson (Phyllis Gay's friend), and Dot Dickey.

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

November 2025

Actual Giving: \$25,009.00
Budgeted: \$53,383.50

YTD 2025

Actual Giving: \$538,601.12
Budgeted: \$587,218.50



Star of wonder, star of light
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

Epiphany Sunday
January 4, 2026

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
480 S. Highland St. Memphis, TN 38111
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Order of Worship

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Christmas Sinfonia

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of faith, look! In our darkness a light shines: the star is love.

Alleluia! In gratitude we follow the star of love.

The star moves ahead of us, and leads us faithfully.

Alleluia! In wonder we follow the star of love.

The star hides itself in each of us:

in everyone we meet, in all God's people.

Alleluia! In devotion we follow the star of love. Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN

Angels From the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.*

UMH 885

*We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's
unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.*

*We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.*

UMH 70

*GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children ages 4 through 3rd grade are dismissed to Children's Worship in the Lighthouse rm. 215 during the second verse of the opening hymn.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

What Child Is This?

UMH 219

*SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

ANTHEM

Jesus, the Light of the World

George D. Elderkin

MESSAGE

Rev. Jim McKinney

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of love, as the star led the magi to the Christ child, so lead us to the light of your love, and may that light shine through us to others. May these gifts and our very lives bring light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

J.S. Bach

Rest Softly In the Manger

Pew Card

*CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 12

*PRAYER OF COMMITMENT: STAR WORDS

This journey is not about miles. It is not about how far you can walk, or how fast. It's about what you will do with this moment, this star that blazes in your sky, though no one else might see.

We open our hearts to this star, which will light our journey.

We open our eyes to the light that shines on what God is calling us to see.

May God use these words to guide us.

May God use these words to teach us.

Let us pray: God of the Star, today we commit to following you. May these words help guide us in the year ahead. Grant us wisdom and courage for the journey.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

UMH 254

We Three Kings (vs. 1 & 5)

*BENEDICTION

Arr. Kenneth Varner

POSTLUDE

The First Noel

*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. Amy Martin, Minister of Music and Worship

Rev. Harry Colter, Liturgist

St. Luke's Chancel Choir

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist