

## 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](mailto: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



## Epiphany Sunday January 4, 2026

St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
480 S. Highland St. Memphis, TN 38111  
901.452.6262 | [stlukesumc.org](http://stlukesumc.org)

## 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

UMH 885

*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.*

*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.*

### \*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

### 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

*Rest Softly In the Manger*

J.S. Bach

### \*CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY

*Pew Card*

### 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

*We Three Kings (vs. 1 & 5)*

UMH 254

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*The First Noel*

Arr. Kenneth Varner

\*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