

Welcome!



*We are honored
that you chose
to worship with
us today!*

OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

13575 OLIVET ROAD
LUSBY, MARYLAND 20657



Sunday December 14, 2025
9:30 AM Worship Experience

OUR MISSION

Rejoice In Jesus,
Grow Our Faith,
Pass It On!

OUR VISION

*We Are Passionate
Christians Making
Disciples of Jesus Christ*

OUR 2025 FOCUS

Growing Our Garden



OUR 3 RULES

1. Do no harm.
2. Do good.
3. Stay in love with God.

Rev. Dr. Edward C. Andercheck, Pastor

❖ Order of Worship ❖

December 14, 2025

Prelude Music

We Gather

Congregational Announcements.....Liturgist

Opening Prayer.....Liturgist

Silent Prayer.....Congregation

Introit "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH 204

Processional

We Worship

Welcome.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

*Call to Worship.....Liturgist

Leader: The days are coming; your salvation is nearing.

ALL: Teach us your paths as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: The heavens are speaking; your kingdom is arriving.

ALL: Strengthen our hearts as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: The world is turning; new life is appearing.

ALL: Keep us alert as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: We worship you with waiting hearts this day.

ALL: Fill us with hope in this season. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211

Prayer for the illumination of Scripture (in unison)

*Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.*

Scripture ReadingLiturgist

Sermon Hymn "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Choir

Sermon.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

Meditative Response "Like A Child" Video

Offertory Prayer.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

*Doxology UMH #95

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

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison) UMH #895

*Sending Forth Hymn "Come, We That Love the Lord" UMH 732

***Benediction & Blessing (in unison)**

*The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine
upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his
countenance upon you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)*

**Please stand in posture, sign, or heart.*

**Old Testament
Isaiah 35:1-10 (NRSVUE)**

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.]] ³Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp; the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**New Testament
James 5:7-10 (NRSVUE)**

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*The Word of God
For the people of God
Thanks be to God*

Let us pray: Lord, bless all who are here today, and all those on Zoom. May we spend the next few moments in silent prayer and personal reflection as we prepare ourselves to hear your message. May peace be within each one of us. Amen.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

“Because of Bethlehem” - written by Max Lucado

Wednesday 12 noon & 7pm

December 17th

MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSAL

December 17th

STRUMMERS 3 pm * CHOIR 4 pm

Christmas Eve Service

7pm



Tues., December 16 6:00 pm

Flying Needles @ Olivet United Methodist Church

Sat., December 20 7:00 am

AA meeting @ Olivet UMC. For more information, call
800-492-0209



Grocery gift cards can be purchased in the office Tuesday– Thursday, 10am – 2pm. For each \$100.00 card purchased, the church receives \$5.00.

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Zoom Connections

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Need to meet with Pastor Andercheck?

**Please schedule all appointments through the
Church Office**

**Baltimore Washington Conference
of the United Methodist Church**

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling,

Resident Bishop

Rev. Dr. Johnsie W. Cogman,

District Superintendent, Two Rivers District

PRAYING TOGETHER

If you become aware of one of our members/regular attendees in the hospital or in need of immediate prayer, don't hesitate to get in touch with Pastor Edward C. Andercheck. You can send prayer requests to olivetumcoffice@comcast.net. We truly believe in the power of prayer; therefore, pray continually so that others will see the power of the Almighty God. *"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results".* (James 5:16, NLT)

THE GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11 (NRSVUE)

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴ Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." ⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

The Word of God, For the people of God, **Thanks be to God.**



Rejoicing

Growing

Giving

Jesus said "...It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Please consider a sacrificial gift

On-Line Giving

<https://www.olivetumc-lusby.org/give>

Unite with Olivet UMC

Welcome to Olivet! We invite you to become a full participant in this worship experience as we sing, pray, read, give, listen, and learn together for God's revelation to us.

We welcome you to unite with us by either of these:

Confession of Faith – expressing first-time belief in Christ and first-time membership in a church.

Reaffirmation of Faith – reconnecting with Christ or reconnecting to the church by renewing your membership.

Affiliate Membership - already a member of another UMC located in another city or state, but desires to be a part of the Olivet Family.

Associate Membership – already a member of another Christian fellowship where you desire to maintain your primary membership but want to be a faithful worshipper at OLIVET UMC.

If God leads you to unite with us, please contact the office at (410) 326-8400 or at olivetumcoffice@comcast.net.