

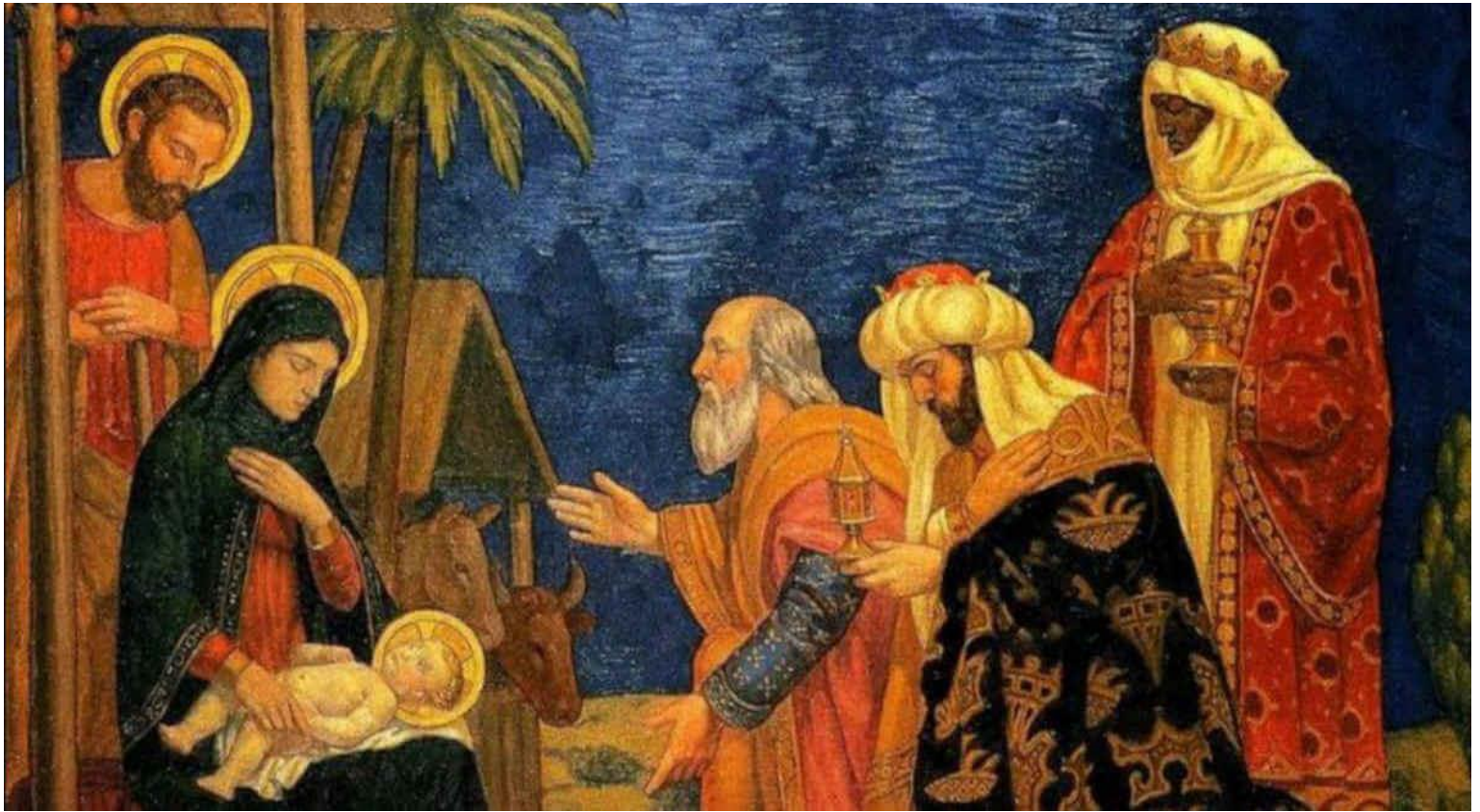
Welcome!



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

OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

13575 OLIVET ROAD
LUSBY, MARYLAND 20657



Sunday January 4, 2026
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 3 RULES

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

Rev. Dr. Edward C. Andercheck, Pastor

❖ Order of Worship ❖

January 4, 2026

We Gather

Congregational Announcements.....Liturgist
Opening PrayerLiturgist
Silent Prayer.....Congregation

Processional

We Worship

Welcome.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

*Call to Worship.....Liturgist

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

ALL: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Nations shall come to the light,

ALL: and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

Leader: From distant places, the seekers arrive,

ALL: bringing their gifts and their praise.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose light is for all people.

ALL: Let us rejoice in the revelation of Christ! Amen.

*Hymn of Praise "We Three Kings" UMH 254

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 "One Bread, One Body" UMH 620

Sermon.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

Meditative Response "I Can Only Imagine" Video

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

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

HOLY COMMUNION

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

***Doxology (in unison)**

*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.*

*Sending Forth Hymn "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" UMH 160

***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.*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. ²May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice. ³May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. ⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. ⁵May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. ⁶May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. ⁷In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. ¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts. ¹¹May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service. ¹²For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. ¹³He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy. ¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

New Testament

Ephesians 3:1-12 (NRSVUE)

¹This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*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.



TODAY Sunday, January 4th

**Project Echo donations are due by 3 pm today.
Your support makes a difference.**

MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSAL

We're excited to kick things back off in
February! 🎵

Rehearsal schedule coming soon—stay tuned!



Calling
All
Youth!!!



March 6- 8, 2026

More details forthcoming

Tues., January 6 6:00 pm
Flying Needles @ Olivet United Methodist Church

Thurs., January 8 10:30 am
Ripple Center Ministry
24400 Mervell Dean Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636

Sat., January 10 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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**All appointments with Pastor Andercheck can be
scheduled 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 2:1-12 (NRSVUE)

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east,^[1] until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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 Today.

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.