

Announcements

We are in need of altar flower sponsors for March 8, 15, 22, & 29. Please call the front desk or email sarah.jordan@stlukesumc.org

Lenten Worship Services at Noon: Join us each Tuesday during Lent for a noon Lenten Service in Chapel starting on February 24-March 24. There will be a complimentary soup and sandwich lunch immediately after in the Lounge. Each of the sermons in the series will focus on one of the I AM sayings of Jesus.

Rev. Dr. Renee Dillard will be the preacher on Tuesday, Feb. 24th. She is an ordained Deacon and serves as the Director of Hospital EAP and Community Behavioral Health at Methodist-LeBonheur Healthcare. Her message will be on "I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

St. Luke's Lenten Bible Study at Town Village Audubon Park: Everyone is welcome to come to a Lenten Bible Study led by Pastor Dennis every Wednesday starting on February 25- March 25, 6pm-7pm. We will meet in Town Hall. Please bring your driver's license to check in. Address: 950 Cherry Rd. Memphis, TN 38117. Parking is close to the entrance. For questions: 901-499-2446.

Breaking Bread Again: Breaking Bread will resume on March 1st. We will have seating reserved at Jason's Deli for a time of food and fellowship following worship. Lunch is Dutch treat and no reservations are needed. However, if you know you will be there, please call Sarah at the front desk 901-452-6262.

The Chosen Study Group: Join us on Sundays after Worship to watch the first season of the video series "The Chosen" in the Library. Bring your own lunch. All welcome! For more information, contact Ruth Morrison 871-2624.

Prayer Requests

David Hensley, Dr. Jimmy Padgett, Marty Cobb, Coach David Day, Deborah Sanders, Kirk Smith, Bright Oware, Andee Williamson (Phyllis Gay's friend), Jamille Laughlin, Beverly Cooper (Pickle Ball friend), Marilyn Sadler, Betty Carter, Sandy Caldwell, Susan Ryan, Jordan Northcross, and Charlotte Roberts (April Carpenter's friend).

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

January 2026

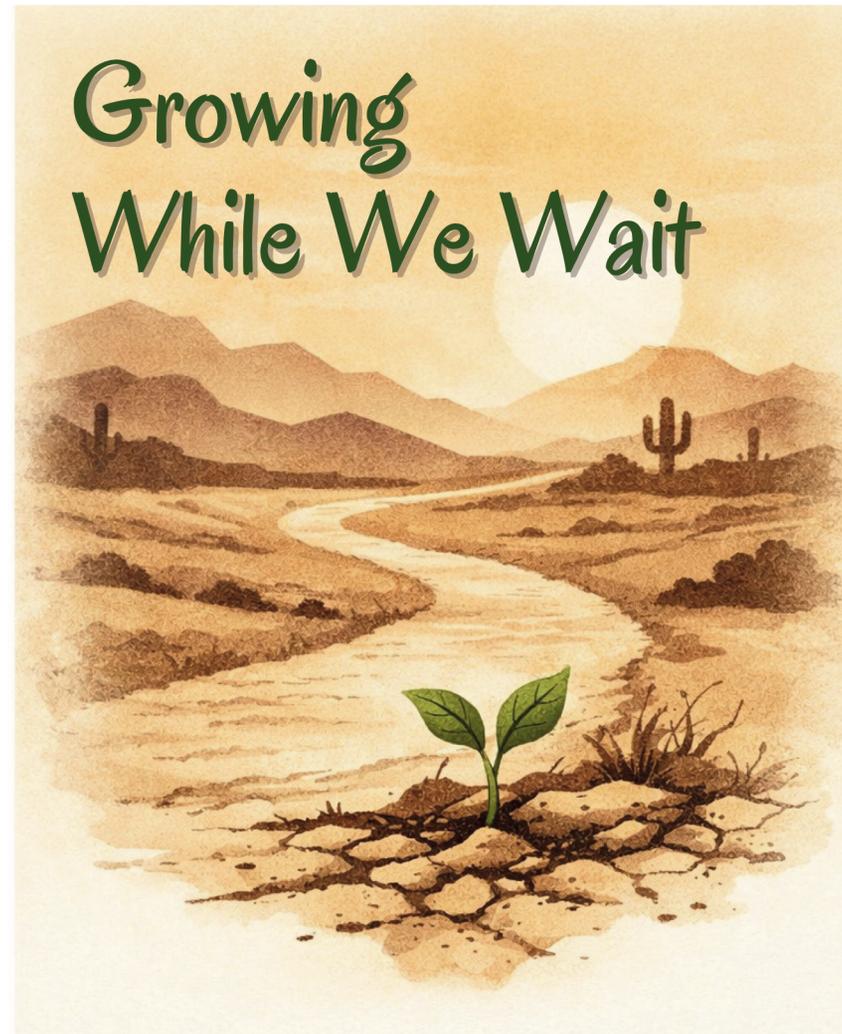
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Growing While We Wait

First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
480 S. Highland St. Memphis, TN 38111
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ with all people.

Order of Worship

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Carol Sharp Smith on her 83rd birthday from April, David, Nelson, and Sophia.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Arr. Raymond Haan

Jesus, Lover Of My Soul

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, for the Lord calls us to return and be renewed.

We come with open hearts, ready for God's grace.

In the wilderness, God is our guide and strength.

We worship the One who makes all things new.

So in a spirit of trust and humility, let us make our confession together, praying:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth.

Have mercy on us and wash away our sin.

Create in us clean hearts

For the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

All pray in silence

WORDS OF PARDON

Behold, now is the acceptable time;

Now is the day of salvation.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins,

And bring us to everlasting life.

AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

WORD AND WONDER- A Time For Children

Children are invited to come forward during verse 2 of the opening hymn.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 452

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (vs. 1-3)

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Word of God that is still speaking.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Arr. André J. Thomas

Keep Your Lamps

MESSAGE

Rev. Jim McKinney

Grow in Readiness and Encouragement

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Arr. Dale Wood

I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*SENDING HYMN

UMH 521

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

*BENEDICTION

May God, who has begun a good work within you, continue that work through this season of waiting.

**May we grow in love and faithfulness
as we follow Christ each day.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Arr. Jason Payne

Come, Thou Fount

*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

Phyllis Gay, Liturgist

St. Luke's Chancel Choir

Paul Hayes, Percussionist

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist