

Announcements

Upcoming Events

- **September 27:** Church Council at 11:30a

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

We are open for flowers for November. Call Sarah 452-6262 to reserve your date!

Fellowship & Friends Monthly Gathering: Come enjoy a time of faith, fun, food, prizes, and fellowship! Wednesday, October 7th from 11:15a–1:00p in the Lounge- \$5 hamburgers — bring a friend!

3rd Quarter Contribution Statements: 3rd Quarter Statements, reflecting contributions through Sept. 30, 2026, will be available for pickup at the Hospitality Hall front desk on Oct. 4. Statements will be emailed to those who have signed up for emailed statements on Oct. 4 as well. Unclaimed statements will be mailed after two weeks. Thank you for your faithful and generous support of St. Luke's and its ministries!

Thanksgiving Gift Cards: It is time to start collecting our Thanksgiving gift card program asking for cards from Kroger or Walmart in \$25 amounts. The deadline date is November 10th; that gives time for distribution to the various Foods Pantries for distribution. This is formerly gift cards for United Neighborhood Centers now being distributed to Neighborhood Food Pantries. Contact Mozell Starks for questions. (901) 827-0597

Prayer Requests

David Hensley, Charles Schramm (Lisa St. Gelais' dad), Don Bowsher, Phillip Prichard, Jamille Laughlin, Heather Al-Chokhachi, Richard Green, Manuel "Mannie" Lim, Tatum (Charlotte Fletcher's daughter), Sarah Shepherd (Bev's daughter), and Sarah Jane Tice.

If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at pata9276@gmail.com or call the church office.

Monthly Stewardship Report

Pledged and Non-Pledged Contributions

August 2026

Actual Giving: \$38,507.96

Budgeted: \$51,281.67

YTD 2026

Actual Giving: \$397,125.23

Budgeted: \$410,253.36



*Simple, Fast, and
Secure Giving*



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Congregational Care Sunday
September 27, 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 given in loving memory of my father, Hubert O. Allison, from Pat Anderson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Arr. Sandra Eithun

How Firm a Foundation

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When our words and our actions struggle to find agreement,
God still sees the direction we are turning.
When our resistance softens slowly, unevenly, unsure of itself,
Christ welcomes the change however it comes.
When we fear it is too late to become who we were meant to be,
the Spirit assures us that the story is not yet finished.

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 577

God of Grace and Glory

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God is Spirit, and that those who worship God must worship in spirit and in truth. We believe that God is Light, and that if we walk in the light we have fellowship with one another. We believe that God is Love, and that everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that in him we have life now and forever. We believe that as Christ loves us, so we must love one another. And we believe that salvation and glory and power belong to our God, who reigns forever and ever. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

CANTICLE OF THE KINDER

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

WORD AND WONDER - a time for children

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 382

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:23-32

Pew Bible New Testament page 21

ANTHEM

Tim Osiek

In His Hands

MESSAGE

Rev. Dennis Neenan

A Change of Heart: Do No Harm

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

God of transforming grace, receive these gifts from people still learning to say yes with our lives. Use them to bring healing where hearts have hardened and hope where fear has held people back. May our giving reflect the humility and love of Christ, who emptied himself for the sake of others. Amen.

How has God moved you to have a change of heart?

How will you commit to the rule "Do no harm?"

During the Offertory, you are invited to bring forward your written response.

OFFERTORY

Arr. Dennis Johnson

Variations on Stand Up & Bless the Lord

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*SENDING HYMN

TFWS 2152

Change My Heart, O God

*BENEDICTION

Go in trust, knowing that your story is not yet finished.

May we go in courage, willing to change direction when love calls.

Go in grace, embodying Christ's compassion in all you do.

May God lead us in new directions toward healing and wholeness.

Go with hearts open to God's grace.

We go in peace. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Donald Callender

Trumpet Recessional

*Congregation stand as able.

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Leading in Worship

Rev. Dennis Neenan, Congregational Care
Rev. Amy Martin, Minister of Music and Worship
Lewis Valdes, Liturgist
St. Luke's Handbell Choir
St. Luke's Chancel Choir
Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist