

Welcome!



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

# OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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LUSBY, MARYLAND 20657



**Sunday January 11, 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 11, 2026

We Gather

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

Processional

We Worship

Welcome.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

\*Call to Worship.....Liturgist

Leader: God has sent a message of peace through Jesus Christ.

People: Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

Leader: Everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.

People: We come rejoicing in God's mercy and grace.

All: Let us worship God with gratitude and joy.

\*Hymn of Praise "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" UMH 121

**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 Reading .....Liturgist

\*Sermon Hymn "Wings of A Dove"

Sermon.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

Meditative Response "Be Not Afraid" Video

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

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

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.*

\*Singing Forth Hymn "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH 334

**\*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 Readings**

**Old Testament**

**Psalm 29:1-11 (NRSVUE)**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. <sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**New Testament**

**Acts 10:34-43 (NRSVUE)**

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him.

<sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

<sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives

forgiveness of sins through his name."

*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.



Guided by compassion and community, February's Project Echo meal will be a **Beef Stew dinner**.

Please prayerfully consider your donation.

Donations are due

**Sunday, February 1 at 3:00 PM.**

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### **MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSAL**

We're excited to kick things back off in

February!

Rehearsal schedule coming soon—stay tuned!

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**March 6- 8, 2026**

More details forthcoming

**Tues., January 13 6:00 pm**  
Flying Needles @ Olivet United Methodist Church

**Thurs., January 15 10:30 am**  
Ripple Center Ministry  
24400 Mervell Dean Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636

**Sat., January 17 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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**All appointments with Pastor Andercheck can be scheduled through the Church Office**

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**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](mailto: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 3:13-17 (NRSVUE)**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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>

### **From The Pastor's Desk**

Dear Olivet Family,

I share with sadness, gratitude, and appreciation that our faithful **Administrative Assistant, Esedra Bishop**, will be departing from her role with us at the end of March. We thank God for her dedicated service, warm affections, and the many ways she has faithfully supported the ministry of this church. Her commitment and warm spirit have truly been a blessing to our congregation.

As she enters the next chapter of her journey, we send her forth with our prayers, love, and sincere thanks. Please join us in expressing gratitude and keeping her lifted in prayer during this time of transition.

Olivet UMC will begin the daunting process of advertising for a new team member this week. As always, I welcome any suggestions.

With a thankful heart,

***Pastor Ed***