



# All Are Welcome Here

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

January 4, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Order of Worship  
*The Epiphany of our Lord*

### ~Our Church Mission~

*First United Methodist Church of London will strive  
toward the embodiment of God's presence,  
on earth as it is in heaven, through both word and action.*

**Chiming of the Hour** - *In silence let us prepare our minds and hearts to worship the Lord*

### Greeting and Announcements

#### Prelude

*Vieux Noël*

César Franck

#### Choral Call to Worship

*O Light of Light*

Plainsong, Mode I, 15th Cent.

O Light of Light, Love given birth, Jesus Redeemer of the earth,  
More bright than day your face did shine, your raiment whiter than the snow.

May all who seek to praise aright through purer lives show forth  
Your light. To you the King of glory now all faithful hearts adoring bow.  
*(O nata lux, 10<sup>th</sup> Cent. hymn, trans. Lawrence Housman)*

#### \*Call to Worship

*Leader: Praise the Lord*

**People: It is good to sing praises to our God**

*Leader: The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds*

**People: The Lord determines the number of the stars, and gives to all of them their names**

*Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant is His power*

**People: Whose understanding is beyond measure**

#### \*Opening Hymn

*We Three Kings*

UMH 254

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

*Apostles Creed* (Traditional)

UMH 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### \*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father*

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen. Amen.*

*(please be seated)*

Children's Sermon

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Choral Anthem

*Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning*

Malcom Archer

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star in the east, the horizon adorning, guide where the infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining, low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore hymn in slumber reclining, maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Say, shall we yield him in costly devotion, odors of Eden and offerings divine,  
Gems of the mountains, and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would his favor secure:  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where the infant redeemer is laid.

*(Text: Reginald Heber (1683-1826))*

\*Doxology *(stand)*

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia*

\*A Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair*

UMH 258

\*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1:1-12

Sermon

*Be on the Lookout*

Rev. Dave Leckrone

Holy Communion

*Musical Setting C*

UMH 20

\*Closing Hymn

*God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*

UMH 122

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

*Send Us Now Into Your World*

J. McConaughy

Send us now into your world in peace, O Lord; may we love and serve the living God.

Postlude *(be seated)*

*Chorale-prelude on  
How brightly shines the Morning Star*

Andreas Armsdorff

*\*indicates standing*

## **Altar Table Flowers**

*Altar table flowers are given to the Glory of God.*

*The white carnation on the altar table is presented in loving memory of Claudia Justice.*

### **CONTINUAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

Evone Banks, Bobby Dorn, Gladys Griffith, Joyce Hildebrand, Phyllis Miller, Sue Minner, Sally Sisterhen

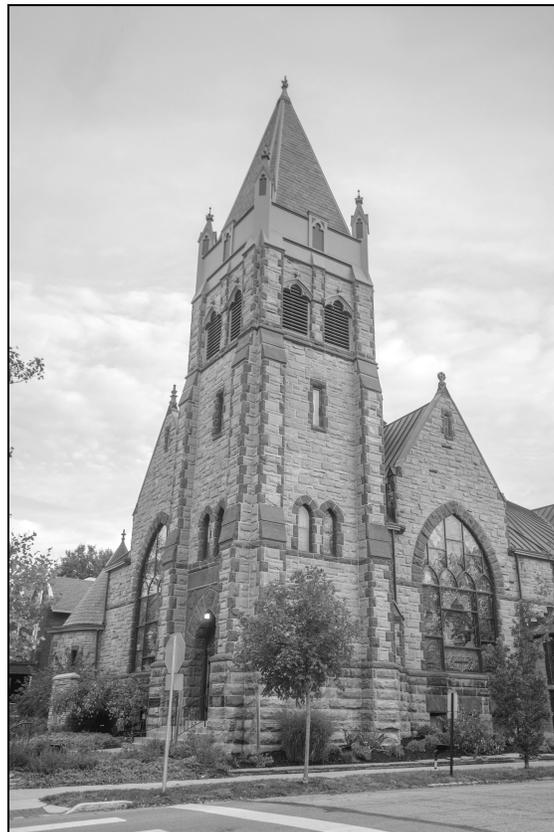
### **CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS**

Avalee Adams, Carol Albright, Rachael Allen, Harriet Baker, Laura Beyer, Ernie Boyd, Kim Braddock, Jayden Clark, Becky Cress, Toni Daniels, Bob Daugherty, Michelle Decoe, Diana, Woody Draper, Allison Engle, Linda Finney, Phyllis Follrod, TJ Franklin, Tylor Freeman, Nancy Giles, Carole Gordon, Jane Hackworth, John Harbage, Hope Hecht, Dee Heilman, Jenn Heuser, Linda Holloway, Gary and Cindy Hoback, Roger Horsely, Gary Hunter, Dan Jones, Jeannie Justice, Ray Justice, Cody Leavens, Jessica Martin, Cris Martinez, Jerod McKenzie, Chuck Miller, Aiden Norton, Sue Osborn, Pauline Persing, Richard Peterson, Alicia Pullin, Jeff Quatkemeyer, Michele Ramsey, Marco Ranalli, Howard & Lillie Reynolds, Steve Richmond, Frank Salyers, Laura Schoeller, Miles Schrock, Jill Wyatt Setty, Nancy Snyder, Robert Stallings, David Stewart, Rob Suter, Alta Vance, Hayden Weese, Gretchen Wingert, Gordon Wyllie, Avalene Wyllie, Sandy Young, Heather Zollman

### **SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY**

Lt. Colonel John Crisp ~ Navy Lt Commander Tom Crisp  
2nd Lt Cheney Gross ~ 2nd Lt Luke Peart ~ Sgt First Class Mathew Rowley  
Caiden Craig—Basic Training

*Please pray for the family and friends of those who have given their lives for our nation.*



## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025**

7:00 p.m. attendance—146\*

11:00 p.m. attendance—111\*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025**

Attendance—126\* ~ Offering—\$4,761.00

**Monthly Need—\$24,800.00**

*\*includes online and app views*

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