

Colonial Heights

United Methodist Church



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25 January 2026

10:45 am Worship

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit or something you do every Sunday morning, we are delighted that you are here. Thank you for joining us today and we look forward to seeing you again. Have a blessed day!

Children's Worship

Welcome

Prelude

David Eilart

Call to Worship

Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?

When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.

God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.

Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

*Hymn

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes
CCLI: 3266032

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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Opening Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

God of all creation,
who called every being into life,
who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity,
who embodies us with dignity,
granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world,
we ask for your Spirit to unite us
where we face lack of understanding and disunity
in our churches, in our communities, in our countries.
And in silence, we lay before you the burdens of our hearts.

(Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us
in the face of the conflicts, hatred, and violation of life
experienced in so many regions of the earth
and, in silence, we bring to you the pain of the victims.

(Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us
wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbour,
from meeting people of different ethnicities, cultures,
and faith communities with respect and, in silence, we bring
to you the brokenness of human relationships.

(Silence)

God of all creation,
in Christ, we are reconciled,
and so we ask for your uniting Spirit
to help us overcome all our divisions
that we may live in peace.

Prayer and
The Lord's
Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

*Hymn

Be Thou My Vision (1,2,4)
Eleanor H. Hull, David Allen, Traditional
CCLI: 7056332

CEL 562

Offertory

**Shine, Jesus, Shine / They'll Know We Are
Christians**

Graham Kendrick, Peter Scholtes

Choir

Doxology

Praise God From Whome All Blessings Flow
Words: Thomas Ken, Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange
harmony by Ralph Vaughan Williams | CCLI#: 56204

UMH 94

Scripture

Psalm 27:1,4-9

Message

Carrying the Light

Rev. Rhonda Hobbs

Time of Reflection

*Hymn

Take the Name of Jesus With You
Lydia Baxter, William H. Doane
CCLI: 3593152

CEL 235

Benediction

Postlude

**Congregation Standing, as able*

Upcoming Bible Study

Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

Bible study based on Adam Hamilton's book

Our Lenten Bible study will begin on **Sunday, February 1, at 3:00 p.m.** in the J Ray Stuart Sunday school room. We will wrestle with the question, "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" using the book by the same title by Rev. Adam Hamilton. There will be six sessions, about 90 minutes each allowing time for Hamilton's video presentation and class discussion.

The syllabus is below.

Books: The cost of books has increased a great deal. We are asking that each participant **purchase their own book and read the first chapter** (if possible) by February 1st start of class. Amazon prime members may purchase the book **on sale for \$15.99 from January 14th to 24th, the regular price is \$23.** There is also a **Kindle version \$13.**

Syllabus (subject to change if inclement weather)

2/1/26	Introduction / Chapter 1 Lift Hight the Cross
2/8/26	Ch. 2 O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done
2/15/26	No Class – Happy Valentine's Day Weekend
2/22/26	Ch 3 Agnus Dei: Atonement as New Passover
3/1/26	Ch. 4 Were You There
3/8/26	Ch 5 What Wondrous Love Is This
3/15/26	Ch 6 Christ the Lord Is Rise Today

Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday Service, Feb 18 at 6 pm
Palm Sunday Service, March 29 at 10:45 am
Maundy Thursday Service, April 2 at 6 pm
Children's Easter Event, April 4 at 11 am

Easter Day Services, April 5, 2026

Sunrise at 7:30 am

Breakfast to follow

Worship Service at 10:45 am

The United Methodist Men

The men will be meeting later this week on Wednesday January 28 at 6:30 pm for their monthly meeting and meal.

Ladies Night Out

The ladies are gathering later this week on Thursday, Jan. 29 at Robersons at 6 pm. Robersons is located at **10211 Chapman Hwy, Seymour, TN 37865**. Please contact Janice Zartman or the office if you plan to attend.

Covered Dish Lunch

Join us on **Sunday, February 8th** for a covered-dish lunch as we celebrate Valentine's Day together. Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy food, fellowship, and a little extra love in the air. Everyone is welcome!

Worship Team Meeting

The Worship Team will meet immediately after church on Sunday, February 1st. All team members are encouraged to stay for a brief check-in and planning time.

2025 Annual statements of tithing are available in the narthex please pick up your statement prior to the end of the month.

This Week @ Colonial Heights Jan 25 to Feb 1

Office Hours : Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 2 pm

<u>Sunday</u> 9:45 am	School	<u>Thursday</u> 6:00 pm	Ladies Night Out
10:45am	Worship		
<u>Wednesday</u> 5:00 pm	Feed the Hungry	<u>Sunday</u> 9:45 am	School
5:30 pm	Handbells	10:45am	Worship
6:00 pm	Choir Practice	After Worship	Worship Team Mtg
6:30 pm	UMM	3:00 pm	Bible Study
7:00 pm	SpiritLed Practice		



Upcoming Feed the Hungry Meals



- Wednesday, **January 28** (5-6 pm) is Minestrone Soup
- Wednesday, **February 4** (5-6 pm) is Pork Chop Dinner
- Wednesday, **February 11** (5-6 pm) is Meatloaf Dinner
- Wednesday, **February 18** (5-6 pm) is Chicken Pasta Dinner
- Wednesday, **February 25** (5-6 pm) is Swedish Meatball Dinner

Inclement Weather Policy

For the safety of our congregation and staff, Colonial Heights UMC follows the Knox County Schools inclement weather schedule.

If Knox County Schools are **closed due to weather**, all church services and activities will be **canceled or postponed** for that day.



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Patrick Minton - Music Director

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