

## WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshipping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They would be glad to help you. Please join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. If you would like to know more about Asbury, drop by our "Connection Corner" in the Social Hall. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

**The flowers for today's service are given  
in memory of Bill Sprague  
by Liz Sprague.**



### **Mission Statement**

Asbury Memorial UMC is a place where all people, individually and collectively, develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we become a living example of people who love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.

### **Our Tithes and Offerings**

Weekly Budget Need - \$12,254.63  
Given Last Sunday - \$12,786.00  
Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$588,222.24  
Year-to-date Received - \$591,887.90

Billy Hester, Senior Minister	Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
Randy Canady, Church Administrator	Laura Angell, Youth Director
Claudette DeLong, Office Manager	Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries
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**Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
December 9, 2018  
11:15 A.M.**



***St. Nick's Secret***

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Mrs. Claus

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Watch, wait, hope!

Even now, the tender leaves of peace  
may be growing on the trees of life.

Watch, wait, hope!

For the wonder of new love may be moving towards its birthing.

**All: The Christ will come.**

**The Word of God will not fail us.**

One: Keep awake!

For the shadow of our doubt will be lifted  
and singing sounds in the distance.

**All: The Christ will come.**

**The Word of God will not fail us.**

\*HYMN *Morning Has Broken* No. 145

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:1-6, 11-15

ANTHEM *African Advent* Asbury Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Susan Karlson

Silence & Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is 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.**

ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

\*HYMNS *Like a Child* insert

*The Servant Song* insert

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SERMON **St. Nick's Secret** Rev. Hester

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Grown-Up Christmas List* Cheri Hester

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of Peace,**

**It is so hard to find peace,**

**in our hearts,**

**in our communities,**

**and in our world.**

**We ache for it.**

**May the gifts we present to you today**

**be instruments to help your peace prevail.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Let There Be Peace on Earth* No. 431

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Hester

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Here I Am, Lord* Congregation

The congregation is invited to "sign" and to "sing" the following:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

\*POSTLUDE Asbury Musicians

\*Please stand as you are able.

\*\*Children are invited to attend Children's Church (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

# The Servant Song

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- 1., 6. Broth-er, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - geth - er
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such



Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to  
 on this road. We are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

WORDS: Richard Gillard (Matt. 20:26)  
 MUSIC: Richard Gillard

THE SERVANT SONG  
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# Like a Child

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1. Like a child love would send to re - veal and to mend, like a
2. Like a child we will meet, rag - ged clothes, dirt - y feet, like a
3. Like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a



child and a friend, Je - sus comes. Like a child we may find claim - ing  
 child on the street, Je - sus comes. Like a child we once knew com - ing  
 child here to stay, Je - sus comes. Like a child we re - ceive all that



heart, soul, and mind, like a child strong and kind, Je - sus comes.  
 back in - to view, like a child born a - new, Je - sus comes.  
 love can con - ceive, like a child we be - lieve, Je - sus comes.

WORDS: Daniel Charles Damon (Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17)  
 MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon

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