

## 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 Wendell Hearn Hester's birthday  
by the Hesters and the Ciccodicolas.**



### **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 - \$9,303.70  
Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$600,476.87  
Year-to-date Received - \$601,191.60

Billy Hester, Senior Minister	Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
Randy Canady, Church Administrator	Laura Angell, Youth Director
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**Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
December 16, 2018  
11:15 A.M.**



***I Want to be Like Scrooge***

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

MIDNIGHT CHIMES

ANNOUNCEMENTS Ghosts of Christmas  
Past, Present, & Future

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In your Christ, O God, we discover salvation coming to all who need.

**All: Our past has been made new and our futures restored. Grant, we pray, that our lives be fulfilled in this your fulfillment for us; through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

\*HYMN *He Came Down* insert

SCRIPTURE Luke 16:19-31

One: For the Word of God in scripture and story,  
for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

**All: we give thanks.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Cale Hall

Silence & Reflection

Intercessory Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our 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.**

Choral Amen Asbury Choir

\*HYMNS *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessings* No. 400

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SERMON **I Want to be Like Scrooge** Rev. Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

OFFERTORY *God Bless Us, Everyone* Asbury Choir

\*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 Mr. Hall

BAPTISM Robert Patterson McEwen No. 37

REMEMBERING YOUR BAPTISM  
*Come to the Water*

RECEIVING OF ROSEMARY

\*HYMN *May You Run and Not Be Weary* insert

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Hester

One: Friends, you have been called to be followers of Jesus Christ.

You are baptized – anointed by the Spirit for the work of ministry.  
Go forth to love and serve God.

**All: We are empowered by God's Spirit!  
God bless us, every one! Amen.**

\*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)

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He Came Down

He came down that we may have { love; peace; joy; } he

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*Leader:* Why did he come? have { love; peace; joy; } Hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

WORDS: Trad. Cameroon

MUSIC: Trad. Cameroon; transcribed and arr. by John Bell

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HE CAME DOWN

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May You Run and Not Be Weary 2281

May you run and not be wea - ry. May your

heart be filled with song. — And may the

love of God con - tin - ue to give you hope and

keep you strong. And may you run and not be wea -

ry. May your life be filled with joy! — And may the

road you trav - el al - ways lead you home. —

WORDS: Paul Murakami and Handt Hanson (Isa. 40:31)

MUSIC: Paul Murakami and Handt Hanson

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PRINCE OF PEACE

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